

CCMS and Regional Accreditation – A Call for Third-party Comment

The Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science (CCMS) will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit May 16-18, 2011, by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. CCMS has been accredited by the Commission since 1982. Its accreditation is at the Bachelor's degree level.

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Institutional accreditation evaluates an entire institution and accredits it as a whole. Other agencies provide accreditation for specific programs. Accreditation is voluntary. The Commission accredits approximately 1,100 institutions of higher education in a nineteen state region. The Commission is recognized by the US Department of Education.

For the past year and a half, CCMS has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's requirements and criteria for accreditation. The evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the college; following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public, as well as our alumni, are invited to submit comments regarding the college to:

**Public Comment on the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science (CCMS)
The Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604**

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by April 16, 2011. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after the due date will be considered. Comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

Note: Individuals with a specific dispute or grievance with an institution should request the separate Policy on Complaints document from the Commission office. The Higher Learning Commission cannot settle disputes between institutions and individuals. Complaints will not be considered third party comments.