

**Committee on Accreditation Report
October 2016**

On October 22 – 24, 2016 the Committee on Accreditation met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the Downtown Sheraton Hotel in Salon 10. During the three days of meetings, the COA met with seven schools regarding reaccreditation, addressed reports from schools with stipulations and addressed substantive changes from programs with legal name changes and program leadership changes.

The COA took the following actions regarding comprehensive program reviews and site visits:

2 schools will have candidacy site visits:

Northeast Texas
University of the District of Columbia Community College

6 schools were reaccredited for seven years with some stipulations and commendations:

Wayne State University
Kansas City Kansas Community College
Mid-America College
Bishop State Community College
Hudson Valley Community College
Vincennes University

1 school met with the COA to address stipulations and focus visit report:

Lake Washington

3 schools were approved to offer new degree options:

John A. Gupton College
DesMoines Area Community College
Mid-America College of Funeral Service

2 schools will voluntarily close the funeral service program at the conclusion of Spring '17 semester:

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (*Reaccreditation self study was approved*)
Southeast Kentucky Community College

1 school placed on probation:

Ivy Tech Community College- Northwest

On April 6, 2016, the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards submitted a complaint to the American Board of Funeral Service Education and the Committee on Accreditation against American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service regarding activity initially uncovered in 2013. The COA reviewed the ICFSEB complaint and AAMI response. Both parties were notified of the COA's decision to accept the AAMI response. COA noted the existence of a lawsuit between the parties, a federal injunction to prohibit future occurrences of the behavior cited in the lawsuit and AAMI's efforts to comply with the lawsuit settlement terms. Prior to receipt of the complaint, COA created a task force to revise and update ABFSE standards regarding ethics and complaint procedures.

The COA continues to review assessment and encourages schools to complete the Annual Report in a timely and accurate manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

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