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## **ACCSC Grants Catherine Hinds Institute of Esthetics a Distinguished School of Excellence Award**

### *Award Recognizes High-Level Achievements of Students*

**Woburn, MA, November 18, 2009**—[Catherine Hinds Institute of Esthetics](http://www.catherinehinds.edu), New England's leading provider of education and training in skin care, esthetics and spa therapy for 30 years, has received the distinguished School of Excellence Award from the Accredited Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). The Institute is the only ACCSC-accredited school in Massachusetts to receive this 2008-2009 Award.

“We are thrilled to receive this prestigious award,” said An G. Hinds, CEO of Catherine Hinds Institute. “It speaks to our commitment to creating the optimum student experience and to fostering professional success for our graduates. We are very proud of our lifetime career placement services, which account for our 85-90% placement rate. Our graduates go on to work in a variety of settings, including spas and salons, medspas, medical offices and plastic surgery practices.”

Catherine E. Hinds, founder and retired CEO of the Institute, said, “Since 1979, we have been committed to training our students in advanced skin care and medical esthetics in a state-of-the-art facility that offers the latest and most results-oriented skin care technology and equipment. The fact that we consistently attract students from across the country speaks to our national reputation in the U.S., and we are very proud of that.”

### **About Catherine Hinds Institute of Esthetics**

Celebrating 30 years in operation in 2009, the [Catherine Hinds Institute of Esthetics](http://www.catherinehinds.edu) is dedicated to presenting the leading theories and technological advancements in skin care and to being the foremost in the field of esthetic training. The Institute was founded by Catherine Hinds in 1979 and in 1983 was granted the first accreditation of any esthetic school in the United States, a feat that stood unchallenged for five years. Feature stories about the Institute have appeared on *Chronicle* and in several trade publications and newspapers. Accredited by the [Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges \(ACCSC\)](http://www.accsc.org), the Institute offers premiere training in all areas of esthetic education. A Student Public Clinic gives students valuable, practical client experience with members of the public and offers them a real advantage once they graduate.

Upcoming start dates for incoming students are November 30, 2009; January 25, 2010; and March 8, 2010. To learn more visit: [www.CatherineHinds.edu](http://www.CatherineHinds.edu).

### **About ACCSC**

ACCSC was founded in 1965 as the Accrediting Commission of the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools (NATTS). In 1967, the Commission received recognition from the [U.S. Department of Education](#) as a private, non-profit, independent accrediting agency which confirmed the Commission's status as a reliable authority for the establishment of educational standards. In 1993, a division occurred between the accreditation unit and the association unit creating a new wholly independent organization – the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCT). In October 2009, ACCSCT relaunched as the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC).

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