

Memorandum

To: *U.S. Department of Education, Appropriate State Agencies, and Appropriate Accrediting Agencies*

From: *The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)*

Date: *October 2021*

Subject: *Public Notice of Commission Actions*

WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION – PENDING ARBITRATION

The following institutions subject to a withdrawal of accreditation adverse accreditation action have provided to ACCSC a written Notice of Intent to Arbitrate as set forth in the Commission’s Instructions for Arbitration.

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School	City, State	Withdrawal of Accreditation Date	Appeals Panel Decision Date	Status
Independence University	West Haven, UT	4/22/21	9/17/21	Accredited on Probation
Stevens-Henager College	Murray, UT			Final Adverse Decision Pending Arbitration
Stevens-Henager College	Boise, ID			

ACCSC withdrew the schools’ accreditation in a letter dated April 22, 2021. The schools appealed that decision but closed on August 1, 2021 before the ACCSC Appeals Panel issued its decision. The Appeals Panel upheld the Commission’s decision to withdraw accreditation in a letter September 17, 2021. The schools filed the Notice of Intent to Arbitrate on September 27, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 4.06 of the *ACCSC Bylaws*, by applying for accreditation with the Accrediting Commission, a school agrees to exhaust all appeal opportunities and to submit fully and faithfully to the final, binding arbitration proceedings as set forth in the *Standards of Accreditation* before filing any suit, claim or proceeding relating to membership, accreditation, or accredited status.

Pursuant to the arbitration process, these schools remain accredited but on Probation during the pendency of the arbitration proceeding and until the arbitrator renders a final decision.