GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. It has a mission statement, formally adopted by the governing board and made public, declaring that it is an institution of higher education.

The Medical College of Ohio has a formal mission statement that was last revised and adopted by the Board of Trustees in 1991.

The mission of the Medical College of Ohio shall be the creation and maintenance of an academic environment that attracts the most highly qualified students and faculty, and fosters the pursuit of excellence in health education, research, and service.

The Medical College of Ohio fulfills its mission through the Medical College of Ohio Hospitals, the Medical College of Ohio Foundation, and the Medical College of Ohio's constituent schools: Graduate School, School of Medicine, School of Nursing, and the School of Allied Health. All four schools have specific mission statements reflecting higher education programs that offer graduate and professional degrees.

2. It is a degree-granting institution.

The Medical College of Ohio grants doctoral degrees, master degrees, and graduate certificates. Since 1972, the Medical College of Ohio has conferred 4,188 degrees and certificates. In the academic year 2000, the Medical College granted 20 Ph.D. degrees, 127 M.D. degrees, 83 Master's degrees, and 10 graduate certificates. No baccalaureate degrees or diplomas are granted by the Medical College of Ohio.
3. **It has legal authorization to grant its degrees, and it meets all the legal requirements to operate as an institution of higher education wherever it conducts its activities.**

The Medical College of Ohio was granted authority to confer degrees and graduate certificates by the Ohio Board of Regents. The Graduate School degrees were authorized by the Ohio Board of Regents after being scrutinized by the Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Studies for academic rigor, appropriateness, and unnecessary duplication with other Ohio institutions. The Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Studies consists of deans of all public graduate schools in the state of Ohio, as well as Case Western Reserve University, and the University of Dayton.

4. **It has legal documents to confirm its status: not-for-profit, for profit, or public.**

The Medical College of Ohio has the legal documents to confirm that it is a state institution and not-for-profit.

5. **It has a governing board that possesses and exercises necessary legal power to establish and review basic policies that govern the institution.**

The governing body of the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo is a nine member Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor of the State of Ohio for nine-year staggered terms. The Board formulates and determines the policies of the Medical College of Ohio in accordance with applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code.
6. *Its governing board includes public members and is sufficiently autonomous from the administration and ownership to assure the integrity of the institution.*

The Board members are citizens and residents of the state of Ohio. The independence, functions and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees of the Medical College of Ohio are clearly defined by the Ohio Revised Code and the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees.

7. *It has an executive officer designated by the governing board to provide administrative leadership for the institution.*

The Board of Trustees appoints the President of the Medical College of Ohio and he/she provides administrative leadership for the institution. On January 27, 1997, Frank S. McCullough, M.D. was appointed the fifth President of the Medical College of Ohio.

8. *Its governing board authorizes the institution's affiliation with the Commission.*

The Board of Trustees authorizes the Medical College of Ohio's affiliation with North Central Association. The Board reviews and approves the Self-Study Report and reviews the North Central Association accreditation results and recommendations.

9. *It employs a faculty that has earned from accredited institutions the degrees appropriate to the level of instruction offered by the institution.*

All of the Medical College of Ohio's professorial faculty members have doctoral or master's degrees obtained from accredited institutions. In the School of Medicine, which offers doctoral degrees, 94 percent of the faculty have earned doctoral degrees. In the Schools of Allied Health and Nursing, where the highest degree granted is a master's degree,
56 percent and 39 percent of the faculty, respectively, have earned doctoral degrees.

10. **A sufficient number of the faculty are full-time employees of the institution.**
The Medical College of Ohio has 409 salaried faculty members, of which 349 are full-time employees of the institution.

11. **Its faculty has a significant role in developing and evaluating all of the institution's educational programs.**
Faculty members and academic administrators are instrumental in the planning, development, coordination, and evaluation of all academic programs. Faculty members have the primary responsibility for academic and educational activities. Through the Faculty Senate, college/schools curriculum committees, the Evaluation Committee and the Student Learning Assessment Committee, faculty members develop and evaluate the curriculum and instructional programs.

12. **It confers degrees.**
The Medical College of Ohio and its four schools confer the following degrees:

- Doctor of Medicine
- Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Sciences
- Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS)
  - MSBS-Research Track
  - MSBS-Clinical Radiation Therapy Physics
  - MSBS-Physician Assistant Studies
  - MSBS-Physical Therapy
- Combined MD/PhD, MD/MS, and MD/MPH
- Master of Science in Nursing
Master of Science in Occupational Health
Master of Occupational Therapy
Master of Public Health

The Medical College of Ohio also offers the following graduate-level certificates: Family Nurse Practitioner, Nursing Education, Occupational Health, Health and Medical Science Education, and Pathology for post 2nd year medical students.

13. It has degree programs in operation, with students enrolled in them.
All the degree programs offered by the Medical College of Ohio are in operation and have students enrolled in them. For Fall Semester 2000, there were 957 students enrolled in the various degree programs.

14. Its degree programs are compatible with the institution's mission and are based on recognized fields of study at the higher education level.
All the degree programs are compatible with the institution's mission and are health care related. All educational programs are based on well-recognized fields of study at the higher education level.

15. Its degrees are appropriately named, following practices common to institutions of higher education in terms of both length and content of the programs.
All degrees are appropriately named and follow practices common to institutions of higher education in terms of both length and content of the programs.
16. *Its undergraduate degree programs include a coherent general education requirement consistent with the institution's mission and designed to ensure breadth of knowledge and to promote intellectual inquiry.*

Not applicable. The Medical College of Ohio does not offer undergraduate degrees.

17. *It has admission policies and practices that are consistent with the institution's mission and appropriate to its educational programs.*

Each school within the Medical College of Ohio adheres to its established admission criteria and policies. These criteria are consistent with the Medical College of Ohio's mission and are appropriate to its educational programs. Student handbooks and other recruitment materials outline admission policies and practices.

18. *It provides its students access to those learning resources and support services requisite for its degree programs.*

The Medical College of Ohio's students have access to a broad array of learning resources and support services that are necessary for the successful completion of their programs. In addition to extensive computing, library and learning resources, the Medical College of Ohio offers career planning, advising, academic testing, counseling, and a variety of other services.

19. *It has an external financial audit by a certified public accountant or a public audit agency at least every two years.*

The Medical College of Ohio's financial statements are audited annually by an independent auditor. Ernst & Young LLP, which is a member of Ernst & Young International, Ltd., has been conducting the audit for the last three years.
20. Its financial documents demonstrate the appropriate allocation and use of resources to support its education programs.

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21. Its financial practices, records, and reports demonstrate fiscal viability.

The Medical College of Ohio follows the standard financial practices of a public institution. The annual audit conducted by independent auditors attests that the Medical College of Ohio's financial statements are "free of material misstatement." Furthermore, it examines evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements as well as the overall financial presentation. The Medical College of Ohio's annual financial statements demonstrate its fiscal viability and are reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

22. Its catalog or other official documents includes its mission statement along with accurate descriptions of its educational programs and degree requirements; learning resources; admission policies and practices; academic and non-academic policies and procedures directly affecting students; charges and refund policies; the academic credentials of its faculty and administrators.

The Medical College of Ohio's bulletins, policy manuals, handbooks, and other documents include the mission statement of the institution and provide accurate descriptions of its educational programs, degree requirements, learning resources, and academic and non-academic policies and procedures. The Academic CD-ROM, used to recruit students, and the Medical College of Ohio's web site provide consistent and accurate information.