



PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION

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Mr. Frank A. Preston
President and Director
Advantage Career Institute Medical & Dental School
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Dear Mr. Preston:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at its October 10th meeting the Commission on Elementary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools voted to award the:

PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION in COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES FOR POST-SECONDARY CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS

This award attests to the fact that **Advantage Career Institute Medical and Dental School** has been found through a rigorous process of self-study and external evaluation to exemplify the Criterion for Program Of Distinction In Counseling & Support Services For Post-Secondary Career And Technical Institutions:

The administration, governing body, faculty and community of stakeholders support a comprehensive and coherent counseling and support services program that is modeled on national standards as described in the Center for Occupational Research and Development in partnership with the US Department of Education Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education and the American School Counselor Association. Counselors and support services staff are encouraged and supported in their efforts to design, implement, coordinate, manage and evaluate a program of services that is well planned and at the same time flexible and responsive to meet the needs of students. Counseling and support services are age and developmentally appropriate. The counseling and support services program is informed by and responsive to information about students and student performance data from a variety of sources as well as best practices. Counselors and support service staff are given leadership roles in providing services to students and serve as change agents, collaborators, and advocates in ensuring equity in access to all educational opportunities for students. Counselors and support services staff are proficient in retrieving, managing, and analyzing student data to influence systematic change through program goals and objectives that align with the mission of the institution. Student outcomes for program completion, licensing examination pass rates, and job placement/continuing education rates demonstrate the success of the counseling and support services program.

Further, the Commission has determined that **Advantage Career Institute Medical and Dental School** has demonstrated:

- A willingness to conduct a comprehensive review for the Program of Distinction in Counseling & Support Services for Post-Secondary Career and Technical Institutions that *describes* the current status of the school, *reflects* on and *evaluates* what the school does well and where it can improve, and *prioritizes* these findings for future planning efforts;
- A commitment to the philosophy behind the Program of Distinction in Counseling & Support Services for Post-Secondary Career and Technical Institutions;
- That it meets the criteria established for the Program of Distinction in Counseling & Support Services for Post-Secondary Career and Technical Institutions;
- A commitment to providing its students with excellent counseling & support services; That its professional staff members support this goal and work to gain the knowledge and skills to provide exemplary counseling & support services to their students.

To maintain the Program of Distinction, the institution will be expected to continue to meet Middle States Standards for Accreditation and the Criterion for the Counseling & Support Services for Post Secondary Career and Technical Institutions Program of Distinction. In addition, it must assume the following obligations:

1. Notify MSA prior to making any substantive changes to the programs, services, and activities that led to the awarding of the Program of Distinction in Counseling & Support Services for Post Secondary Career and Technical Institutions.
2. Remain as a member in good standing and meet all accreditation maintenance requirements listed in the institution's Official Notification of Accreditation.

Please accept our sincere congratulations on the recognition that your institution is providing an exemplary Counseling & Support Services for Post-Secondary Career and Technical Institutions program for your school community.

Sincerely,



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