

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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Proprietary School Certification Actions and Reviews  
Coordinating Board for Higher Education  
December 15, 2016

### **DESCRIPTION**

The Missouri Department of Higher Education's Proprietary School Certification Program provides oversight of certain types of Missouri-based and out-of-state private, postsecondary education providers. The intent of this board item is to provide an update on current issues regarding the Proprietary School Certification Program as well as a summary of recent program actions.

### **Recent Program Actions**

All program actions that have occurred since the September 8, 2016, Coordinating Board 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.

### **STATUTORY REFERENCE**

Sections 173.600 through 173.619, RSMo – Regulation of Proprietary Schools

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This is an information item only.

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

Proprietary School Certification Program Actions and Reviews

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

160 Driving Academy  
St. Louis, Missouri

This private, for-profit institution offers a non-degree program in commercial truck driving that prepares graduates for the state CDL exam. The school is not accredited.

Bell-Brown Medical Institute  
Florissant, Missouri

This for-profit partnership institution offers non-degree programs in patient care technician, phlebotomy, and electrocardiogram technician. The school is not accredited.

Family Workforce Centers of America Career Institute  
Wellston, Missouri

This private, not-for-profit institution offers a non-degree program in basic bioscience and technology to prepare students for entry level careers in the science/biotechnology industries. The school is not accredited.

Gear Monkey CDL Training  
Kansas City, Missouri

This private, for-profit institution offers a non-degree program in commercial truck driving that prepares graduates for the state CDL exam. The school is not accredited.

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

None

***Exemptions Granted***

Jane's House Studio  
St. Charles, Missouri

This institution was granted exemption as “a school that offers instruction only in subject areas that are primarily for avocational or recreational purposes as distinct from courses that are creditable toward a certificate or degree or that teach employable or marketable knowledge or skills.” The school will offer non-academic certificates related to the practice of yoga. This school is not accredited.

Metro Power Yoga  
St. Louis, Missouri

This institution was granted exemption as “a school that offers instruction only in subject areas that are primarily for avocational or recreational purposes as distinct from courses that are creditable toward a certificate or degree or that teach employable or marketable knowledge or skills.” The school will offer non-academic certificates related to the practice of yoga. This school is not accredited.

MidAmerica Nazarene University  
Liberty, Missouri

This not-for-profit institution was granted exemption as “a not for profit religious institution that is accredited by a US Department of Education recognized accrediting commission.” The school made the decision to relinquish its certificate of approval to operate in Missouri based on its attainment of exempt status. The school offers undergraduate degrees in business, education, and nursing, and graduate degrees in business, counseling, education, and nursing. This school is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

National Polygraph Academy  
Lexington, Kentucky

This school was granted exemption as offering “a course of instruction, study, or training program sponsored by an employer for the training and preparation of its own employees.” The school offers a certificate in basic polygraph examiner training for law enforcement personnel. The school is not accredited.

Survive Bible College  
St. Charles, Missouri

This not-for-profit 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 offers a bachelors, masters, and doctoral degree in Biblical Studies. The school is not accredited.

Urban Breath Yoga  
St. Louis, Missouri

This institution was granted exemption as “a school that offers instruction only in subject areas that are primarily for avocational or recreational purposes as distinct from courses that are creditable toward a certificate or degree or that teach employable or marketable knowledge or skills.” The school will offer non-academic certificates related to the practice of yoga. This school is not accredited.

Yoga Source Yoga School  
St. Louis, Missouri

This institution was granted exemption as “a school that offers instruction only in subject areas that are primarily for avocational or recreational purposes as distinct from courses that are creditable toward a certificate or degree or that teach employable or marketable knowledge or skills.” The school will offer non-academic certificates related to the practice of yoga. This school is not accredited.

YoYo Yoga LLC  
St. Louis, Missouri

This institution was granted exemption as “a school that offers instruction only in subject areas that are primarily for avocational or recreational purposes as distinct from courses that are creditable toward a certificate or degree or that teach employable or marketable knowledge or skills.” The school will offer non-academic certificates related to the practice of yoga. This school is not accredited.

***Applications Pending Approval (Authorization for Instructional Delivery)***

Rust and Martin School of Interior Design  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

This for-profit partnership institution seeks to offer a non-degree program in interior design. The mission of the school is to prepare students to pursue a career in entry level areas related to interior design. The school is not accredited.

***Applications Pending Approval (Authorization Only to Recruit Students)***

None

***Schools Closed***

Everest College  
Kansas City, Missouri

Everest College, accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), was approved to offer certificate programs in business, criminal justice, and allied health fields. The school’s owners made the decision to cease new enrollment at the Kansas City location and submitted an approved teach out plan to allow currently enrolled students to complete their programs of instruction. The school permanently closed September 26, 2016. Department staff monitored the closure process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

Heritage College  
Kansas City, Missouri

Heritage College, accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES), was approved to offer certificate and associate degree programs in allied health fields. The department was notified on November 1, 2016, the school was closing effective immediately. The school's parent corporation, Weston Education Group, has since filed for bankruptcy. Department staff will continue to work with students to provide information on discharges for federal student loans and for partial reimbursement of direct costs paid by the student for tuition and fees.

Heritage College transferred the majority of electronic student records to the MDHE; however, the records have not been verified as final. Additionally, department staff received more than 280 boxes of files containing current and former student records. An additional 70 boxes of records are estimated at the campus but are unavailable for transport to the MDHE until the bankruptcy trustee releases the files. Department staff will continue to monitor the process to ensure the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

ITT Technical Institute  
Arnold, Earth City, Kansas City, and Springfield, Missouri

The ITT Technical Institutes, accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), were approved to offer certificate, associate, and bachelor degrees in the fields of business, criminal justice, and information technology. The department was notified the schools would cease operations effective September 6, 2016; the corporation subsequently filed for bankruptcy. Department staff will continue to work with students to provide information on discharges for federal student loans and for partial reimbursement of direct costs paid by the student for tuition and fees.

ITT Technical Institute indicated student transcripts from 2001 to the present were housed with an online credentialing service; however, some records remained stored in hard copy at ITT campus locations. Possession of those records was taken by the bankruptcy trustee. The trustee indicated state regulatory agencies would receive access to student records upon completion of the bankruptcy process. Consequently, it is unclear when pre-2001 records will be available. Department staff will continue to monitor the process to ensure the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

Missouri College  
Brentwood, Missouri

Missouri College, accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), was approved to offer certificate and associate degree programs in allied health fields. The department was notified on November 1, 2016,

the school was closing effective immediately. The school's parent corporation, Weston Education Group, has since filed for bankruptcy. Department staff will continue to work with students to provide information on discharges for federal student loans and for partial reimbursement of direct costs paid by the student for tuition and fees.

Missouri College transferred electronic student records to the MDHE. Additionally, department staff received six boxes of hard copy files containing current and former student records. Department staff will ensure the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

***Certifications Denied***

Heartfelt Training Program  
St. Louis, Missouri

The certificate for Heartfelt Training Program was denied due to failure to submit a recertification application by the deadline and failure to respond to requests for supplemental application materials. Department staff is monitoring the closure process to ensure the appropriate storage of all student-related records as required by Missouri statutes.