

## BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

### Remington College

#### RECOMMENDATION

Remington College meets the Chancellor's minimum standards for applied associate degree programs. Provisional authorization is recommended for the associate of applied science degree programs in criminal justice, business administration, and computer network administration. Provisional authorization will continue through December 31, 2012, contingent upon continuing accreditation from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology and continuing recognition from the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools. Provisional authorization is also contingent upon the Chancellor's written approval of progress reports that demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with all standards. The Chancellor shall withdraw provisional accreditation if, in the Chancellor's judgment, the progress reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress in any area. Progress reports are due by May 15, 2009, April 1, 2010, and April 1, 2011. A follow-up review will be performed prior to December 31, 2012 to determine continued authorization of the programs.

**Profile:** Remington College is a co-educational, for profit, career college operating two campuses in the Cleveland, Ohio area. Remington College-Cleveland Campus, formerly National Education Center, began operations in January 1990 and, in 2003, assumed the name of Remington College-Cleveland Campus. Remington College – Cleveland West Campus was established in 2003 as a branch of Remington College-Cleveland Campus. The Remington campuses offer diploma and applied associate degree programs related to college's principal objective, which is "to provide career training and to assist students as they attempt to obtain relevant entry-level employment."

**Accreditation/Authorization:** Remington College is currently accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACC SCT) and is recognized by the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools (SBCCS). This is the college's first request to the Chancellor and the request is in response to HB 119 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, which requires the Chancellor's authorization for associate degree programs in proprietary colleges and schools as a condition of their students' eligibility for OIG/OCOG funds, a state needs-based financial aid program.

**Program Information:** Remington College is seeking authorization for the following programs:

Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice

Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration

Associate of Applied Science in Computer Network Administration

Each program requires at least 90 quarter hours for completion and includes course work in general education, applied general education and the technical/occupational area.

**Review Results:** The external review team noted numerous strengths during the review, including: a focused institutional assessment and improvement plan; a commitment to training students to meet local workforce needs; the regular use of external advisory boards; expectations of and support for faculty professional development; and a strong program development process that ensures program viability and market demand.

The team also noted several areas of non compliance with the Chancellor's standards and recommended that the institution: enhance the rigor and breadth of its general education curriculum to be consistent with state standards for applied associate degree programs; assess incoming students so that those not ready for college-level work could be placed in developmental courses; improve the credentials of full-time and part-time faculty members to meet the Chancellor's faculty standards; enhance library holdings to improve consistency across program areas; and compile and use evaluation results for program improvement purposes (for general education and technical areas).

The institution responded appropriately to the recommendations of the consultants' report by demonstrating how the recommendations were accepted and integrated into the proposed programs, or, in the case of recommendations that could only be complied with over time, by presenting a clear plan for the implementation of the recommendations and a timeline for such.

**Recommendation to the Chancellor:** Remington College meets the Chancellor's minimum standards for applied associate degree programs. The review team recommends provisional authorization the associate of applied science degree programs in criminal justice, business administration, and computer network administration.

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