

April 29, 2020 VIA EMAIL (director@laort.edu)

Mr. Joseph Neman Executive Director Los Angeles ORT College 6435 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90048

> Re: Interim Report Reviewed Institutional Show Cause Continued Interim Report Required ACCET ID #366

## Dear Mr. Neman:

At its April 2020 meeting, the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) reviewed the institution's interim report submitted in response to the December 24, 2019 Commission Action letter, which directed the institution to submit an interim report to include the following two items: 1) a copy of the institution's Student Financial Aid Audit for FY 2018 to demonstrate that the findings in the FY 2017 SFA were fully addressed; and 2) a copy of the Program Review Report (review conducted February 2018), the institution's response to that report, and any correspondence from the U.S. Department of Education relative to the response.

Upon its review of the institution's interim report, dated February 14, 2020, the Commission determined that item 1, as noted above, was satisfactorily addressed. However, its response to item 2 above included a letter from the U.S. Department of Education dated, January 17, 2020, denying the institution's participation in Title IV programs, and the institution's response to that letter, dated January 31, 2020. In its letter, the institution requested a reconsideration of the denial decision. The letter further indicated that, in a phone call on January 27, 2020, the institution was given until March 31, 2020, to submit additional evidence to supplement the January 31<sup>st</sup> letter. Per the institution's interim report, no further correspondence from the Department has been received, and therefore, the institution's request for reconsideration of the denial remains unresolved.

As a result of its review of the institution's interim report, the Commission voted to continue the Institutional Show Cause directive, requiring the institution to show cause and provide a compelling rationale as to why its accredited status should not be withdrawn due to the serious ongoing concerns regarding the institution's participation in Title IV federal financial assistance.

Toward that end, the Commission directed the institution to submit an additional interim report with a narrative update to include the following specific items:

- 1. Copies of all correspondence from the U.S. Department of Education relative to its adjudication of the appeal/response letter from the institution.
- 2. A narrative recovery plan of how the institution plans to mitigate financial losses based on its status with the U.S. Department of Education.

A copy of this report, **including the attached interim report cover sheet**, must be emailed to **interimreports@accet.org** for receipt at the ACCET office no later than **June 30, 2020**.

As a reminder, please be advised that late submission and receipt of documents and reports are subject to significant late fees in accordance with Commission policy. These fees are outlined in ACCET Document 10, which can be found at <a href="https://www.accet.org">www.accet.org</a>.

Further, while under a Show Cause directive, the institution is restricted from making any substantive changes including, but not limited to, new programs, major program revisions, new branch campuses or other new sites, or relocations out of the general market area.

Your demonstrated capabilities and commitment in support of the institution's accredited status are essential to a favorable outcome in this process. Should you have any questions or need further assistance regarding this letter, please contact the ACCET office at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Interim Executive Director

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Enclosure: Interim Report Cover Sheet

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