



Grievance Policy

SWIHA encourages students who have a concern to first seek to understand by speaking with the individual the concern is with. Staff has an open door policy and makes every effort to be available for students, listen to concerns, and determine the best course of action for all involved. The student is encouraged to speak to the staff member's direct supervisor if the concern cannot be rectified on an individual level or if the subject matter pertains to a specific policy, procedure, or concern in that supervisor's department.

Should concerns not be addressed at a department level, SWIHA requests students attending classes on-campus or online to send documented concerns and complaints via email or postal mail to Mary Ritter, Chief Executive Director if the complaint has not been adequately addressed by the appropriate department. You may mail your concerns to 1100 Apache Blvd., Tempe, AZ 85281. Concerns will be addressed within seven days from receipt of the written complaint. You may contact Student Services for current contact information on other SWIHA staff members.

If the complaint cannot be resolved after exhausting the institution's grievance procedure, the student may file a complaint with the Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education. The student must contact the State Board for further details. The State Board address is 1740 W. Adams St., Suite 3008, Phoenix, AZ 85007, website address: www.azppse.gov

Distance Education students, who have completed the internal institutional grievance process and the applicable state grievance process, may appeal non-instructional complaints to the AZ SARA Council. For additional information on the complaint process, please visit the AZ SARA Complaint page: <http://azsara.arizona.edu/complaint-process>.

A student may consider contacting the SWIHA's national accrediting body, The Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) should they still feel their complaint has not been adequately addressed at the school or state level. All complaints considered by the Council must be in written form, with permission from the complainant(s) for the Council to forward a copy of the documentation to the school for a response. The complainant(s) will remain informed to the status of the complaint, as well as, the final resolution by the Council. Please direct all inquiries to the following address:

ACCET
CHAIR, COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE
1722 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
Telephone: (202) 955-1113
Fax: (202) 955-1118 or (202) 955-5306
Email: complaints@accet.org

The letter of complaint must contain the following:

1. Name and location of the ACCET institution;

2. A detailed description of the alleged problem(s);
3. The approximate date(s) that the problem(s) occurred;
4. The names and titles/positions of all individual(s) involved in the problem(s), including faculty, staff, and/or other students;
5. What was previously done to resolve the complaint, along with evidence demonstrating that the institution's complaint procedure was followed prior to contacting ACCET;
6. The name, email address, telephone number, and mailing address of the complainant. If the complainant specifically requests that anonymity be maintained, ACCET will not reveal his or her name to the institution involved; and
7. The status of the complainant with the institution (e.g. current student, former student, etc.).