

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Proprietary School Certification Actions and Reviews
Coordinating Board for Higher Education
September 14, 2017

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. This board item provides 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 June 8, 2017, 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 173.600-173.619, RSMo – Regulation of proprietary schools

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A: Proprietary School Certification Program Actions and Reviews

**Coordinating Board for Higher Education
Proprietary School Certification Program Actions and Reviews**

Certificates of Approval Issued (Authorization for Instructional Delivery)

Centriq Training
St. Louis, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers non-degree programs in web development and systems and security administration. The school is not accredited.

Florida Institute of Technology
Whiteman AFB, Missouri

This not-for-profit institution offers a baccalaureate degree completion in Logistics Management and graduate degrees in Business, Computer Information Systems, Human Resources Management, and Project Management. The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

The Tallgrass School
Kansas City, Missouri

This for-profit institution offers a non-degree program in web development. The school is not accredited.

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

None

Exemptions Granted

Crossfire Christian College
St. Charles, 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 offers undergraduate and graduate programs in biblical studies, ministry, divinity, and theology. The school is not accredited.

University of Nemenhah
Stockton, 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 offers degrees from the associate through doctoral levels in Nemenhah Ministerial Studies. This school is not accredited.

Applications Pending Approval (Authorization for Instructional Delivery)

Accelerate Tech Learning
Kansas City, Missouri

This for-profit institution seeks to offer a non-degree program in computer coding using the “bootcamp” type delivery structure. The mission of the school is to prepare students for

immediate employment with a focus on increasing the number of women and minorities in the tech industry. The school is not accredited.

Golden Paws Pet Styling Academy
Osage Beach, Missouri

This for-profit institution seeks to offer non-degree programs in dog grooming. The mission of the school is to equip students with a strong foundation in pet grooming that will enable them to pursue a career in the dog styling profession. The school is not accredited.

St. Louis Institute of Technology
St. Louis, Missouri

This for-profit institution seeks to offer non-degree programs in building trade skills such as construction, carpentry, and painting. The mission of the school is to prepare students to become gainfully employed and contributing members of society." The school is not accredited.

The Ahsbahs Academy of Dog Training
Potosi, Missouri

This for-profit institution seeks to offer non-degree programs in dog training. The mission of the school is to provide well rounded dog trainers capable of instructing in fields associated with service dogs, police dogs, search and rescue dogs, and therapy animals. The school is not accredited.

Applications Pending Approval (Authorization Only to Recruit Students)

None

Schools Closed

Everest College - Springfield
Springfield, Missouri

Everest College - Springfield, accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), was approved to offer certificate and undergraduate programs in business and allied health fields. The school's owners made the decision to cease new enrollment at the Springfield location and submitted an approved teach out plan to allow currently enrolled students to complete their programs of instruction. The school permanently closed June 20, 2017. Department staff monitored the closure process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

Westwind CDL Training Center
Cuba, Missouri

Westwind CDL Training Center was approved to offer certificate programs in truck driver training. 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 program of instruction. The school permanently closed June 30, 2017. Department staff monitored the closure process and verified the appropriate storage of all student-related records, as required by Missouri statutes.

Certifications Denied

None