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## **Public Statement on Connecticut State Community College**

On June 16, 2023, the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) voted to grant initial accreditation to Connecticut State Community College (CT State) effective July 1, 2023. The Commission first reviewed the proposal to consolidate Connecticut's twelve community colleges into a single institution in 2017 and since that time has required the Connecticut State College and University System, through numerous reports and visits, to provide clear and documented evidence that the new institution would be in compliance with NECHE's *Standards for Accreditation* at the time initial accreditation would be granted. At its meeting which concluded on June 16, 2023, having had representatives from CT State appear before it, the Commission found that the new institution did in fact show that it was in compliance with all nine *Standards*.

As it has since 2017, the Commission, in its most recent decision, mandated a series of ongoing steps of monitoring to ensure Connecticut State Community College continues to make the progress to which it has committed. The Commission has mandated a written progress report for consideration in Spring 2024. It also put in place a focused evaluation in Spring 2025, that will include time on each of the 12 campuses. That focused visit will be reviewed by the Commission in Fall 2025. Finally, there will be a comprehensive evaluation for CT State in Fall 2027 to be reviewed by the Commission in Spring 2028.

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