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**Statement by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools**

**Subject: Bristol University accreditation denial litigation**

While ACICS is disappointed to learn the U.S. District Court has preserved Bristol University’s accreditation for the time being, we stand by the decision and the due process that led to the Council’s denial of re-accreditation.

ACICS takes quality assurance of its accredited institutions very seriously. The Council will deny or revoke accreditation from schools that show an inability to meet the academic, financial and operational criteria required of them.

ACICS will pursue its options through the Courts to preserve the high value and integrity that a grant of accreditation represents. ACICS expects all of its accredited schools to continuously meet or exceed its student achievement standards, without exception.

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