

May 9, 2019

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Todd:

Congratulations! College Credit in High School Program at Kirkwood Community College has been awarded National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) continued accreditation.

We are pleased to inform you that the NACEP Accreditation Commission voted on April 25, 2019 to continue accreditation of **College Credit in High School Program at Kirkwood Community College.** Accreditation decisions are reached after a comprehensive peer review by a team of experienced representatives of NACEP-accredited concurrent enrollment partnerships. The Accreditation Commission discussed the team's findings and determined that the evidence submitted demonstrated that **the College Credit in High School Program** meets all of NACEP's national standards for concurrent enrollment partnerships. Enclosed is a Certificate of Accreditation.

NACEP accreditation status is conferred for seven years; the College Credit in High School Program should plan to reapply in 2025 in order to complete the re-accreditation process before the current accreditation term expires at the end of the academic year 2025-26.

In order to preserve NACEP accreditation, **Kirkwood Community College** is responsible for maintaining NACEP Postsecondary Institutional membership and for continuing implementation of all practices identified in NACEP's standards. Please review the *Maintenance of NACEP Accreditation* section of the Commission's *Policies and Procedures Manual* (available at <u>www.nacep.org/accreditation/accreditation-accreditation</u>). Among other requirements, the Accreditation Commission requires all accredited programs to complete an Annual Report of activities, which will be sent to you each year. The Commission also requires a volunteer to serve every three years either as a peer reviewer, board, or committee member.

Please note that the Commission periodically proposes revisions to the National Standards to reflect emerging best practices, and the **College Credit in High School Program** will be expected to adhere to any revised standards once they are in effect. NACEP-accredited programs are always consulted during the consideration of any changes and will vote on any changes proposed by the Commission. The 2017 newly revised standards went into effect the 18-19 academic year.

Advancing quality college courses for high school students

If your program should undergo any substantial changes in policy or practice before the end of the accreditation term, please notify the Accreditation Commission Chair.

As a Postsecondary Institutional member of NACEP with an accredited program, the following benefits and privileges are available to Kirkwood Community College:

- Use of NACEP's name and logo in promotional materials for the concurrent enrollment program (details, including a "NACEP accredited program" graphic are available on the Member Resources section of the NACEP website);
- An opportunity for representatives to serve on the Board of Directors and the Accreditation Commission as elected officers or standing committee chairs;
- A vote in elections for NACEP officers and institutional representatives on the Board and Accreditation Commission; and
- A vote on matters brought before the membership in business meetings.

We hope that you will continue to serve the profession through your active involvement in NACEP volunteer activities and leadership positions. We appreciate Kirkwood Community College's commitment to NACEP, and look forward to many more years of collaboration.

NACEP Accreditation distinguishes **your College Credit in High School Program** as one of the nation's leading concurrent enrollment programs. Congratulations on your successful accreditation and dedication to quality concurrent enrollment partnership programming.

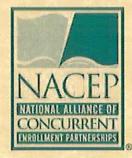
Sincerely,

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Dr. Diana Johnson Chair, NACEP Accreditation Commission

CC: Kristy Black, Dean, Regional and County Centers Dr. Bill Lamb, Vice President of Academic Affairs

## CERTIFICATE of ACCREDITATION



NATIONAL ALLIANCE of CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PARTNERSHIPS

The Rights and Responsibilities of NACEP Accreditation Are Hereby Awarded on April 26, 2019 to

## COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Effective through Academic Year of 2025-26

NACEP accreditation distinguishes high quality concurrent enrollment partnership that meet rigorous national standards in the areas of Curriculum, Faculty, Students, Assessment, and Program Evaluation. Programs earn accreditation after an extensive self-study and comprehensive peer review and by the approval of the NACEP Accreditation Commission.

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Dr. Diana Johnson Accreditation Committee Chair

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