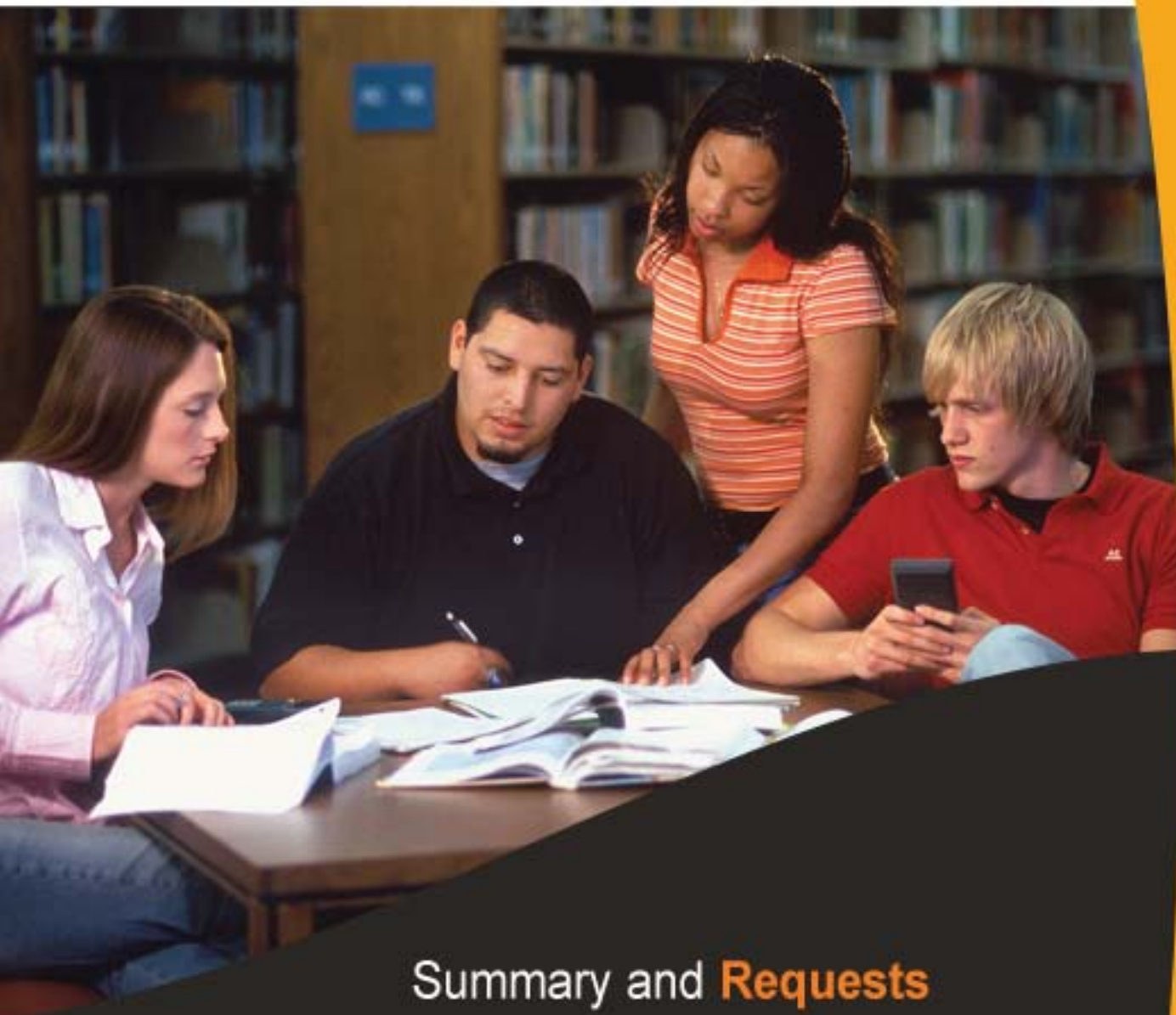




## Chapter 8

MNU Self Study



Summary and **Requests**

## **CHAPTER EIGHT: REQUESTS FOR CONTINUED ACCREDITATION AND EMBEDDED REQUESTS FOR INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE**

MidAmerica Nazarene University conducted a thorough self-study process using multiple committees and participants representing a broad cross-section of the campus community. This document and supporting resources verify that MidAmerica has been faithful to its Christian purpose within the field of higher education; and that it is *embracing the vision and pursuing the call*. In undertaking this study, MidAmerica reviewed the effectiveness of its programs and operations and confirmed that it meets the Commission's five criteria for accreditation.

### **Request for Continued Accreditation**

For the foregoing reasons, MidAmerica Nazarene University respectfully requests continued accreditation for a period of ten years by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

### **Request for Changes in the Stipulations on Affiliation Status**

The University requests broader authority to offer Master's degrees in the fields of Administration/Leadership, Business, Counseling, Education, Nursing and Religion rather than its current limitation to specific Master's level degrees. As part of this request, in the field of Religion, the University will describe its plans to offer the Master of Pastoral Leadership degree from its Olathe, Kansas campus. The request for institutional change is contained in Chapter 9. Supporting information regarding the Master of Pastoral Leadership is in Appendix 1.

### **Requests for Changes in the Approval of New Degree Sites**

The University also requests the amendment of restrictions related to off campus degree sites so that the Commission's Streamlined Approval Process; which is currently available for the B.A. completion program and Master of Education degree; also becomes available for the R.N. to B.S.N. bridge program for registered nurses, the Master of Business Administration, the Master of Arts in Organizational Administration and the Master of Arts in Counseling at off campus sites within 60 miles of Olathe and within the Kansas City metropolitan area. As part of this request, the University seeks permission to further develop its educational site in Liberty, Missouri. The request for institutional change is contained in Chapter 10 and supporting information is in Appendix 2.