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MEMORANDUM

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From: Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Chair, and Members, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Annual Report on Licensing Activities for FY 2012 - 2013

Background

This report on licensing activities is for the Committee's information and covers the period from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

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 which is already licensed must apply for an amendment to its license when:

- It 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.
- Academic requirements in an existing field or major are changed which constitute 25% or more of that field or major as originally licensed.
- Cumulative changes in the course of a calendar year equal or exceed 25% of the field or major licensed.

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 are all evaluated by the licensing staff in the Division of Academic Affairs and Licensing. Staff then refers these requests to the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing with a recommendation for action.

For changes of less consequence than those described in the two paragraphs immediately above, a licensed institution notifies the Commission in writing. Such minor changes include institutional changes in:

- Course requirements in an existing program which constitute less than 25% of the program's academic requirements in a year.
- A "concentration" within a program of study which 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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This report has been organized to reflect the staff work required to assure that the law is applied appropriately in the licensing of institutions seeking to offer academic programs of higher education within the state of South Carolina.

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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 three applications for initial licensure in 2012-2013.

Table 1. Approval of Initial Requests for Degree-Granting Institutions

Institution	Curricular Area	Degree			Total	Location
		A ¹	B ²	M ³		
Advanced Technology Institute, Virginia Beach, VA	Automotive technology, welding	1			1	Recruiting
Northeastern University, Boston, MA	Business/Management, Education			4	4	Recruiting
Ohio Technical College, N. Randall, OH	Automotive technology, welding	1			1	Recruiting
Totals		2	0	4	6	

¹ Associate’s

² Bachelor’s

³ Master’s

Table 2 lists new programs the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing and the Commission approved in 2012-13.

Table 2. Amendments to Existing Licenses to Add New Degree Programs							
Institution	Major	A⁴	B⁵	M⁶	D⁷	Total	Location
Miller-Motte Technical College	Business Administration, Hospitality Management	1				1	Conway
Centura College	Medical Assistant	1				1	Charleston, Columbia
		2	0	0	0	2	

There were no amendments to existing licenses to add new sites for the 2012-13 year.

⁴ Associate's

⁵ Bachelor's

⁶ Master's

⁷ Doctorate

II. Degree-Granting Institutions

Table 3 lists all degree-granting, nonpublic, postsecondary institutions that are licensed with sites in South Carolina. The 28 institutions offer 205 degree programs consisting of 79 associate's, 71 bachelor's, 45 master's, five professional, and two doctorates.

Table 3. Degree-Granting Institutions Licensed to Operate in SC – With Sites in SC						
	Name/location	Main Campus if out of State	Degree level - # of programs*	Accreditation	Profit/Non	Location
1.	American College of the Building Arts		A-1 B-1	None	Non	Charleston
2.	Art Institute of Charleston	Atlanta, GA	A-6 B-9	SACS	Profit	Charleston
3.	Brown Mackie College	Tucson, AZ	A-10 B-4	ACICS	Profit	Greenville
4.	Centura College ⁸	Virginia Beach, VA	A-2	ACCSC	Profit	Columbia
5.	Charleston School of Law		Professional-2 (JD/LLM)	ABA	Profit	Charleston
6.	ECPI College of Technology	Virginia Beach, VA	A-4 B-4	SACS	Profit	Greenville Charleston Columbia
7.	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Daytona Beach, FL	A-2 B-3 M-4	SACS	Non	Greenville
8.	Forrest College		A-3	ACICS	Profit	Anderson
9.	Fortis College	Towson, MD	A-3	ABHES	Profit	Columbia
10.	Gardner-Webb University	Boiling Springs, NC	M-3	SACS	Non	Spartanburg
11.	Golf Academy of America	Birmingham, AL	A-1	ACICS	Profit	Myrtle Beach
12.	ITT Technical Institute	Indianapolis, IN	A-9 B-8	ACICS	Profit	Charleston Columbia Greenville Myrtle Beach
13.	Lenoir Rhyne University	Hickory, NC	M-1	SACS	Non	Columbia
14.	Lesley University (Several sites)	Cambridge, MA	M-5 Ed.S.-1	NEASC	Non	Various
15.	Miller-Motte Technical College	Virginia Beach, VA	A-9	ACICS	Profit	Charleston Conway
16.	Nova SE University	Fort Lauderdale, FL	D-1	SACS	Non	Anderson Charleston Columbia Greenwood
17.	Professional Golfers Career College	Temecula, CA	A-1	ACICS	Profit	Bluffton

⁸ Centura College officials have notified CHE that it will teach-out students enrolled at both branches and close. Expected closure is March 2014 in Charleston and August 2014 in Columbia.

Table 3. Degree-Granting Institutions Licensed to Operate in SC – With Sites in SC

	Name/location	Main Campus if out of State	Degree level - # of programs*	Accreditation	Profit/Non	Location
18.	Saint Leo University	Saint Leo, Florida	A-1 B-8 M-2	SACS	Non	Charleston Sumter
19.	Savannah College of Art & Design	Savannah, GA	B-1	SACS	Non	Bluffton
20.	Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic		Professional-1 (DC)	SACS/CCE	Non	Spartanburg
21.	South University	Savannah, GA	A-6 B-9 M-4 Professional-1	SACS	Profit	Columbia
22.	Springfield College	Springfield, MA	B-1 M-1	NEASC	Non	Charleston
23.	Strayer University	Washington, DC	A-8 B-6 M-7	MSA	Profit	Charleston Columbia Greenville
24.	Troy University	Troy, AL	B-3 M-6	SACS	Non	Charleston Sumter
25.	University of Phoenix	Phoenix, AZ	B-6 M-4	NCA	Profit	Columbia
26.	Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM)	Blacksburg, VA	Professional-1 (DO)	Commission on Osteopathic Accreditation	Non	Spartanburg
27.	Virginia College	Birmingham, AL	A-13 B-3	ACICS	Profit	Charleston Columbia Florence Greenville Spartanburg
28.	Webster University	St. Louis, MO	B-5 M-8	NCA	Non	Charleston Columbia Greenville Myrtle Beach

A Associate's
 B Bachelor's
 M Master's
 DO Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
 DC Doctor of Chiropractic
 JD Juris Doctor
 LLM Master of Laws
 D Doctorate

Table 4 lists enrollment for Fall 2011 at in-state sites of nonpublic institutions.

Table 4. Enrollment at Sites in SC Fall 2011		
American College of the Building Arts	Charleston	36
Art Institute of Charleston	Charleston	804
Brown Mackie College	Greenville	866
Centura College	Columbia	135
Charleston School of Law	Charleston	447
ECPI College of Technology	Greenville	572
	Charleston	431
	Columbia	205
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Greenville	62
Forrest College	Anderson	97
Fortis College	Columbia	299
Gardner-Webb University	Spartanburg	9
Golf Academy of America	Myrtle Beach	322
ITT Technical Institute	Charleston	215
	Columbia	536
	Greenville	517
	Myrtle Beach	74
Lenoir Rhyne University	Columbia	n/a
Lesley University (Several sites)	Various	46
Miller-Motte Technical College	Charleston	701
	Conway	586
Nova SE University	Charleston	2
	Columbia	35
Professional Golfers Career College	Bluffton	131
Remington College	Columbia	392
Saint Leo University	Charleston	25
Savannah College of Art & Design	Bluffton	n/a
Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic	Spartanburg	165
South University	Columbia	1,568
Springfield College	Charleston	154
Strayer University	Charleston	927
	Columbia	688
	Greenville	696
Troy University	Charleston	120
	Sumter	
University of Phoenix	Columbia	1,002
Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM)	Spartanburg	159
Virginia College	Charleston	421
	Columbia	604
	Florence	n/a
	Greenville	513
	Spartanburg	419
Webster University	Charleston	372
	Columbia	802
	Greenville	195
	Myrtle Beach	351
Total		16,701

Table 5 lists degree-granting, nonpublic, postsecondary institutions only *recruiting* in SC. These institutions do not have any on-ground sites in SC.

Table 5. Degree-granting Institutions Licensed to Recruit			
Institution		Degrees	Modality of Program Delivery
1.	Advanced Technology Institute, Virginia Beach, VA	A.O.S.	On-ground at its site in Virginia Beach, VA
2.	Capella University Minneapolis, MN	B.P.A. B.S. D.B.A. D.H.A. D.N.P. D.P.A. D.P.H. D.S.W. Ed.D. Ed.S. M.B.A. M.H.A. M.N.M.L. M.P.A. M.P.H. M.S. Ph.D. Psy. D.	On-line
3.	Chamberlain College of Nursing Downers Grove, IL	B.S.N. M.S.N.	On-line
4.	DeVry University Phoenix, AZ Miramar, FL Orlando, FL Alpharetta, GA Decatur, GA Addison, IL Chicago, IL Columbus, OH Ft. Washington, PA	A.A.S. B.S. M.S.	A.A.S. and B.S. on-ground at sites in other states and on-line
5.	Grand Canyon University Phoenix, AZ	B.A. B.S. B.S.N. E.M.B.A. M.B.A. M.Ed. M.P.A. M.S. R.N. to B.S.N. R.N. to M.S.N. D.B.A. Ed.D. Ph.D.	On-line
6.	Harrison College Indianapolis, IN	A.A.S. B.S.	On-line and on-ground at The Chef's Academy, Morrisville, NC
7.	Johnson & Wales University Providence, RI	A.A.S. B.S.	On-ground at its site in Charlotte, NC
8.	Lincoln Technical Institute (formerly Nashville Auto-Diesel College (NADC)), Nashville, TN	A.D.T. A.O.S.	On-ground at its site in Tennessee
9.	Northeastern University, Boston, MA	M.B.A., M.Ed., M.S.	On-line
10.	Ohio Technical College, N. Randall, OH	A.A.S.	On-ground at its site in Ohio
11.	Walden University	B.S.	On-line

Table 5. Degree-granting Institutions Licensed to Recruit

Institution		Degrees	Modality of Program Delivery
	Minneapolis, MN	Ed.D. Ed.S. M.A.T. M.B.A. M.P.A. M.P.H. M.S. Ph.D.	
12.	Westwood University Atlanta, GA	A.A.S. A.O.S. B.S.	On-ground at two sites in Georgia

III. Nondegree-Granting Institutions

In addition to licensing of degree-granting institutions, the Commission also 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, 2013, CHE licensed 78 schools that offer nondegree programs. During the 2012-13 fiscal year, the staff approved initial licensure of the following five schools that offer nondegree programs:

Blue Flame Bartending, Lexington
East West Massage School, Lake Wylie
Grand Strand School of Bartending, Myrtle Beach
MedTech, Inc., Spartanburg
Nurse Aide Institute of Excellence, Rock Hill

During the 2012-13 fiscal year, the following schools closed. There were no refunds due or teach-out costs from the closing of these schools.

Absolute Medical Training, Florence
ATP Gunsmithing, North Charleston
Charleston School of Massage
Discovery Training Center, Charleston

Table 6 lists nondegree-granting, nonpublic, postsecondary institutions operating or soliciting in SC.

Table 6. Nondegree-Granting Institutions Licensed to Operate or Solicit

1.	Academy of Dental Assisting, Inc., Surfside Beach	43.	L.S. Technical Institute, Greenville
2.	Advanced Dental Training Institute, LLC, Summerville	44.	Liberty Tax Service (various sites)
3.	Air Conditioning Refrigeration Training Center, Ladson	45.	MedTech, Inc., Spartanburg
4.	Allheart Allied Health Education Center, Sumter and Columbia	46.	Mejias Medical Training Center, Florence
5.	AMAN Institute, Inc., Aiken	47.	MicroStaff IT, Cayce
6.	American Hospitality Academy, Hilton Head	48.	Millie Lewis Modeling/Finishing, Greenville
7.	ARC Labs, Piedmont, Columbia	49.	Millie Lewis Models and Talent, Charleston
8.	Arrhythmia Technologies, Greenville	50.	Millie Lewis of Columbia
9.	Art Instruction School, Minneapolis, MN	51.	Murrell Construction Institute, Marion
10.	At-Home Professions, Ft. Collins, CO	52.	NASCAR Technical Institute, Mooresville, NC
11.	Avalon School of Massage, Florence	53.	National Cat Groomers School, Greenville
12.	Barbizon Academy of Charlotte	54.	New Generations Job Training Center, Florence
13.	Blue Flame Bartending, Lexington	55.	New Horizons Computer Learning Center; Columbia, Greenville, Charleston
14.	Care A Lot, Greenwood	56.	Nurse Aide Institute of Excellence, Rock Hill
15.	Career Arts Institute; Wagener, Lexington, Columbia	57.	Nurses on Call d/b/a NOC Training Center, Hartsville
16.	Caring Hands, Inman	58.	Palmetto HealthCare Training Center, Marion
17.	Carolina Career Institute, Columbia	59.	Palmetto School of Career Development, N. Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Myrtle Beach, Rock Hill
18.	Carolina Film Institute, Greenville	60.	Palmetto Training, Inc. (SC Technical Institute d/b/a), Santee, Timmonsville
19.	Carolina Massage School & Wellness Center, Greenville	61.	PATCH Training School, Charleston
20.	Carolina Nurse Aide School, Bowman	62.	Pathway Medical Training Center, Sumter
21.	Charleston School of Dental Assisting	63.	Pee Dee Medical Training Center, Lake City
22.	Charleston School of Protocol & Etiquette, Inc.	64.	Pittsburg Institute of Aeronautics, Myrtle Beach
23.	Clemson Montessori d/b/a Montessori Teacher Training Institute	65.	Plumstead Quality and Training Service, Inc., Greenville
24.	Columbia Health Care Services	66.	Professional Medical Training Center, Florence and Conway
25.	Construction Training Center, Blair	67.	Ravenel Medical Center School for Nurse Aides and Phlebotomists, Ravenel
26.	Court Reporting School of SC, Columbia and Greenville	68.	Remington College, Columbia
27.	DeAbreu Modeling Consulting, LLC, Summerville	69.	SC School of Court Reporting, West Columbia
28.	Dental Assisting Training School of SC, Mt. Pleasant	70.	SC School of Dog Grooming, Columbia
29.	East Coast Grooming School, Beaufort	71.	SC School of Horseshoeing, Inc., Aiken
30.	East West Massage School, Lake Wylie	72.	SE Institute, Charleston and Columbia
31.	Envision Health Training, Taylors	73.	SE School for Career Development, Greenville
32.	Georgia School of Construction, Conyers, GA	74.	Sunrise School of Dental Assisting; Charleston, Columbia, Florence, Greenville
33.	Grand Strand School of Bartending, Myrtle Beach	75.	Training Concepts LLC, Irmo
34.	Groomadog Academy, Blythewood	76.	Universal Technical Institute of Texas
35.	H&R Blocks (various sites)	77.	Universal Technical Institute-Motorcycle Mechanics Division, Orlando, FL
36.	Health Tech, Greenville	78.	WyoTech, Blairsville, PA; Laramie, WY; Daytona Beach, FL
37.	Institute of Guided Studies, Camden		
38.	Integrated Technology Center, Columbia		
39.	International Diving Institute, Charleston		
40.	International Spa Institute, Bluffton		
41.	Jackson Hewitt (various sites)		
42.	John Casablancas, Charlotte, NC		

Records

The Commission is the repository for records of schools that have closed. The Commission received 213 requests for transcripts in fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

Agent Permits

The Commission issues permits to agents who represent licensed institutions. The agents follow-up on leads generated by advertising and soliciting activities. During the 2012-13 fiscal year, the Commission issued 338 agent permits.

IV. 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 negotiates resolution of the complaint. Sometimes complaints result in readdressing policies and procedures at the schools in order to avoid similar problems.

During the year ended June 30, 2013, licensing staff received 89 complaints (seven were formal, written) about 46 institutions. The complaints were about a variety of issues ranging from misunderstandings about financial aid administration and eligibility, charges, and refunds; eligibility for teacher or principal certification for education-related programs; and access to student services and advising. Table 7 shows the number of complaints by type of institution.

Table 7. Complaints (Formal (written) and informal (telephone))	
Number of Complaints	Type of Institution
6	Illegally operating
7	Independent, in-state
9	Other (another agency, religious, or out-of-state)
12	On-line degree-mill high schools, including Woodfield (7)
14	Public
18	Licensed nondegree
23	Licensed degree-granting
89	