

Accreditation Advisory Committee Meeting

Spring 2024



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Welcome & Accreditation Staff Introductions





Attendance & Introduction

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Agenda

- > NACIQI Update
- > Upcoming Visit Dates
- > Civil Rights Updates
- > Financial Aid & Distance Education Updates
- > Accreditation vs Financial Aid
- > Group Discussion Topics
 - Technology Centers Training Materials
 - Hybrid Visit (Pros and Cons)
 - Database for Strength and OFI's
 - Advisory Committee Recommendations & Improvements



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20202

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Transmitted via electronic mail

Brent Haken, ODCTE State Director
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Dear Mr. Haken:

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (ODCTE). U.S. Department of Education (Department) staff and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) have each made recommendations to me. These recommendations were made under sections 114 and 496 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

Both Department staff and NACIQI recommended that I find ODCTE compliant with the Department's regulations and grant ODCTE renewed recognition for a period of four years. I concur with the recommendations of the Department staff and NACIQI. Accordingly, I grant renewed recognition to ODCTE for a period of four years.

Scope of Recognition: the state agency for the approval of public postsecondary vocational education.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Under Secretary

NACIQI Update



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cc: Justin Lockwood, Chief of Staff
Jessica Ventris, Director of Academic Affairs

2024 – 2025 Visits

- > **Meridian** (Sept. 10-12, 2024)
- > **Southern** (Sept. 24-26, 2024)
- > **Green Country** (Oct. 8-10, 2024)
- > **Northwest** (Oct. 22-24, 2024)
- > **Central Tech** (Oct. 29-31, 2024)
- > **Wes Watkins** (Nov. 5-7, 2024)
- > **Indian Capital** (Nov. 19-21, 2024)
- > **Tri County** (Dec. 10-12, 2024)



2025 – 2026 Visits

- > **Chisholm Trail** (Sept. 9-11, 2025)
- > **Moore Norman** (Sept. 23-25, 2025)
- > **High Plains** (Oct. 7-9, 2025)
- > **Metro Tech** (Oct. 21-24, 2025)
- > **Pioneer** (Oct. 28-30, 2025)
- > **Eastern OK County** (Nov. 12-14, 2025)
- > **Red River** (Nov. 18-20, 2025)
- > **Southwest** (Dec. 9-11, 2025)





Civil Rights & Safety Updates



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Financial Aid & Distance Education Updates



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Financial Aid & DE

> Pre-Visits

- March 5 – May 7, visited 7 schools for 1 day review of past concerns

> Federal changes

- Better FASFA
- Financial Responsibility, Administrative Capability, Certification Procedures, Ability To Benefit (ATB) rule changes lead by OPE

> New DE program additions for 2024





Accreditation vs. Financial Aid





Group Discussion Topics



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Technology Center Training Materials

- > All committee members were given access to view training last week in ctYOU.
- > This is the training that technology centers go through prior to centers visit.

What improvements could be made to the training? How could this be more engaging and memorable?



Hybrid Visit

What do you like about the hybrid visit format?

What are areas for growth with the hybrid format?



Database for Strengths & OFI's

- > Examiners enter statements of strengths and opportunity for improvements (OFI) into ctYOU.
- > Examiners and staff then must review each others statements in the system and comment if they agree/additional information.

How can we streamline this process to make it easier for you to review each other statements?



Advisory Committee Improvements

- > Yearly meeting in spring (via Zoom typically).
- > Newsletters with updates
- > Feedback questions via email

Are there any improvements to the committee you would like to see happen? Things we are currently not doing that you think would benefit the accreditation process?

**Feel free to email your responses if you would like to think on it.*



Questions?

Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or think of additional ideas on how to improve the accreditation process!

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