



Tab 14

Proprietary School Certification Actions and Reviews

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
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BACKGROUND

The Missouri Department of Higher Education'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 June 5, 2019, 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)

Applied Scholastics Educator Training Institute
St. Louis, Missouri

This non-profit institution offers non-degree programs in Study Technology for educators. The school is not accredited.

Beautiful You Permanent Cosmetics Academy
Springfield, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers non-degree programs in microblading and permanent cosmetics. The school is not accredited.

Boston University
Kansas City, Missouri

This non-profit institution offers clinical placements in conjunction with Children's Mercy hospitals for graduate degree programs in athletic training, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and social work. The school is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Mercy Hospital St. Louis
St. Louis, Missouri

This non-profit institution offers a non-degree program in radiologic technology. The program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

Nexul Academy
St. Louis, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers non-degree programs in full stack web development. The school is not accredited.

Saybrook University
Springfield, Missouri

This non-profit institution offers clinical placements for its Master of Arts in Counseling program. The school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

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

None

Exemptions Granted

Epic Bible College
Springfield, Missouri

This institution was granted exemption as "a non-for-profit religious school that is accredited by the American Association of Bible Colleges, the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, or a regional accrediting association, such as the North Central Association, that is recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation or its successor organization and the United States Department

of Education.” The school is accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS).

Immaculate Heart of Mary Novitiate
St. Louis, Missouri

This institution was granted exemption as “a non-profit school, owned, controlled, and operated by a bona fide religious or denominational organization that offers no programs or degrees and grants no degrees or certificates other than those specifically designated as religious degrees or programs.” The school is not accredited.

Sacred Circle Seminary
Columbia, Missouri

This institution was granted exemption as “a non-profit school, owned, controlled, and operated by a bona fide religious or denominational organization that offers no programs or degrees and grants no degrees or certificates other than those specifically designated as religious degrees or programs.” The school is not accredited.

Venture Bible College
Springfield, Missouri

This institution was granted exemption as “a non-profit school, owned, controlled, and operated by a bona fide religious or denominational organization that offers no programs or degrees and grants no degrees or certificates other than those specifically designated as religious degrees or programs.” The school is not accredited.

Applications Pending Approval (Authorization for Instructional Delivery)

American Welding Academy
Union, Missouri

This for-profit institution seeks to offer non-degree programs in welding. The mission of the school is to provide students with a world-class, unique and rigorous welding training and education program that will ensure academic success, develop a diverse skill set, prepare students for the demands of the welding industry and enable students to gain meaningful employment upon graduation. The school is not accredited.

ISI Welding School
Stockton, Missouri

This non-profit institution seeks to offer non-degree programs in welding. The mission of the school is to provide world-class education for the petrochemical, aerospace, manufacturing and shipbuilding welding industries. The school is not accredited.

Kennelwood Academy for Dog Trainers
St. Louis, Missouri

This for-profit institution seeks to offer non-degree programs in dog training. The mission of the school is to create the most advanced and sought-after dog trainers in the industry. The school is not accredited.

SIGMA 3 Survival School
Strafford, Missouri

This for-profit institution seeks to offer non-degree programs in survival instructor training. The mission of the school is to train our students how to walk into the wilderness with nothing but a knife and survive indefinitely. The school is not accredited.

Applications Pending Approval (Authorization Only to Recruit Students)

None

Schools Closed

Broadcast Center

The Broadcast Center operated a location in St. Louis, Missouri. The school was approved to offer certificate programs in broadcasting. The school's owners made the decision to cease new enrollment in 2018 and permanently closed June 30, 2019. Department staff are seeking verification of the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

National American University – Independence

National American University operated a location in Independence, Missouri. The school is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The school was approved to offer certificate, associate, and baccalaureate degrees in business, allied health, criminal justice, and information technology. The school's owners made the decision to cease new enrollment in ground-based programs at these locations in Missouri. The Independence branch permanently closed May 31, 2019. Department staff monitored the closure process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

Premier Knowledge Solutions

Premier Knowledge Solutions operated a location in St. Louis, Missouri. The school was approved to offer certificate programs in information technology. The school was sold to Centriq Training, and the new owners made the decision to cease new enrollment and permanently close June 30, 2019. Department staff monitored the closure process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

Certifications Denied

None