

12 NCAC 09G .0402 ACCREDITATION OF CORRECTIONS SCHOOLS

(a) The Commission shall establish a standing subcommittee of the Education and Training Committee for the purposes of evaluating Request for School Accreditation applications and making recommendations to the Education and Training Committee on the granting of accreditation to institutions and agencies. The Accreditation Committee shall be comprised of two members appointed by the School Directors' Advisory Committee and two members who shall be commission members to include the North Carolina Community Colleges System's representative to the Commission. The Chairman of the Commission shall appoint the Chairman of the Accreditation Committee.

(b) Any school meeting the minimum requirements contained in 12 NCAC 09G .0400 must submit a properly completed Request for School Accreditation application. Upon receipt of a properly completed Request for School Accreditation application:

- (1) the Standards Division staff shall review the application for any omissions and clarifications and conduct a site visit to tour facilities, confirm information on the application, and determine if and where deficiencies exist;
- (2) the applying institution or agency shall be contacted concerning deficiencies and assistance shall be given on correcting problem areas;
- (3) the application and staff reports are submitted to the Accreditation Committee for review;
- (4) a recommendation shall be submitted to the Education and Training Committee on the approval or denial of the application; and
- (5) the Education and Training Committee shall recommend to the full Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting the approval or denial of accreditation for the applicant institution or agency.

(c) Accreditation of a school shall remain effective for five years from issuance unless earlier suspended or revoked for just cause.

(d) The identity of those schools accredited under this Rule shall be published and distributed annually by the Standards Division together with the name and business address of the School Director and the schedule of corrections training courses planned for delivery during the succeeding year.

(e) A school may apply for reaccreditation to the Commission by submitting a properly completed Request for School Accreditation application. The application for reaccreditation shall contain information on changes in facilities, equipment, and staffing. Upon receipt of a properly completed application:

- (1) the Standards Division staff shall review the application for any omissions and clarification;
- (2) copies of the site visits conducted during the last period of certification shall be attached to the application;
- (3) the application and staff reports shall be submitted to the Accreditation Committee for review;
- (4) a recommendation shall be submitted to the Education and Training Committee on the approval or denial of the application; and
- (5) the Education and Training Committee shall recommend to the full Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting the approval or denial of reaccreditation of the applicant institution or agency.

(f) In instances where accredited schools have been found to be in compliance with 12 NCAC 09G .0400 through favorable site visit reports, Standards Division staff shall be authorized to reaccredit on behalf of the Commission. Such action shall be reported to the Commission through the Accreditation Committee and the Education and Training Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

(g) The Commission may suspend or revoke a school's accreditation when it finds that the school has failed to meet or continuously maintain any requirement, standard, or procedure for school or course accreditation.

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