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Proprietary School Certification Actions and Reviews

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
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BACKGROUND

The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development's Proprietary School Certification Program (§§ 173.600-618, RSMo) provides oversight of certain types of Missouri-based and out-of-state private, postsecondary education providers. This board item provides an update on current issues regarding the Proprietary School Certification Program as well as a summary of recent program actions.

CURRENT STATUS

All program actions that have occurred since the September 16, 2020, Coordinating Board for Higher Education meeting are reported in the attachment to this item. The report includes information concerning anticipated actions on applications to establish new postsecondary education institutions, exemptions from the department's certification requirements, and school closures.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENT

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Certificates of Approval Issued (Authorization for Instructional Delivery)

BCI Skills Center
St. Peters, Missouri

This non-profit institution offers certificate programs in Salesforce, manufacturing, and hospitality. The mission of the school is to prepare students with disabilities to move directly into the competitive workforce where they work alongside non-disabled individuals for entry level employment as diesel mechanics. The school is not accredited.

COMO Institute of Massage & Bodyworks
Columbia, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers a non-degree program in therapeutic massage. The mission of the school is to prepare massage therapy professionals capable of promoting wellness and public safety and to pass the Missouri state licensure exam. The school is not accredited.

Certificates of Approval Issued (Authorization Only to Recruit Students in Missouri)

National American University
Rapid City, South Dakota

This for-profit institution offers certificates and degrees in the business and technology fields. The mission of the school is to prepare students for careers in technical and professional fields by providing quality higher education in a caring and supportive environment. The school is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

Temporary Certificates of Approval Issued (Temporary Authorization for Instructional Delivery)

Alambda Systems, LLC
St. Louis, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers certificates in information technology. The mission of the school is to provide the best accelerated computer coding and computer networking learning experience for adult learners through hands-on training and small class sizes, bringing students from little to no coding our computer networking experience to job ready. The school is not accredited.

Beyond EDU
St. Louis, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers a certificate in nurse assisting. The mission of the school is to provide students with the skills necessary to function safely and efficiently in a health care setting. The school is not accredited.

KC Medical Coding Training
Kansas City, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers a certificate in medical coding in preparation for the national exam. The mission of the schools is to graduate competent Medical Coders to work in variety of healthcare settings. The school is not accredited.

Exemptions Granted

None

Schools Closed

None

Certifications Denied

Quality Testing Services
Maryland Heights, Missouri

The school was approved to offer certificate programs in non-destructive testing. The school's owners failed to submit a recertification application and after multiple attempts to contact the owner, the school's certificate lapsed and the school is officially closed. Department staff are continuing to attempt contact in order to verify the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

The Bartending Institute
St. Louis, Missouri

The school was approved to offer a certificate program in bartending/mixology. The school's owners failed to submit a recertification application and after multiple attempts to contact the owner, the school's certificate lapsed and the school is officially closed. Department staff are continuing to attempt contact in order to verify the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.