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## **New England Institute of Technology Receives General Authority to Award Master of Science Degrees**

**EAST GREENWICH, RI** – New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) President Richard I. Gouse announced that the university has been granted general authority to offer master-level degree programs within the scope of its mission by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Inc., Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. Founded in 1885, NEASC is the nation's oldest accrediting association, serving more than 2,000 public and independent schools, colleges and universities in the states of Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and American/international schools in more than sixty nations worldwide. NEASC is characterized by a commitment to establishing and maintaining high standards for all levels of education through doctoral degrees.

New England Tech's current Master of Science degree programs all received individual NEASC accreditation through an extensive review process that included an evaluation of the university's ability to offer high quality graduate level programs. With the new general authority designation, New England Tech no longer needs to submit new master's degree programs to NEASC for review and approval. According to the notification by NEASC to President Gouse, "New England Institute of Technology is granted general authority to offer master-level degree programs within the scope of its mission because it has demonstrated its capacity to offer high-quality master's programs. We share the judgment of the visiting team that the success of the institution's initial graduate programs, Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (2010), Master of Science in Information Technology (2012) and Master of Science in Construction Management (2015), is in large measure the result of the Institute's careful planning processes and the quality and commitment of its graduate faculty and staff."

President Gouse stated, "Our administration, faculty and staff have worked diligently and are proud to have achieved the NEASC general authority designation. New England Institute of Technology will continue to develop high quality online/hybrid graduate-level programs through our newly established College of Graduate and Professional Studies. As been our mission since 1940, New England Tech will continue to provide specialized associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs that prepare students for professional and technical careers."

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Under the leadership of President Richard I. Gouse, New England Institute of Technology is a private, non-profit technical university with an enrollment of more than 3,000 students and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. Founded in 1940, the university offers 65 associate, bachelor's, master's, and online degree programs focusing on a proven combination of technical expertise coupled with hands-on learning. Follow news of the university on Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, Instagram, LinkedIn, Tumblr and the New England Tech Blog.