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The AWARE Webinar Will Begin Momentarily...

- Have a copy of the Memo at-hand, an electronic version of which can be found on our web site, under the Council Action tab.
- Have questions? Submit them via the Go-to-Webinar dialogue box.

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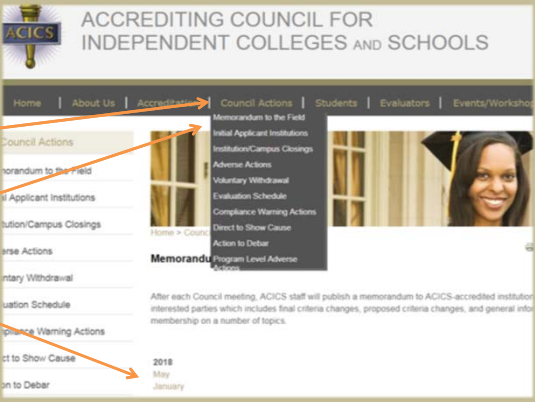


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To view the Memo:

- ❖ Council Actions
- ❖ Memorandum to the Field
- ❖ May 2018



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AWARE Webinar

May 15, 2018
1:00-2:30 pm EST

ACICS Webinar Announcing, Relating & Explaining
The May 2018 Memorandum to the Field

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Today's Presenters

- Michelle Edwards, President and CEO
- Perliter Walters-Gilliam, Vice President – Accreditation
- Karly Zeigler, Manager, Policy and Institutional Compliance

WELCOME!



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Agenda

- **President's Welcome**
- **Topic I: *Proposed Criteria Revisions & Changes***
- **Topic II: *For Information Only***
- **Questions and Comments**

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President's welcome

Ms. Michelle Edwards
President & CEO

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TOPIC I: **PROPOSED CRITERIA REVISIONS & CHANGES**

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Proposed Criteria Changes & Revisions

- **Minimum Eligibility Revisions**
- **Financial Reporting**
- **Student Achievement**
- **Date of Revocation Following Campus Closure**
- **Voluntary Withdrawal**

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Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Programs With No Enrollment

Section 1-2-100(e)

- ❖ The proposed revision removes a procedural, outdated statement from the minimum eligibility requirement, which is no longer an accurate reference.

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Financial Reporting

Sections 2-1-802 and 2-1-803

- ❖ Explicitly outlines the expectation that financial reports must align to the institution's own fiscal year.

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Student Achievement

Section 2-1-809 & Appendix L

- ❖ Addition of language regarding the consideration of extenuating circumstances
- ❖ Relative to region; population; program length; licensure/certification completion; economic or cultural factors
- ❖ Must include additional evidence of student learning and success through other appropriate indicators
- ❖ Consideration of licensure/certification rates as part of overall student achievement review and to include any actions from oversight agencies

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Date of Revocation Following Campus Closure

Section 2-2-301, 2-2-302, & 2-3-401

- ❖ Language to clarify that the date of revocation is effective the last day of academic activity
- ❖ Clarification on notification of closure following a summary suspension

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Voluntary Withdrawal

Sections 2-2-700 and 2-3-401

- ❖ Provision of the necessary actions for an institution seeking to withdraw from its grant of accreditation.

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TOPIC II: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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For Information Only

- **Opportunity to Vacate Placement Show-Cause Directive**
- **Learning Sites**
- **Graduate Rate Guidelines**
- **Termination of Doctoral Programs**
- **Renewal of Accreditation Workshop**
- **Systematic Review**

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Opportunity to Vacate Show-Cause Directive

- Council approved a procedural change to allow for institutions to revise their previous year's CAR placement rate if they have confirmed more placements from the reporting year and had them validated through the PVP
- The CAR can only be revised **ONCE** for this purpose.
- The campus must have had enough placements validated through the PVP to increase their placement rate to the compliance standard of 60%.

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Opportunity to Vacate Show-Cause Directive (cont'd)

Procedurally...

1. Confirm validated placements through the PVP.
2. Send request to reopen the CAR to CAR@acics.org.
3. Application is triggered - \$750 fee.
4. Upon submission, CAR will be unlocked for **30 days**.
5. Applications and revisions will be reviewed by the Council 1x/month.
6. **ANY REVISED CARS SUBMITTED WITH INVALID PLACEMENTS WILL BE REJECTED.**



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Learning Sites

- Criteria change, effective January 1, 2017, requiring learning sites to be within a five mile radius of the managing campus or otherwise approved on a case-by-case basis
- Communications will be sent to institutions requiring rationale for learning sites and demonstration of appropriate oversight and services in accordance with Section 1-3-103 and Glossary or alternative appropriate action.
- All learning sites outside of a five-mile radius must be approved by December 31, 2018.



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Graduation Rate Guidelines

REMINDER

Graduation Rate Guidelines provided in the January 2018 Memo to the Field with the following recommended minimum graduation rates:

- Certificate/Diploma 50%
- Associate's degree 45%
- Bachelor's degree 40%
- Master's degree 45%

A required student achievement outcome to be evaluated in the campus effectiveness plan and part of the campus's overall student achievement review.

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Termination of Doctoral Programs

REMINDER

All doctoral programs must be taught out by December 31, 2019 and relevant Criteria will be removed.

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Statement of Accreditation

- In accordance with the recent U.S. Secretary of Education's reinstatement of recognition effective back to December of 2016, institutions may include the recognized status in their statements of accreditation.
- Propose revision for August



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Renewal of Accreditation Workshop

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Washington, DC

*Registration information can be found on the website
(www.acics.org)

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Systematic Review

*Please provide feedback to these proposed criteria and procedural items via the survey link provided in the **May 2018 Memo to the Field**.*



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Systematic Review

ACICS is continually reviewing the Accreditation Standards for currency and relevance. The targeted areas of revision for 2018 are:


- *Distance Education (Appendix H)*
- *English as a Second Language (Appendix F)*
- *Standards relative to institutions located outside of the U.S. (collective)*

Please provide feedback or willingness to participate to kzeigler@acics.org


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