

ATTENTION APPLICANTS

Pacific Institute of Technology (PIT) is currently accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). On December 12, 2016, the U.S. Department of Education issued a final decision not to re-recognize ACICS. A school or college must be accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Department, if it wants its students to be able to apply for Title IV financial aid (Pell Grants and Direct Student Loans).

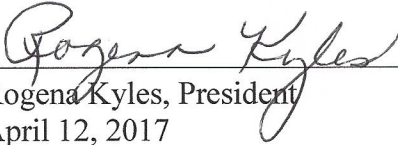
When ACICS lost its recognition by the Department, the Department required PIT and all other institutions accredited by ACICS that participate in the Title IV programs to do certain things by certain deadlines. One of those deadlines was to submit an application for accreditation to and have it accepted by a “federally-recognized agency” (one recognized by the Department) within 90 days from December 12, 2016. This requirement is referred to as having an application “in process” by that 90-day deadline.

Because it made certain changes in its selection of a new agency, PIT did not meet that 90-day deadline. Therefore, we are required to notify both applicants and students in writing of the following:

- That ACICS, which accredits PIT, is no longer recognized by the Department;
- That PIT has a maximum of 18 months from December 12, 2016 to obtain accreditation from a federally-recognized accrediting agency or it will lose its eligibility to participate in Title IV programs. This means that students attending the institution would not qualify for Title IV financial aid after the 18 months.
- That the 18-month period expires on June 12, 2018.

We understand that these circumstances may affect your decision to study at PIT. Although we are proceeding with our plans to apply for accreditation with a different, federally-recognized agency, there is no guarantee whether or when initial accreditation with that agency, the Accrediting Commission of Career Colleges and Schools (ACCSC), will be awarded.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Angelia Williams, our director of financial services, at any time at 678-610-5900.


Rogena Kyles, President
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