



National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences

The National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences, Inc. (NACCAS) has recently submitted its re-recognition petition to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE). The NACCAS petition has been received by the USDE's National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) and will be reviewed on December 1, 2010.

The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. NACCAS is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a reliable authority concerning the quality of education or training offered by the institutions of higher education or higher education programs it accredits.

The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), is an eighteen (18) member advisory committee existing pursuant to Section 114 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and was established under the Higher Education Amendments of 1992 (Public Law 102-325).

The NACIQI advises the Secretary of Education on matters related to accreditation and to the eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education. Specifically, NACIQI provides recommendations to the Secretary of Education regarding:

- The establishment and enforcement of criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under Subpart 2 of Part H, Title IV, of the HEA.
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations or a specific State approval agency.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, of the HEA.
- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) state licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.
- Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe.