

## BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

### ITT Technical Institute

#### RECOMMENDATION

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**Profile:** ITT Educational Services, Inc., established in 1969, offers associate degrees in Ohio through its nine ITT Technical Institute campuses located in Akron, Columbus, Dayton, Hilliard, Maumee, Norwood, Strongsville, Warrensville Heights, and Youngstown. The for-profit, co-educational career college serves approximately 5,000 students in the state. The mission of the institution is to offer educational programs that integrate lifelong learning with knowledge and skills to help students pursue personal interests, develop critical thinking abilities and provide service to their communities.

**Accreditation/Authorization:** ITT Technical Institute is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) and is recognized by the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools (SBCCS). The institution is currently pursuing regional accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. This is the institution's second request to the Chancellor. ITT was approved for selected associate degree programs in June 2009.

**Program Information:** ITT Technical Institute is seeking authorization for the following programs:

Bachelor of Science in Construction Management (CM)  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (CJ)  
Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communications Engineering Technology (ECET)  
Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Security (ISS)

Each program requires at least 180 quarter hours for completion and includes course work in general education and the technical/occupational area.

**Review Results:** The team noted the following strengths during the review: the institution's intent to pursue HLC accreditation; the use of Institutional Effectiveness Plans at each campus to evaluate student performance in the classroom and work place; the presence of information literacy programs for faculty, students, and staff; the use of advisory boards to annually review programs in the context of

current marketplace needs; faculty input in curriculum development and maintenance; and resources sufficient to support the programs at the Ohio campuses.

The team also noted several areas of non compliance with the Chancellor's standards and recommended that the institution provide updated general education and program specific faculty matrices to ensure that the programs meet the Chancellor's faculty standards; develop a general education mission statement; develop a separate capstone course for the CM program; revise the CJ curriculum to include courses on American courts and research methods; add a laboratory component to the physics course in the ECET program; and develop a continuous improvement plan for the ISS program.

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.

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