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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 June 17, 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.

Staff has responded to the need for additional trained essential workers by implementing an expedited temporary approval process for schools seeking to offer critical programs. Temporary approval allows institutions to begin enrolling and training students in program areas approved for the Fast Track Workforce Incentive grant. A temporary certificate is effective for a maximum of 120 days, during which schools must work with department staff to meet all regular certification requirements. Failure to meet all requirements within the 120 day window will result in the revocation of approval to operate. As of the date of preparation of this information item the department has approved four temporary certificate schools, which are offering programs in nursing, phlebotomy, transportation, and welding.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENT

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Certificates of Approval Issued (Authorization for Instructional Delivery)

Allen College
St. Louis, Missouri

This not-profit institution offers coursework on the Saint Louis University campus in Missouri in support of its Doctor of Physical Therapy program. The mission of the school is to prepare exceptional healthcare professionals through educational programs of excellence. The school is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

Bloom Culinary Training Program
St. Louis, Missouri

This non-profit institution offers a non-degree culinary training program. The mission of the school is to empower people with disabilities to increase their independence through choice and opportunity. The school is not accredited.

City North Healthcare Academy
St. Louis, Missouri

This public benefit corporation offers a certificate in nurse assisting. The mission of the school is to “administer focused and effective education practices that develop healthcare students into professional healthcare change agents who possess the necessary tools and credentials to acquire career focused positions in the healthcare industry.” The school is not accredited.

Kennelwood School for Dog Trainers
Union, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers 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

Mercy Health Academy
Gladstone, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers a non-degree program in nurse assisting. The mission of the school is to provide foundational skills that prepare students to successfully pass the state certification exam. The school is not accredited.

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

None

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

American Diesel Training Centers – Kansas City
Kansas City, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers a non-degree program in diesel mechanics. The mission of the school is to prepare students for entry level employment as diesel mechanics. The school is not accredited.

Iron Eagle Welding Academy
Stockton, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers certificate programs in welding. The mission of the school is to “[t]rain high quality field welders & manufacturing welders, using methods logical & necessary to the industry.” The school is not accredited.

Phlebotomy Training Specialists
St. Louis, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers a non-degree phlebotomy training program. The mission of the school is to provide up to date phlebotomy training in preparation for a national certification exam. The school is not accredited.

Texas County Technical College
Houston, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers a certificate and associate degree in nursing. The mission of the school is to “provide the highest quality educational experience for individuals seeking affordable, personalized, technical programs and general education in response to the ever changing employment needs of the community.” The school is accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES).

Exemptions Granted

Global University
Springfield, Missouri

This not-for-profit institution was granted exemption as “a non-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 offers certificate and degree programs in ministry and Christian education.

Schools Closed

Academy of Dental Assisting

The school was approved to offer a certificate program in dental assisting. The school’s owners made the decision to relinquish certification and permanently closed effective June 30, 2020. Department staff monitored the closure process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

Boston University

This regionally accredited school was approved to offer graduate programs in social work, physical and occupational therapy, and athletic training. The school was approved to participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) and relinquished its Missouri certification effective June 30, 2020. Department staff monitored the process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

Global University

This regionally accredited school was approved to offer certificate and degree programs in ministry and Christian education. The school was approved for exemption as and relinquished its certification effective July 15, 2020. Department staff monitored the process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

International Institute of Metro St. Louis

The school was approved to offer certificate programs in nurse assisting, housekeeping, and sewing. The school's owners made the decision to relinquish certification and permanently closed effective June 30, 2020. Department staff monitored the closure process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

International School of Professional Bartending

The school was approved to offer a certificate program in mixology. The school's owner made the decision to relinquish certification and permanently closed effective June 30, 2020. Department staff monitored the closure process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

Missouri Taxidermy Institute

The school was approved to offer a certificate program in taxidermy. The school's owners made the decision to relinquish certification and permanently closed effective June 30, 2020. Department staff monitored the closure process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

Ohio Technical College

This nationally accredited school was approved to recruit Missouri students for its certificate and associate degree programs in welding, automotive, and diesel training. The school's owners made the decision to relinquish its certification effective June 30, 2020. Department staff monitored the process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

Southern Missouri Truck Driving School – Scott City Branch

The school was approved to offer a certificate program in commercial truck driving. The school's owners made the decision to relinquish certification and permanently closed the branch campus effective June 30, 2020. Department staff monitored the closure process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

VIP Dental Assistant School of Missouri

The school was approved to offer a certificate program in dental assisting. The school's owners made the decision to relinquish certification and permanently closed effective June 30, 2020. Department staff monitored the closure process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

Certifications Denied

KC Redemption Technical Institute

This for-profit institution sought to offer non-degree programs in administration, culinary arts, commercial truck driving, and construction. The school's application for certification, originally submitted on September 6, 2018, was denied due to failure to submit supplemental documentation in a timely manner as required by regulation.