

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools

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OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF ACCREDITATION

April 12, 2024

Mr. Robert Kelley Jr.
President
University of Aesthetics & Cosmetology
1357 N Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622

Dear Mr. Robert Kelley Jr.,

It is my pleasure to inform you that, at its **Spring 2024** meeting, the Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools voted to award the following to **University of Aesthetics & Cosmetology**:

ACCREDITATION

The term of accreditation is for ten years; therefore, your school's accreditation will expire on **July 1**, **2034**.

An "Accredited" institution is an educational organization that meets all MSA Standards for Accreditation, adheres to applicable MSA policies, and meets the requirements of the self-study protocol used. The institution agrees to adhere to all requirements for maintenance of accreditation.

Programs included in **University of Aesthetics & Cosmetology- Chicago, IL** accreditation are as follows: 1357 N Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622, United States

Aesthetics 750 Clock Hours
Aesthetics Instructor 750 Clock Hours
Cosmetology 1500 Clock Hours
Cosmetology Instructor 1000 Clock Hours

Locations included in **University of Aesthetics & Cosmetology** accreditation are as follows:

University of Aesthetics & Cosmetology- Downers Grove, IL 1037-1043 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515, United States

Aesthetics 750 Clock Hours
Aesthetics Instructor 750 Clock Hours
Cosmetology 1500 Clock Hours

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University of Aesthetics & Cosmetology- El Dorado, AR

460 N. Washington Avenue, El Dorado, AR 71730, United States

Aesthetics 600 Clock Hours
Instructor 600 Clock Hours
Cosmetology 1500 Clock Hours

Following is the authorized notice of your institution's accreditation for inclusion in your institution's publications and materials:

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ACCREDITATION

University of Aesthetics & Cosmetology is accredited until July 1, 2034 by the:

Middle States Association Commission on Secondary Schools Saint Leonard's Court 3819-33 Chestnut Street, Suite 310 Philadelphia, PA 19104-3171 (267) 284-5000 www.msa-cess.org

ACCREDITATION MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

Over the next five years your institution will be expected to comply with the following accreditation maintenance requirements, as outlined in Commission Policy:

- 1. Continue to comply with all Standards for Accreditation for Career and Technical Institutions.
- 2. Submit Annual Reports to the Commission by the dates specified. You will be provided with the requirements and a template for these reports.
- 3. Request approval of the Commission prior to making any substantive changes to the institution. *See Commission Policy: Substantive Changes*.
- 4. Comply with all policies of the Commission on Secondary Schools as published on the Commission's website (www.msa-cess.org).
- 5. Make every effort to fulfill your institution's commitment to implement its Plan for Growth and Improvement and achieve its objectives.
- 6. Submit an Annual Profile updating statistical data on your institution.
- 7. Pay annual membership dues and fees within the time period prescribed.
- 8. Annually, nominate members of your professional staff who are qualified and willing to serve on Middle States visiting teams. The Commission's policy requires your institution to release at least one staff member per year to serve on a visiting team.

In addition, please note the following requirements for career and technical institutions that are using or will use their Middle States accreditation to establish eligibility to participate in federal Title IV financial aid programs:

- 1. It is of particular importance that the institution complies with all of the provisions of Commission Policy.
- 2. The Commission may conduct unannounced onsite inspections at any time for the purpose of determining whether your institution is in continued compliance with the Standards for Accreditation and the policies of the Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools.
- 3. It is the requirement of the Commission on Secondary Schools, based on the requirements of the United States Department of Education, that all candidate and member institutions shall administer equitable admissions requirements and have clearly stated admissions, transfer, and other student policies appropriate to the mission, goals, programs, and resources of the institution.
- 4. Institutions that participate in federally guaranteed student loan programs under Title IV HEA must demonstrate diligence in keeping student default rates at an acceptably low level, and they must comply with the program responsibilities incumbent in participating in this program.
- 5. The institution shall maintain certificate requirements that conform to commonly accepted practice.
- 6. By virtue of signing the Program Participation Agreement, Title IV-recognized institutions give permission to the United States Department of Education, the Commission on Secondary Schools of Middle States Association, and its state licensing/authorizing agency to share information about the institution.
- 7. Institutions required to undergo a United States Department of Education audit must notify the Commission on Secondary Schools that such an audit will occur within ten (10) days of receipt of the USDE request.
- 8. A postsecondary, non-degree granting career and technology institution planning to close must report this intention to the Commission as soon as possible, but no later than six months prior to the planned closure date. See Commission Policy for the requirements when planning to close an institution.

Please accept our sincere congratulations on the recognition of your school as an accredited member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Your accreditation certificate is available digitally as a pdf on your dashboard. You can order a hard copy of the certificate and review other information about sharing your accreditation with your community on our website. We are pleased that you continue to be among the schools throughout the world that meet the internationally recognized standards of quality of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The staff of the Commissions will be happy to be of service to you and your school at any time.

Sincerely,

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President

Next Activities Due

Mid-Term Report: 5/1/2029
Team Visit: Fall 2033

Accreditation Expires: **7/1/2034**MSA Internal School Code: **IL015MAIN**