

Regarding the Notice Issued February 1, 2016 by the U.S. Department of Education
in Reference to Marinello Schools of Beauty

The National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts & Sciences, Inc. (NACCAS) is aware of the actions instituted by the US Department of Education (USDoE) to first place Marinello Schools of Beauty on Heightened Cash Monitoring 2 and subsequently to deny recertification to a significant portion of the Marinello campuses. While it should be noted that Marinello Schools of Beauty still has an opportunity to respond to the concerns raised, NACCAS is working in conjunction with the USDoE as well as associated state licensing agencies and the affected institutions to address this matter.

All NACCAS-accredited institutions are obligated to maintain compliance not only with NACCAS requirements, but those of any other regulatory agencies overseeing the institution as well. In such instances that NACCAS receives information from another agency that an accredited institution may not be in compliance with that agency's regulations, the NACCAS Board of Commissioners will investigate the matter to determine whether the institution has failed to maintain compliance with any associated NACCAS requirements. In order for accreditation to be maintained in good standing, the Board of Commissioners must be assured that any non-compliance has been corrected, not only with NACCAS, but with all affected agencies.

In the unfortunate event that an institution loses its accreditation (whether voluntarily or involuntarily) or otherwise undergoes any significant change which might threaten its ability to continue operations of training students, that institution must submit for the Commission's approval a Teach-Out Plan detailing the arrangements to be made for each of its affected students, to include, as appropriate, any agreements entered into with nearby institutions for student transfer. Should an accredited institution cease operations without providing the Commission with an acceptable Teach-Out Plan, NACCAS will work closely with State and Federal agencies to make appropriate arrangements for any displaced students.

NACCAS will continue to monitor this matter moving forward and work with all affected parties to reach an appropriate and equitable resolution.