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O'Donnell to represent vocational education on national board

Michael O'Donnell, Gateway Technical College Allied Health/Veterinary Sciences dean, was recently appointed to the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) as the national representative for Vocational Technical Education.

CAAHEP is a programmatic postsecondary accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and carries out its accrediting activities in cooperation with 23 review committees (Committees on Accreditation). CAAHEP currently accredits more than 2100 entry level education programs.

O'Donnell has served as dean of Gateway's Health Occupations programs since 2008. Prior to that, he served as director for Continuing and Professional Education for the Medical College of Wisconsin for 12 years. He is a Navy veteran, discharged as a Commander, Medical Service Corps. O'Donnell also is a registered nurse, an advanced EMT, and holds master's degrees in public health and in education.