

**Case Name:** *In the Matter of* Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

**Docket No.:** 16-44-O

**Filing Party:** Respondent, Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

**Exhibit No.:** B-O-50



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Herman Bounds Jr., Ed.S., Director  
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Dear Director Bounds:

I am writing to you in my capacity as a Practitioner in Veterinary Technology, which I entered after obtaining my Registered Veterinary Technology license from a non-ACICS accredited institution. I am currently employed as an Animal Health Technician at UCLA in Los Angeles, California and write to provide evidence of the acceptance of the standards, policies, procedures and decisions of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools ("ACICS").

I graduated from Colorado State University in 1996 and Bel-Rea institute in 2000 and have been employed as Biosecurity Manager, veterinary technician, UCLA for 13 years. My educational background includes training, health monitoring, and treatment, surgical preparation, supervisory duties, managing the biosecurity of all species including import, export, sentinel testing and outbreak containment. I have been informed that ACICS has an initial petition for recognition under 34 C.F.R. Part 602 pending with the U.S. Department of Education ("Department"). Those requirements include basic eligibility requirements including that ACICS demonstrate the following:

**§602.13 Acceptance of the agency by others.**

**The agency must demonstrate that its standards, policies, procedures, and decisions to grant or deny accreditation are widely accepted in the United States by --**

**(a) Educators and educational institutions; and**

**(b) Licensing bodies, practitioners, and employers in the professional or vocational fields for which the educational institutions or programs within the agency's jurisdiction prepare their students.**

Having conducted more than 6 institutional reviews for ACICS, it is my experience that ACICS is accepted by practitioners in this occupation as an accrediting agency of schools that offer programs that produce graduates for the veterinary technicians at least as qualified as those from institutions accredited by other agencies.

Please consider this letter as support for ACICS's wide acceptance by a practitioner in Veterinary Technology for which ACICS accredited schools prepare graduates for purposes of 34 C.F.R. 600.13(a).

I can be reached at [cvolpe@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:cvolpe@mednet.ucla.edu) in connection with this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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**David S. Becker, MA, Paramedic, EFO, LNHA**

December 13, 2017

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Dear Director Bounds:

I am writing to you in my capacity as a Practitioner in Emergency Medical Services and Healthcare as a Paramedic and Licensed Nursing Home Administrator. For almost nine years I taught in an ACICS accredited institution as a Program Director. I am currently employed as Adjunct Instructor for several academic institutions teaching in both bachelors and a Master's program. I am writing to provide evidence of the acceptance of the standards, policies, procedures and decisions of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools ("ACICS").

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As an evaluator: Having conducted 12 institutional reviews for ACICS as well as for other accrediting bodies, it is my experience that ACICS is accepted by practitioners in this occupation as an accrediting agency of schools that offer programs that produce graduates for the EMS and Healthcare at least as qualified as those from institutions accredited by other agencies.

Please consider this letter as support for ACICS's wide acceptance by a practitioner in [occupation] for which ACICS accredited schools prepare graduates for purposes of 34 C.F.R. 600.13(a).

I can be reached at (b)(6)@msn.com or (b)(6) in connection with this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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**In Re: Acceptance of ACICS Standards, Policies, Procedures and Decisions By Practitioners**

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Dear Director Bounds:

I am writing to you in my capacity as a Practitioner in Court Reporting, which I entered after obtaining my CSR license from Merit College, at the time in 1976, an ACICS accredited institution. I am currently employed as a court reporter in Utah, and write to provide evidence of the acceptance of the standards, policies, procedures and decisions of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools ("ACICS").

I graduated from Merit College in 1976, and have been employed as a court reporter for 42 years. My educational background includes full time as a certified reporter, as well as 23 years of running Intermountain College of Court Reporting, 1979-2002, an ACICS accredited school, and then participating as a commissioner for ACICS from 1997-2002 and doing evaluations of various institutions for 22 years.

I have been informed that ACICS has an initial petition for recognition under 34 C.F.R. Part 602 pending with the U.S. Department of Education ("Department"). Those requirements include basic eligibility requirements including that ACICS demonstrate the following:

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As a graduate of Merit College, I can attest to the acceptance of ACICS as an accrediting agency that is a reliable authority as to the quality of education and training of the schools and programs it accredits that prepare students for this occupation. In California at the time, passing the state exam was incredibly difficult. Merit College held to a strict and higher standard to make sure we were prepared for passing the exam and then entering the world of court trials and depositions. I have worked in the courts, both state and federal, as well as 35 years of medical malpractice depositions and never felt as though I were unqualified.

Please consider this letter as support for ACICS's wide acceptance by a practitioner in Court Reporting for which ACICS accredited schools prepare graduates for purposes of 34 C.F.R. 600.13(a).

I can be reached at (b)(6)@aol.com in connection with this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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Dear Director Bounds:

I am writing to you in my capacity as a Practitioner in Massage Therapy, which I entered after obtaining a certificate from Northern Lights School of Massage Therapy. I am currently employed as a massage therapist and owner of Revitalize Massage & Yoga in Worcester, MA and write to provide evidence of the acceptance of the standards, policies, procedures and decisions of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools ("ACICS").

I graduated from Northern Lights (now Centerpoint) in 1997 and have been employed as an owner/massage therapist of Revitalize Massage & Yoga for 10 years. My educational background includes a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Marketing from the University of Massachusetts, Worcester in 2009 as well as countless massage related continuing education. I have been informed that ACICS has an initial petition for recognition under 34 C.F.R. Part 602 pending with the U.S. Department of Education ("Department"). Those requirements include basic eligibility requirements including that ACICS demonstrate the following:

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In addition to being a massage therapist for over 20 years, I have conducted more than 120 institutional reviews for ACICS. It is my experience that ACICS is accepted by practitioners in this occupation as an accrediting agency of schools that offer programs that produce graduates for the massage therapy field at least as qualified as those from institutions accredited by other agencies.

Please consider this letter as support for ACICS's wide acceptance by a practitioner in Massage Therapy for which ACICS accredited schools prepare graduates for purposes of 34 C.F.R. 600.13(a).

I can be reached at (b)(6) in connection with this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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**Re: 34 CFR 600.13(a)- Acceptance of ACICS Standards, Policies, Procedures and Decisions By Employers**

Dear Director Bounds:

I am writing to you in my capacity as a practitioner from the Ultrasound field working with AIHT Education's students, accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools ("ACICS") for the purpose of providing of the acceptance of the standards, policies, procedures and decisions of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools ("ACICS").

Specifically, I have been informed that ACICS has an initial petition for recognition under 34 C.F.R. Part 602 pending with the U.S. Department of Education ("Department"). Those requirements include basic eligibility requirements including that ACICS demonstrate the following:

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I have been working with AIHT Education, accredited by ACICS, since the past two years now in the capacity of a preceptor. As part of the externship, we provide the students an opportunity to receive hands-on training related to ultrasound protocols at our site.

AIHT Education follows the standards set by the ACICS and it could be substantiated by the quality of students sent by AIHT to the facility for externship. Most of the students from the school have been found to be knowledgeable and ready for employment after graduation.

Therefore, I would not hesitate to say that in my opinion, ACICS as an accrediting agency is a reliable authority as to the quality of education and training of the schools and programs it accredits. ACICS graduates are well prepared and successful in the occupations in which they are placed at this company.

As we have also worked with students from other schools, accredited by other agencies, this gives me the apt position to compare ACICS accredited schools with those of other recognized accrediting agencies. I would definitely recommend that graduates from ACICS accredited schools like, AIHT Education, compare favorably with graduates from schools accredited by other agencies.

In my experience, AIHT education offer programs that produce qualified graduates for sonography and the credit could be shared by the accrediting agency, ACICS.

Please consider this letter as support for ACICS's wide acceptance by a Practitioner for purposes of 34 C.F.R. 600.13(a).

I can be reached at (b)(6) or [Angelique.Hernandez@wchn.org](mailto:Angelique.Hernandez@wchn.org) in connection with this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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