

Certification of Continued Institutional Compliance with Eligibility Requirements

1. Authority

Cypress College is a two-year community college operating under the authority of the State of California Education Code, Division 7, which establishes the California community college system under the leadership and direction of the Board of Governors (ER.1-Ed Code). The North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) Board of Trustees recognizes Cypress College as one of the two credit colleges operating in the District (ER.2- Our Campuses Screenshot). The Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges have accredited the College since it received initial accreditation in 1968. Cypress College had its last visit in 2011 and is currently accredited through 2017 (ER.3-ACCJC Directory).

2. Operational Status

Cypress College is operational, with students actively pursuing its degree and certificate programs. The College was established in 1968 and has operated continuously since then. Student enrollment has averaged just over 16,000 students for the past five years, with 16,214 students enrolled in Fall 2016. In 2015-16, the College awarded 1,201 degrees and 677 certificates (ER.4-IER, pp. 25, 37).

3. Degrees

The College offers 73 associate degree programs including 20 Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs), 56 transfer majors and 176 certificates (ER.5-Academic and Training Options). The majority of the College's courses are degree applicable; others provide opportunities in basic skills education. 68% percent of students officially state their goal is to transfer to a four-year college or university and 14% plan to obtain a degree or certificate only. (ER.4- IER, p. 29). Beginning in 2017-18, the College will offer a Bachelor of Science in Funeral Services Management as part of the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program (ER.6-Chancellor Letter).

4. Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Robert Simpson was appointed the 11th President of Cypress College by the governing board of NOCCCD at its June 26, 2012 (ER.7-Board Minutes, June 26, 2012, p. 39) meeting and began serving on July 2, 2012. NOCCCD Administrative Procedure 2430 authorizes the President to operate the College,

The Chancellor delegates full responsibility and authority to the College Presidents and the Provost to implement and administer delegated policies and holds them accountable for the operation of their respective institution (ER.8-AP 2430).

Dr. Simpson is a full-time administrator and as per NOCCCD Board Policy does not serve on the governing board of the District (ER.9-BP 2010). NOCCCD is aware of its responsibility to

immediately notify the Accrediting Commission when there is a change in the chief executive officer appointment and has done so at each leadership change.

5. Financial Accountability

The *NOCCCD* is audited on an annual basis by an external certified public accountant. Cypress College is included as part of the district audit. The Board of Trustees reviews these audit reports annually, and the results of the audits are made public (ER.10a- Audit 2015-16; ER.10b- Audits Webpage screenshot). Information regarding Cypress's compliance with Title IV federal regulations can be found in the College's response to the Policy on Institutional Compliance with Title IV.

Eligibility Requirements #6 – 21 are to be addressed in the relevant sections of the Accreditation standards

Evidence Sources

ER.1 – California Ed code 70900-70902

ER.2 – NOCCCD “Our Campuses” Webpage screenshot

ER.3 – ACCJC Directory of Accredited Institutions p. 10

ER.4 – Institutional Effectiveness Report 2015-16

ER.5 – Academic and Training Options

ER.6 – California Community College Chancellor's Office Letter

ER.7 – NOCCCD Board Meeting Minutes, June 26, 2012

ER.8 – NOCCCD Administrative Procedure 2430-Delagation of Authority to Chancellor

ER.9 – NOCCCD Board Policy 2010- Board Membership

ER.10a- NOCCCD Financial Audit 2015-16

ER.10b – NOCCCD Audit Reports Webpage Screenshot