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HEALTH-TECH INSTITUTE OF MEMPHIS IS AWARDED NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Memphis, TENNESSEE—September 18, 2017 – The Commission of the Council on Occupational Education (COE) has granted accreditation to Health-Tech Institute of Memphis (HTIM). Announcement of the action was made by Mr. James King, Commission Chair, following the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education on September 18, 2017.

The award of accreditation status is based on an evaluation to demonstrate that the institution meets not only the standards of quality of the Commission, but also the needs of students, the community, and employers.

“We are thrilled to be recognized for the healthcare and business services training offered by our institution,” said Melanie Washington, Health-Tech Institute of Memphis CEO/President. The institution was founded on a commitment to education and training and to provide area employers with qualified candidates for employment. The COE accreditation strengthens our capacity for longevity and expands our ability to deliver additional training services. We look forward to the future and fulfilling our vision to provide the most challenging yet inspiring learning experience for our students. Thus, positioning HTIM as the premier provider of qualified candidates for the demand industry sectors of healthcare and business services.”

Health-Tech Institute of Memphis was founded in 1999 in response to a widening skills gap between employers’ staffing needs and the available pool of qualified/trained applicants for employment. HTIM has been authorized as a post-secondary school with the **Tennessee Higher Education Commission** since 2002. The institution has long served as an **Eligible Training Provider** with the **City of Memphis/Workforce Investment Network** under training programs funded by the **United States Department of Labor** and currently the **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act - WIOA**. The institution offers **four (4)** in-demand occupational training programs:

- [Health Information Management](#) ● [Medical Assistant](#)
- [Patient Care Technician](#) ● [Office Administration](#)

The Commission's evaluation process includes an extensive self-study by the institution and an intensive review by a visiting team of professional educators representing the Commission's member institutions from other states. Health-Tech Institute of Memphis began its self-study in July 2016 and underwent a team visit in April 2017. The visiting team chairperson was Terry Williamson.

The Council on Occupational Education, based in Atlanta, Georgia, offers quality assurance services to postsecondary technical education providers across the nation. Organized as a non-profit corporation, the mission of the Council is to assure quality and integrity in career and technical education. Services offered include institutional accreditation (recognized by the U.S. Department of Education), program quality reviews for states and technical education providers, and informational services. Most of the Council's work is carried out by qualified professional volunteers who are experts in technical education. Institutional membership in the Council is voluntary, but can be achieved only by becoming accredited. The Council's current membership makes it unique.

Members include postsecondary public technical institutes, specialized military and national defense schools, Job Corps Centers, private career schools, non-profit technical education providers, corporate and industry education units, and federal agency institutions. No other agency accredits and serves the diversity of organizations served by the Council. There are over 500 institutional members with COE.

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