



May 7, 2026

VIA EMAIL
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Ms. Anna Kang
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***Re: Issue Institutional Show Cause
FRC Referral Reviewed
Interim Report Required
ACCET ID #1393***

Dear Ms. Kang:

At its April 2026 meeting, the Financial Review Committee (FRC) of the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) noted that The College of Chicago failed to submit a response to the December 2025 FRC letter, dated January 8, 2026. Further, the institution has not responded to outreach by ACCET staff and has failed to pay the required sustaining fees and associated late fees for late financial reporting. Therefore, the FRC referred the matter to the Commission for further action.

As a result, the Commission voted to issue a Show Cause directive, requiring the institution to provide a compelling rationale showing cause why its accreditation should not be withdrawn.

The Commission's action was based on the institution's failure to submit the required FRC report, originally due on February 27, 2026, and failure to respond to repeated outreach attempts by ACCET staff regarding outstanding invoices for sustaining fees and late fees associated with the outstanding FRC report.

Further, upon review, the Commission noted that the institution has relocated its campus to Arlington Heights; however, the change of location was not reported to ACCET in accordance with the requirements of ACCET Document 26 – Policy on Additional Locations and Change of Location.

Therefore, the institution is directed to submit an interim report for review at the August 2026 meeting to include the following:

- 1. Updated, internally generated financial statements for 2025 Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4, if available, including both income statements and balance sheets, as well as a consolidated year-to-date income statement and balance sheets covering these four**

quarters. For all reports, include comparative figures from the corresponding quarters in fiscal year 2024.

- 2. A narrative describing how the institution ensures fiscal resources are sufficient to provide quality education, training, and student services and to complete the instruction for all enrolled students.**
- 3. A narrative response to include documentation that ACCET has been notified of the change of location and that the new location has been approved by ACCET.**
- 4. Evidence that the institution has paid the required ACCET Sustaining Fees.**
- 5. A show cause directive requires the institution to provide a proposed teach-out plan in accordance with ACCET Document 32 – Teach-out/Closure Policy, in case of institutional closure.**
- 6. A show cause directive further requires the institution to notify all current and prospective students of the show cause action within seven days of receipt of this letter. Evidence of notification must be submitted to the ACCET Dropbox Interim Report upload link below not later than May 14, 2026.**

The institution's responses, including the attached interim report cover sheet, must be uploaded (link provided below) no later than **May 29, 2026**. Please see the attached submission instructions.

ACCET Interim Report upload link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/owwNFFSirPC8ai6OKh25>

As a reminder, institutions will be charged a \$500 late fee for the late submission of a staff report. Please see (page 6 of) ACCET Document 10 – Fee Schedule for additional information.

The institution is reminded that late submission and receipt of documents and reports are subject to significant late fees in accordance with Commission policy. These fees are outlined in ACCET Document 10 – Fee Schedule, which can be found at www.accet.org.

In accordance with Commission policy, no substantive changes, including, but not limited to, new programs or major program revisions, new branch campuses or other new sites, and/or relocation out of the general market area, will be permitted while on a show cause directive.

The appropriate state and federal education officials will be notified of this action by copy of this letter and through the Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs. The institution is advised to visit the ACCET website at www.accet.org for timely updates and to download the most current information, policy documents, and forms.

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Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact the ACCET office at info@accet.org or 202-955-1113.

Sincerely,



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