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Consideration of Request to Renew License
ITT Technical Institute, Greenville
A.A.S. in Electronics Engineering Technology
A.A.S. in Computer Aided Drafting Technology

Summary

ITT Technical Institute requests renewal of its license to offer in Greenville two programs leading to the A.A.S. degree in 1) Electronics Engineering Technology (EET) and in 2) Computer Aided Drafting Technology (CADT).

The Commission has licensed ITT Technical Institute in Greenville since July 9, 1992. The Greenville branch is one of a network of co-educational, non-denominational private for-profit career schools in 27 states operated by ITT Educational Services, Inc., (ESI) a Delaware corporation. ESI is a publicly traded corporation, meaning that its stock and, therefore, its ownership is openly traded by the general public on a recognized securities exchange. For accreditation and Title IV financial aid eligibility purposes, the Greenville campus is a branch of the Nashville, Tennessee, campus. The Nashville campus began offering associate of applied science degree programs in September 1984 and a bachelor of applied science degree program in September 1993.

Effective June 15, 1999, the Accrediting Commission of Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) accredits ITT in Nashville and its branches in Greenville and Cincinnati. The accreditation is through December 31, 2003. The Accrediting

Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCT) previously accredited ITT Nashville and its two branches.

The CADT program prepares students for careers in entry-level positions as drafters who can translate ideas, sketches, and specifications of an engineer, architect, or designer into complete and accurate working plans for products, engineering projects and structures. The curriculum includes:

Subjects	Quarter Credit Hours
Drafting and laboratories (principles, mechanical, residential architectural, engineered systems, electrical and electronics,), and professional project	59
General Education (math, physics, oral and written communications, sociology, and history of art and design)	31

The EET program prepares students for careers in entry-level positions in fields involving electronics engineering technology such as technician, electronics technician, field services representative, salesperson, and computer technician. The curriculum includes:

Subjects	Quarter Credit Hours
Electronics and laboratories (principles, solid state, integrated, digital, microprocessors and industrial applications, microcomputer, communications)	69
General Education (math, physics, oral and written communications, sociology, economics, calculus and history of art and design)	39

Students who enroll in these programs progress as a cohort. The school may admit a student who exceeds the age of compulsory school attendance, possesses a high school diploma or a recognized equivalency certificate, and passes the admission tests. EET and CADT students must score 13 or above on Form B or 15 or above on Form C of the CPAt Reading Skills Test and 10 or above on Form B or 11 or above on Form C of the CPAt Numerical Skills Test. CADT applicants must also score 30 or above on the DAT Space Relations Test.

Students may complete the CADT program in a minimum of six quarters and the CCT program in a minimum of eight quarters. The school estimates that the total program cost for students starting in 1999-2000 (including application fee, registration fee, estimated cost of books, tools, and supplies, laboratory fee, tuition, and administrative fee) is \$22,727 for CADT and \$26,148 for EET.

ITT officials report enrollment at the Greenville location as follows:

As of 1/1	EET	CADT
1992	0	0
1993	11	0
1994	150	0
1995	221	7
1996	181	52
1997	192	73
1998	211	68
1999	201	55

ITT is located in the Patewood Business Center. The school occupies approximately 22,065 square feet of space housing five classrooms and five laboratories, administrative offices, student lounges, and the library. The Library Resource Center currently occupies 504 square feet of space, and another 112 square feet will be added with renovations in the year 2000. The institution has qualified faculty, a full-time librarian, competent administrative and student services staff, adequate space, equipment, and instructional materials.

Students, graduates and employers communicate their opinions and needs through surveys. Students complete evaluations at the end of each quarter, graduates complete surveys two weeks prior to graduation, and employers of ITT graduates complete surveys annually. School officials use the survey results to deal with perceptions and issues before they become complaints or crises.

Recommendation

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the renewal for five years of ITT Technical Institution's license to offer programs leading to the A.A.S. degree in Electronics Engineering Technology and in Computer-Aided Drafting Technology.

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