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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's Proprietary School Certification Program (§§ 173.600-173.618, 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 12, 2018, 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)

Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy
Kennett, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers a non-degree program in dental assisting. The mission of the school is to provide the most up to date information while training hands-on with the most innovative equipment and technology. The school is not accredited.

Claim Academy
St. Louis, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers a non-degree program in full stack software development. The mission of the school is to transform novices into industry ready, software developers/software engineers through rigorous coursework taught in-person by expert instructors. The school is not accredited.

McAfee Institute
Chesterfield, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers non-degree programs in cyber security. The mission of the school is to empower professionals with real world training to enhance their professional credentials and skill sets. The school is accredited by the National Association Standards Board of Accountancy for continuing professional education.

Ozark CDL, LLC
Rolla, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers non-degree programs in commercial truck driver training. The mission of the school is to offer quality training to assist students in obtaining a class A or B commercial driver license. The school is not accredited.

Roadmaster Drivers School
Independence, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers a non-degree program in commercial truck driver training. The mission of the school is to offer students comprehensive CDL classes and behind-the-wheel truck driving education so they are fully prepared to start their new job in the trucking industry. The school is not accredited.

The Ahsbahs Academy of Dog Training
Farmington, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers a non-degree program in dog training. The mission of the school is to provide a comprehensive education that will prepare graduates to become self-employed experts in the field of dog training and behavioral counseling. The school is not accredited.

VIP Dental Assistant School
Maryland Heights, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers a non-degree program in dental assisting. The mission of the school is to provide high-level training to students interested in entering the field of dentistry. The school is not accredited.

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

None

Exemptions Granted

None

Applications Pending Approval (Authorization for Instructional Delivery)

Bloom Culinary Training Program
St. Louis, Missouri

This non-profit institution seeks to offer 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.

KC Redemption Technical Institute
Kansas City, Missouri

This for-profit institution seeks to offer non-degree programs in administration, culinary arts, commercial truck driving, and construction. The mission of the school is to create an environment for non-traditional students that provides the vocational and technical training necessary to obtain livable wage jobs. The school is not accredited.

Lincoln County Technical Skills and Services, LLC
Silex, Missouri

This for-profit institution seeks to offer a non-degree phlebotomy training program. The mission of the school is to provide an opportunity for rural, low-income individuals to add to their job skills and improve their marketability in entry-level medical fields. The school is not accredited.

Nexul Academy
St. Louis, Missouri

This for-profit institution seeks to offer a non-degree full stack web development training program. The mission of the school is to provide an inclusive, diverse and technically challenging experience combined with team building for comprehensive readiness to enter the coding workforce. The school is not accredited.

Phlebotomy Training Specialists USA
TBD

This for-profit institution seeks to offer 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.

Prime Digital Academy
TBD

This for-profit institution seeks to offer a non-degree software engineering program. The mission of the school is to provide an accelerated learning program teaching foundational skills in software engineering and user experience design. The school is not accredited.

Saybrook University
TBD

This non-profit institution, based in Oakland, California, seeks to offer a master's program in counseling within the state of Missouri. The mission of the school is to provide rigorous graduate education that inspires

transformational change in individuals, organizations, and communities. The school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).

Applications Pending Approval (Authorization Only to Recruit Students)

None

Schools Closed

Hickey College

Hickey College, located in St. Louis, Missouri, was accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). The school was approved to offer certificate and degree programs in business, technology, culinary arts, and allied health. The school's owners made the decision to cease new enrollment and submitted an approved teach out plan to allow currently enrolled students to complete their programs of instruction. The school permanently closed August 31, 2018. Department staff monitored the closure process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

Certifications Denied

Accelerate Tech Learning

Accelerate Tech Learning located in Kansas City, Missouri, was approved to operate on March 19, 2018. The school was approved to offer a Full Stack Development certificate program. For annual recertification, the school was required to submit a fee and to verify continuation of the security deposit. Although Department staff repeatedly contacted the school through letters and emails over several months, the school failed to provide the required fee and documentation. The school's telephone number is no longer in service, and the school website is no longer available. Department staff is attempting to contact any students who were enrolled with the school as of the date of denial and to determine the location of student records.