

ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR BUSINESS SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

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June 4, 2019

Ms. Mary-Rita Moore President Triton College 2000 5th Avenue, B-209 River Grove, Illinois 60171

Dear President Moore:

The Associate Degree Board of Commissioners met on April 15-16, 2019 and approved the business program accreditation for Triton College. Congratulations!

Triton College's business programs are conditionally accredited with the following Notes and/or Conditions:

Place a Condition on Standard 4: The Board of Commissioners commends the Business Unit on the strides made to establish a learning outcome assessment process, but a more defined plan will benefit the Business Unit greatly by including measurable benchmarks, explicit deployment and utilization plans, and steps in addressing the findings, demonstrating how results were used for improvements.

Place a Note on Criterion 2.2: Although institutionally a strategic plan exists, the Business Unit could benefit from a plan specific to the mission, goals, and objectives for the Business Unit.

Opportunities for improvement can be viewed in the feedback report at the portal.

Conditions and notes indicate that either the Standard or Criteria is not fully met and should be viewed as an opportunity to move your program to a higher level of excellence. It would be extremely rare that a school receive accreditation without these conditions or notes given ACBSP's Core Value of Continuous Improvement and Organizational Learning, that "Business schools and programs should pursue regular cycles of planning, execution, and evaluation of every process and system. Ongoing improvement of these processes and systems leads to ever higher quality and student/stakeholder satisfaction."

Progress on the Notes and Conditions must be reported in future Reports. You are encouraged to work with Cara Beth Johnson on the removal of the Notes/Conditions. Commissioner Cara Beth Johnson may be contacted by phone at: 580-628-6340, or by e-mail at: Carolyn.Johnson@noc.edu. You may also contact Diana Hallerud at 913-339-9356, or by e-mail at dianahallerud@acbsp.org.

You must provide a report on the notes/conditions in the online reporting portal on **2/15/2021**. Your first full Quality Assurance Report will be due on **2/15/2023**. Your ten-year reaffirmation will be due in **2029**.

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ACBSP will inform the public of decisions on accreditation status made by the Boards of Commissioners by posting the accreditation decisions on the ACBSP Website. The decisions on accreditation status can be accessed from www.acbsp.org/?page=decisions and will appear as the following:

Triton College (River Grove, IL)

Conditional Accreditation granted with improvement opportunities in the following standards and criteria: **Condition on Standard 4:** Measurable benchmarks and demonstrating how results were used for improvements. **Note on Criterion 2.2:** Strategic Planning.

If you have any comments concerning this notification please let me know.

ACBSP encourages you to publicly announce that your business programs are accredited. In the next few weeks, we will be sending you, via e-mail, a sample ACBSP Press Release and ACBSP Logo files for publicizing your accreditation. As you prepare these materials, the following is your official ACBSP statement:

The following business programs at Triton College are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs:

Associate in Applied Science AAS Human Resource Management
Associate in Science AS Accounting & Business Administration
Associate in Applied Science AAS Business Management
Associate in Applied Science AAS Accounting/Finance

Please take this opportunity to review the accuracy of the programs listed above as well as the institution name (below) as it will appear on your Certificate of Accreditation. If any information is not correct, please notify Diana Hallerud via e-mail at dianahallerud@acbsp.org and provide the correction by June 15, 2019

Name of institution as it will appear on the certificate:

Triton College River Grove, Illinois

The 2019 ACBSP Conference will be held June 21-24 in Houston, Texas. Our host hotel is the Hilton Americas Houston. Please mark your calendar to join us, where we will honor you and all other schools receiving initial or reaffirmation of accreditation during the 2018-2019 membership year. You are encouraged to attend along with your Chief Academic Officer and Dean or Head of the Business School or Program. Many institutions invite faculty to this prestigious celebration. Your institution will also be announced during the Associate Degree Institution annual meeting held at the conference.

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A breakfast will be held on Sunday morning, June 23 for registered conference attendees from institutions receiving initial or reaffirmation of accreditation. At least one institutional representative must attend the breakfast. The purpose of the breakfast is to more personally congratulate the institutional representatives and to outline the procedures that will be followed at the accreditation gala.

In addition to the breakfast, a professional photographer will be available on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 23</u> to photograph all institutional representatives along with the ACBSP Chief Accreditation Officer and the Chair of the Associate Degree Board of Commissioners. Appropriate dress for the photo session and gala is business professional.

For updates on the Conference, visit the ACBSP website, <u>www.acbsp.org</u>. Online registration is available beginning in January.

Congratulations on maintaining such high-quality business programs.

Sincerely,

Steve Parscale, Ph.D.

Chief Accreditation Officer

Cc: Debra Baker, Vice President Academic Affairs

Dr. William M. Griffin, Professor of Business

Cara Beth Johnson, Associate Degree Board of Commissioners