

## Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies

### *Petition for Initial Recognition*

1. Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of postsecondary English language programs and institutions in the United States.)

2. Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and pre-accreditation throughout the United States of graduate-level, four-year naturopathic medical educational programs leading to the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (N.D. or N.M.D.) or Doctor of Naturopathy (N.D.) degree.)

3. Teacher Education Accreditation Council (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation throughout the United States of professional education programs in institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees for the preparation of teachers K-12.)

### *Petitions for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (Current scope of recognition: the accreditation of Montessori teacher education institutions and programs throughout the United States evaluated by the following review committees: the American Montessori Society Review Committee and the Independent Review Committee only.)

2. Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Schools (Current scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of adult and postsecondary schools that offer programs below the degree level in California, Hawaii, the United States territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.)

*Interim Reports* (An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition that was requested by the Secretary when the Secretary granted renewed recognition to the agency.)

1. Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, Commission on Accreditation.

2. American Academy for Liberal Education.

3. Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission.

4. American Physical Therapy Association, Commission on

Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

5. American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education.

6. Distance Education and Training Council, Accrediting Commission.

7. National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

*Progress Report:* A report on the agency's implementation of its new accreditation process.

1. Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities

## State Agency Recognized for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education

### *Petition for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Missouri State Board of Education

## State Agency Recognized for the Approval of Nurse Education

### *Petition for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Missouri State Board of Nursing

## Who Can Make Third-Party Oral Presentations at This Meeting?

We invite you to make a third-party oral presentation before the National Advisory Committee concerning the recognition of any agency published in this notice.

### *How Do I Request to Make an Oral Presentation?*

You must submit a written request to make an oral presentation concerning an agency listed in this notice to the contact person *so that the request is received via mail, fax, or e-mail no later than May 16, 2003*. Your request (*no more than 6 pages maximum*) must include:

1. The names, addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers of all persons seeking an appearance,

2. The organization they represent, and

3. A brief summary of the principal points to be made during the oral presentation.

If you wish, you may attach documents illustrating the main points of your oral testimony. Please keep in mind, however, that *any attachments are included in the 6-page limit*. Please do not send materials directly to Committee members. Only materials submitted by the deadline to the contact person listed in this notice and in accordance with these instructions become part of the official record and are considered by the Committee in its deliberations. Documents received after the May 16, 2003 deadline will not be distributed to the Advisory Committee for their consideration. Individuals

making oral presentations may not distribute written materials at the meeting.

### *If I Cannot Attend the Meeting, Can I Submit Written Comments Regarding an Accrediting Agency in Lieu of Making an Oral Presentation?*

This notice requests third-party oral testimony, not written comment. A request for written comments on agencies that are being reviewed during this meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on February 6, 2003. The Advisory Committee will receive and consider only written comments submitted by the deadline specified in that **Federal Register** notice.

### *How Do I Request to Present Comments Regarding General Issues Rather Than Specific Accrediting Agencies?*

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Committee, at its discretion, may invite attendees to address the Committee briefly on issues pertaining to the functions of the Committee, which are listed earlier in this notice. If you are interested in making such comments, you should inform Ms. LeBold before or during the meeting.

### *How May I Obtain Access to the Records of the Meeting?*

We will record the meeting and make a transcript available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K St., NW., Washington, DC 20006 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. It is preferred that an appointment be made in advance of such inspection.

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