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Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE AND TECHNOLOGY Delray Beach, Florida

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The following publicly available information is provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) concerning the accreditation of Cambridge College of Healthcare and Technology. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; SACSCOC staff cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Cambridge College of Healthcare and Technology. The former applicant has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by SACSCOC Board of Trustees took place on June 15, 2023.

What is the accreditation status of Cambridge College of Healthcare and Technology? Cambridge College of Healthcare and Technology was an applicant with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the applicant was denied Authorization of a Candidacy Committee.

What does it mean to be denied Authorization of a Candidacy Committee? Cambridge College of Healthcare and Technology applied for membership with SACSCOC. In order to be authorized to receive a Candidacy Committee visit, an institution's application must demonstrate and document compliance with core requirements and standards of the *Principles of Accreditation*, including financial resources requirements as specified in the Accreditation Procedures for Applicant Institutions policy statement. After review of the application and upon recommendation of the Committee on Compliance and Reports, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees will either authorize or deny a Candidacy Committee visit. If the Board determines that the institution is not in compliance with any of the core requirements and standards of the *Principles of Accreditation*, authorization of a Candidacy Committee visit will be denied. If a Candidacy Committee visit is denied, the application process ends. Denial of a Candidacy Committee visit is not appealable.

Why was Cambridge College of Healthcare and Technology denied Authorization of a Candidacy

Committee? Cambridge College of Healthcare and Technology was denied authorization of a Candidacy Committee because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that the applicant failed to demonstrate compliance with the Principles of Accreditation, namely, Core Requirement 4.1 (Governing board characteristics), Core Requirement 6.1 (Full-time faculty), Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Core Requirement 13.2 (Financial documents), Standard 4.2.e (Board dismissal), Standard 8.2.c (Student outcomes: academic and student services), Standard 11.2 (Library and learning/information staff), and Standard 13.6 (Federal and state responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation. These standards expect an institution to: (1) have a governing board that (e) is not controlled by a minority of board members or by organizations or institutions separate from it; 2) to employ an adequate number of full-time faculty members to support the mission and goals of the institution; 3) to have sound financial resources and a demonstrated, stable financial base to support the mission of the institution and the scope of its programs and services; (4) to provide the following financial statements: (a) an institutional audit for the most recent fiscal year prepared by an independent certified public accountant and/or an appropriate governmental auditing agency employing the appropriate audit guide; (b) a statement of financial position of unrestricted net assets, exclusive of plant assets and plant-related debt, which represents the change in unrestricted net assets attributable to operations for the most recent year; and (c) an annual budget that is preceded by sound planning, is subject to sound fiscal procedures, and is approved by the governing board; (5) its governing board to have appropriate and fair processes for the dismissal of a board member; (6) to identify expected outcomes, assess the extent to which it achieves these outcomes, and provide evidence of seeking improvement based on analysis of the results for its academic and student services that support student success; (7) to ensure an adequate number of professional and other staff with appropriate education or experiences in library and/or other learning/information resources to accomplish the mission of the institution; and (8) that an institution (a) is in compliance with its program responsibilities under Title IV of the most recent Higher Education Act as amended, and (b) audits financial aid programs as required by federal and state regulations. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement.)

What will happen next? An institution that is denied authorization of a Candidacy Committee may submit another application in the future at its discretion. Denial of a Candidacy Committee visit is not appealable.

For additional information regarding the SACSCOC application process, access the <u>Accreditation Procedures for Applicant Institutions policy statement</u>.