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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Tim Hofferth and Members, SC Commission on Higher Education Members
From: Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Chair, and Members, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Annual Report on Licensing Activities for FY 2014-15

Background

This report on licensing activities is for the Committee's information and covers the period from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

Under South Carolina law, all licenses for higher education institutions operating in the state are program- and site-specific. Thus, an institution must first be approved by the Commission to operate at a given site for the offering of a given program or programs. An institution that is licensed already must apply for an amendment to its license when one of more of the following occurs:

- The institution seeks to add a field or major not previously offered if that field/major constitutes more than 18 semester hours of credit for undergraduate programs or 12 semester hours for graduate programs;
- Cumulative changes equal or exceed 25% of the contact hours, credits, curriculum content, or program length following the initial program approval or last review by the Commission;
- Cumulative changes in the course of a calendar year equal or exceed 25% of the field or major licensed.

Licensing staff in the Division of Academic Affairs and Licensing evaluate requests for initial licensure of new degree-granting institutions, amendments to existing licenses to add degree programs at in-state sites, and amendments to existing licenses to add in-state sites to licensed institutions. Staff then prepares these requests and recommendations for the consideration of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing.

Institutions also request modifications for minor changes that the licensing staff approve. Those modifications include the following:

- Course requirements in an existing program that constitute less than 25% of the program's academic requirements in a year;
- A "concentration" within a program of study that constitutes 18 credit hours or less;
- A name for an existing program of study;
- The mode of delivery for an existing program of study.

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I. Approval of Initial Licensure and Amendments for Degree-Granting Institutions

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing and the Commission approved no applications for initial licensure in 2014-2015.

MacCormac College, a non-profit institution in Chicago, IL, submitted its application for initial licensure. Following review by the staff and a team of reviewers, based on a negative recommendation from the team, the institution withdrew the application.

The following table lists new programs the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing and the Commission approved in 2014-15.

Table 1 Amendments to Add Programs

Amendments to Existing Licenses to Add New Degree Programs 2014-15							
Institution	Major	A¹	B	M	D	Total	Location
South University	Occupational Therapy Assistant	1				1	Columbia
South University	Physical Therapy Assistant	1				1	Columbia
South University	Doctor of Nurse Practice				1	1	Columbia
		2	0	0	0	3	

¹ A Associate's
 B Bachelor's
 M Master's
 D Doctorate

II. Degree-Granting Institutions

The following table lists all degree-granting, postsecondary institutions that are licensed with sites in South Carolina. In March 2015, the University of Phoenix (Table 2, no. 28) informed the Commission staff of the University's plan to teach-out and close the Columbia campus, expected in 2018. Together with the annual report, the staff will request updates on the status of the campus as the closure proceeds.

Table 2 Degree-Granting Institutions

Degree-Granting Institutions-Licensed Sites in SC							
	Name	Main Campus	Degree level ²	Accreditation	Profit/Non	Location	Enrollment Fall 2014
1.	American College of the Building Arts	Charleston, SC	A, B	None	Non	Charleston	40
2.	Art Institute of Charleston	Atlanta, GA	A, B	SACS	Profit	Charleston	554
3.	Brown Mackie College	Tucson, AZ	A, B	ACICS	Profit	Greenville	708
4.	Centura College	Virginia Beach, VA	A	ACCSC	Profit	Columbia	70
5.	Charleston School of Law	Charleston, SC	JD/LLM	ABA	Profit	Charleston	454
6.	ECPI College of Technology	Virginia Beach, VA	A, B	SACS	Profit	Greenville Charleston Columbia	525 548 263
7.	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Daytona Beach, FL	A, B, M	SACS	Non	Greenville	55
8.	Florida Institute of Technology	Melbourne, FL	M	SACS	Non	Woodruff	14
9.	Forrest College	Anderson, SC	A	ACICS	Profit	Anderson	111
10.	Fortis College	Towson, MD	A	ABHES	Profit	Columbia	529
11.	Gardner-Webb University	Boiling Springs, NC	M	SACS	Non	Spartanburg	7
12.	Golf Academy of America	Birmingham, AL	A	ACICS	Profit	Myrtle Beach	251
13.	ITT Technical Institute	Indianapolis, IN	A, B	ACICS	Profit	Charleston Columbia Greenville Myrtle Beach	270 315 269 152
14.	Keiser University	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	B, M	SACS	Non	Charleston Columbia	N/A

² A Associate's

B Bachelor's

M Master's

Ed.S. Education Specialist

DO Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

DC Doctor of Chiropractic

Pharm.D. Doctor of Pharmacy

DNP Doctor of Nursing Practice

JD Juris Doctor

LLM Master of Laws

D Doctorate

Degree-Granting Institutions-Licensed Sites in SC							
	Name	Main Campus	Degree level ²	Accreditation	Profit/Non	Location	Enrollment Fall 2014
15.	Lenoir Rhyne University	Hickory, NC	M	SACS	Non	Columbia	92
16.	Lesley University (Several sites)	Cambridge, MA	M, Ed.S.	NEASC	Non	Various	25
17.	Miller-Motte Technical College	Virginia Beach, VA	A	ACICS	Profit	Charleston Conway	635 622
18.	Nova SE University	Fort Lauderdale, FL	D	SACS	Non	Anderson Charleston Columbia Greenwood	0
19.	Professional Golfers Career College	Temecula, CA	A	ACICS	Profit	Bluffton	55
20.	Saint Leo University	Saint Leo, Florida	A, B, M	SACS	Non	Charleston Sumter	225 165
21.	Savannah College of Art & Design	Savannah, GA	B	SACS	Non	Bluffton	49
22.	Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic	Spartanburg, SC	DC	SACS/CCE	Non	Spartanburg	346
23.	South University	Savannah, GA	A, B, M, Pharm.D., DNP	SACS	Profit	Columbia	1,464
24.	Southeastern Institute	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	A	ACCSC	Profit	Charleston Columbia	160 173
25.	Springfield College	Springfield, MA	B, M	NEASC	Non	Charleston	115
26.	Strayer University	Washington, DC	A, B, M	MSA	Profit	Charleston Columbia Greenville	882 1,199 657
27.	Troy University	Troy, AL	B, M	SACS	Non	Charleston Sumter	22 8
28.	University of Phoenix	Phoenix, AZ	B, M	NCA	Profit	Columbia	540
29.	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM)	Blacksburg, VA	DO	Commission on Osteopathic Accreditation	Non	Spartanburg	635
30.	Virginia College	Birmingham, AL	A, B	ACICS	Profit	Charleston Columbia Florence Greenville Spartanburg	414 589 414 453 413
31.	Webster University	St. Louis, MO	B, M	NCA	Non	Charleston Columbia Greenville Myr. Beach	268 638 126 423

The following table lists degree-granting, postsecondary institutions only *recruiting* in SC. These institutions do not have any on-ground sites in SC. Westwood College, Atlanta, did not renew its license to recruit SC residents.

Table 3 Degree-granting Institutions Licensed to Recruit

Degree-granting Institutions Licensed to Recruit			
	Institution	Degree Level³	Modality of Program Delivery
1.	Advanced Technology Institute, Virginia Beach, VA	A	On-ground at its site in Virginia Beach, VA
2.	Capella University Minneapolis, MN	B, M, Ed.S., D	On-line
3.	Chamberlain College of Nursing Downers Grove, IL	B, M	On-line
4.	DeVry University Miramar, FL Orlando, FL Alpharetta, GA Decatur, GA Addison, IL Columbus, OH	A, B, M	A.A.S. and B.S. on-ground at sites in other states and on-line
5.	Grand Canyon University Phoenix, AZ	B, M, D	On-line
6.	Harrison College Indianapolis, IN	A, B	On-line and on-ground at The Chef's Academy, Morrisville, NC
7.	Johnson & Wales University Providence, RI	A, B	On-ground at its site in Charlotte, NC
8.	Lincoln Technical Institute (formerly Nashville Auto-Diesel College (NADC)), Nashville, TN	A	On-ground at its site in Tennessee
9.	Northeastern University, Boston, MA	M	On-line
10.	Ohio Technical College, N. Randall, OH	A	On-ground at its site in Ohio
11.	Walden University Minneapolis, MN	B, M, Ed.S., D	On-line

III. Nondegree-Granting Institutions

In addition to licensing of degree-granting institutions, the Commission licenses entities that offer certificate and diploma programs that prepare students for a pre-determined vocation. The Commission has delegated to the staff the authority to review and approve nondegree programs. As of June 30, 2015, CHE licensed 72 schools that offer nondegree programs. During the 2014-15 fiscal year, the staff approved initial licensure of the following schools that offer nondegree programs:

³ A Associate's
B Bachelor's
M Master's
Ed.S. Education Specialist
D Doctorate

Table 4 Nondegree Initial Licenses

Nondegree Initial Licenses 2014-15			
	Institution Name and Location	Location	Programs
1.	Advanced Dental Training Institute, LLC	Summerville	Dental Assisting
2.	American Red Cross	Florence	Nurse Aide
3.	Carolina Dental Assisting School	Greenville	Dental Assisting
4.	Carolina Medical Training Institute, LLC	Columbia	Nurse Aide
5.	Carolina Welding Training Institute	Andrews	Welding
6.	Greenville Montessori Institute	Greenville	Montessori 3-6
7.	Ignite Healthcare Institute	Greenville	Nurse Aide
8.	Legacy	Greenville	Nurse Aide
9.	Palmetto Associates Education Center	Cayce	Nurse Aide
10.	Professional Development and Training Services, LLC	Camden	Nurse Aide
11.	Tulsa Welding School	Jacksonville, FL	Welder , Electro-Mechanical, Refrigeration (Recruiting)
12.	Upstate School of Neuromuscular and Massage Therapy	Lyman	Neuromuscular and Massage Therapy

During the 2014-15 fiscal year, the following nondegree schools closed:

Table 5 Nondegree Institutions Discontinued

Nondegree Licenses Discontinued 2014-15			
	Institution Name and Location	Location	Programs
1.	Academy of Dental Assisting	Surfside Beach	Dental Assisting
2.	AMAN Institute	Aiken	Nurse Aide
3.	Clemson Montessori d/b/a Montessori Teacher Training	Clemson	Childhood and Elementary
4.	Columbia Health Care Services	Columbia	Nurse Aide
5.	Dunes Dental Assisting School	Surfside Beach	Dental Assisting
6.	Health Tech	Greenville	Nurse Aide
7.	L.S. Technical Institute	Greenville	Nurse Aide
8.	Nurse Aide Institute of Excellence	Rock Hill	Nurse Aide
9.	Palmetto Healthcare Training Center	Marion	Nurse Aide and various entry-level allied health programs
10.	Ravenel Medical Center School for Nurse Aides and Phlebotomy	Ravenel	Nurse Aide, Phlebotomy
11.	SE School for Career Development	Greenville	Various entry-level short-term allied health programs
12.	TLC Training for Long-Term Care	Greer	Nurse Aide

The following table shows nondegree-granting institutions operating or soliciting in SC as of June 30, 2015:

Table 6 Nondegree-granting Institutions

Licensed Nondegree-Granting Institutions as of 6/30/2015	
1.	Advanced Dental Training Institute, LLC, Summerville
2.	Air Conditioning Refrigeration (ACR) Training Center , Ladson
3.	Allheart, Columbia and Sumter
4.	American Hospitality Academy, Hilton Head
5.	American Red Cross, Florence
6.	ARC Labs, Piedmont, Columbia, Hanahan
7.	Arrhythmia Technologies, Greenville
8.	Art Instruction School, Minneapolis, MN
9.	At-Home Professionals, Ft. Collins, CO
10.	Avalon School of Massage, Florence and MB
11.	Caring Hands, Inman
12.	Carolina Career Institute, Columbia
13.	Carolina Dental Assisting School, Greenville
14.	Carolina Film Institute, Greenville
15.	Carolina Massage School & Wellness Center, Greenville
16.	Carolina Medical Training Institute, LLC, Columbia
17.	Carolina Nursing Assistant Program Academy (CNAPA), Columbia
18.	Carolina Welding Training Institute, Andrews
19.	Centura College, Charleston
20.	Charleston School of Protocol and Etiquette, Inc.
21.	Construction Training Center, Blair
22.	Court Reporting School of SC, Columbia
23.	DeAbreu Modeling Consulting, LLC, Summerville
24.	Dental Assisting Training School of SC, Mt. Pleasant
25.	East Coast Grooming School, Beaufort
26.	Franklin Home Health Agency, Marion
27.	Grand Strand School of Bartending, Myrtle Beach
28.	Greenville Montessori Institute
29.	Groomadog Academy, Ridgeway, Blythewood
30.	H&R Block
31.	Ignite Healthcare Institute, Greenville
32.	InnoVista Training, Columbia
33.	Institute for Guided Studies, Camden
34.	International Diving Institute, Charleston
35.	International Spa Institute
36.	Jackson Hewitt, various locations
37.	John Casablanca, Charlotte, NC
38.	Lake Wylie Caregivers Academy, Lake Wylie
39.	Legacy, Greenville
40.	Liberty Tax Service, various locations
41.	MedTech, Inc., Spartanburg
42.	MicroStaff IT, Cayce
43.	Millie Lewis Modeling/Finishing, Greenville
44.	Millie Lewis Models and Talent, Charleston
45.	Murrell Construction Institute, Marion
46.	NASCAR Technical Institute, Mooresville, NC
47.	National Cat Groomers School, Greenville
48.	NOC Training Center, Hartsville
49.	Palmetto Associates Education Center, Cayce
50.	Palmetto School of Career Development, N. Charleston
51.	Palmetto Training, Inc., Walterboro
52.	PATCH Training School, Charleston
53.	Pathway Medical Training Service, Sumter
54.	Pee Dee Medical Training Center, Lake City
55.	Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, Myrtle Beach
56.	Plumstead Quality and Training Service, Inc., Greenville
57.	Professional Development and Training Services, LLC, Camden
58.	Professional Medical Training Center, Florence
59.	Remington College, Columbia
60.	SC School of Court Reporting, Columbia
61.	SC School of Dog Grooming, Columbia
62.	SC School of Horseshoeing, Inc., Aiken
63.	SouthWinds of SC, Inc., Camden
64.	Sunrise School of Dental Assisting, Columbia

65.	The Iron Yard Academy, Greenville, Mt. Pleasant, Columbia
66.	Training Concepts LLC, Irmo
67.	Tulsa Welding School, Jacksonville, FL
68.	Universal Technical Institute of Texas
69.	Universal Technical Institute-Motorcycle Mechanics Division, Orlando, FL

70.	Upstate School of Neuromuscular and Massage Therapy, Lyman
71.	USAeroTech Institute, LLC, Greenville
72.	WyoTech, Blairsville, PA and Laramie, Wyoming

IV. Records and Agent Permits

The Commission is the repository for records of schools that have closed. The Commission received 189 requests for records in the 2014-15 fiscal year.

The Commission issues permits to agents who represent licensed institutions. The agents follow-up on leads generated by advertising and soliciting activities. As of June 30, 2015, 283 agents were permitted to recruit in the state.

V. Complaints

The licensing regulations require that each institution include a complaint procedure in its catalog. The procedure typically includes a formal process by which a student may approach institution officials and seek resolution through the institution. If the student cannot reach a satisfactory conclusion, he or she may submit a complaint to the Commission. Members of the staff of the Commission refer students to other resources and mediate sharing of information between students and school officials. In cases where students file formal complaints, the staff reviews the complaint, sends it to the school for response, transmits the response to the student, and attempts to negotiate resolution of the complaint. Sometimes complaints result in readdressing policies and procedures at the schools in order to avoid similar problems.

During the year 2014-15 fiscal year, licensing staff received 55 complaints. The following table shows the number of complaints by type of institution and the topics of the complaints.

Table 7 Complaints

2014-2015 Institutional Complaints Summary			
	Formal	Informal	Totals
Institutional Type			
In-State Licensed Degree	1	0	1
In State Licensed Non-Degree	5	3	8
SC Public Exempt	0	16	16
SC Religious Exempt	1	0	1
Out-of-State Degree Branch	5	12	17
Illegally Operating	1	2	3
Miscellaneous	4	5	9
Total	17	38	55
Issue			
Academic	11	16	27
Conduct	0	0	0
Financial	2	10	12
Administration	1	4	5
Miscellaneous	3	8	11
Total	17	38	55