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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 2013 - 2014

Background

This report on licensing activities is for the Committee's information and covers the period from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

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 already licensed 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.
- Academic requirements in an existing field or major are changed that 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. 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 institutional changes include in 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 three applications for initial licensure in 2013-2014.

Table 1 Approval Initial Requests

Approval of Initial Requests for Degree-Granting Institutions 2013-14						
Institution	Curricular Area	Degree			Total	Location
		A¹	B²	M³		
Southeastern Institute	Allied Health	3			3	Charleston and Columbia
Keiser University	Business		2	1	3	Charleston and Columbia
Florida Institute of Technology	Counseling			1	1	Woodruff
	Totals	3	2	2	7	

¹ Associate's

² Bachelor's

³ Master's

The following table lists new programs the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing and the Commission approved in 2013-14.

Table 2 Amendments to add Programs

Amendments to Existing Licenses to Add New Degree Programs 2013-14							
Institution	Major	A⁴	B⁵	M⁶	D⁷	Total	Location
ECPI University	Physical Therapy Assistant	1				1	Charleston
Lenoir Rhyne University	Community College Administration, Human Services, and Leadership			3		3	Columbia
		1	0	3	0	4	

There were no amendments to existing licenses to add new sites for the 2013-14 year.

⁴ Associate's

⁵ Bachelor's

⁶ Master's

⁷ Doctorate

II. Degree-Granting Institutions

Table 3 lists all degree-granting, postsecondary institutions that are licensed with sites in South Carolina.

Table 3 Degree-Granting Institutions

Degree-Granting Institutions Licensed Sites in SC							
	Name/location	Main Campus if out of State	Degree level⁸	Accreditation	Profit/ Non	Location	Enrollment Fall 2013
1.	American College of the Building Arts		A, B	None	Non	Charleston	39
2.	Art Institute of Charleston	Atlanta, GA	A, B	SACS	Profit	Charleston	627
3.	Brown Mackie College	Tucson, AZ	A, B	ACICS	Profit	Greenville	919
4.	Centura College	Virginia Beach, VA	A	ACCSC	Profit	Columbia	212
5.	Charleston School of Law		Professional (JD/LLM)	ABA	Profit	Charleston	627
6.	ECPI College of Technology	Virginia Beach, VA	A, B	SACS	Profit	Greenville Charleston Columbia	319 331 126
7.	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Daytona Beach, FL	A, B, M	SACS	Non	Greenville	76
8.	Florida Institute of Technology	Melbourne, FL	M	SACS	Non	Woodruff	N/A
9.	Forrest College		A	ACICS	Profit	Anderson	138
10.	Fortis College	Towson, MD	A	ABHES	Profit	Columbia	446
11.	Gardner-Webb University	Boiling Springs, NC	M	SACS	Non	Spartanburg	7
12.	Golf Academy of America	Birmingham, AL	A	ACICS	Profit	Myrtle Beach	330
13.	ITT Technical Institute	Indianapolis, IN	A, B	ACICS	Profit	Charleston Columbia Greenville Myrtle Beach	218 403 389 135
14.	Keiser University	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	B, M	SACS	Non	Charleston Columbia	N/A
15.	Lenoir Rhyne University	Hickory, NC	M	SACS	Non	Columbia	N/A
16.	Lesley University (Several sites)	Cambridge, MA	M, Ed.S.	NEASC	Non	Various	66

⁸ 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

Degree-Granting Institutions Licensed Sites in SC

	Name/location	Main Campus if out of State	Degree level⁸	Accreditation	Profit/ Non	Location	Enrollment Fall 2013
17.	Miller-Motte Technical College	Virginia Beach, VA	A	ACICS	Profit	Charleston Conway	691 773
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	96
20.	Saint Leo University	Saint Leo, Florida	A, B, M	SACS	Non	Charleston Sumter	82 364
21.	Savannah College of Art & Design	Savannah, GA	B	SACS	Non	Bluffton	23
22.	Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic		Professional-(D.C.)	SACS/CCE	Non	Spartanburg	237
23.	South University	Savannah, GA	A, B, M, Professional (Pharm.D.)	SACS	Profit	Columbia	1,587
24.	Southeastern Institute	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	A	ACCSC	Profit	Charleston Columbia	218 143
25.	Springfield College	Springfield, MA	B, M	NEASC	Non	Charleston	428
26.	Strayer University	Washington, DC	A, B, M	MSA	Profit	Charleston Columbia Greenville	2,222 (all campuses in SC)
27.	Troy University	Troy, AL	B, M	SACS	Non	Charleston Sumter	89
28.	University of Phoenix	Phoenix, AZ	B, M	NCA	Profit	Columbia	974
29.	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM)	Blacksburg, VA	Professional-(D.O.)	Commission on Osteopathic Accreditation	Non	Spartanburg	321
30.	Virginia College	Birmingham, AL	A, B	ACICS	Profit	Charleston Columbia Florence Greenville Spartanburg	369 434 169 356 505
31.	Webster University	St. Louis, MO	B, M	NCA	Non	Charleston Columbia Greenville Myrtle Beach	300 676 139 356

The following table lists degree-granting, postsecondary institutions only *recruiting* in SC. These institutions do not have any on-ground sites in SC.

Table 4 Degree-granting Institutions Licensed to Recruit

Degree-granting Institutions Licensed to Recruit			
	Institution	Degree Level⁹	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
12.	Westwood University Atlanta, GA	A, B	On-ground at two sites in Georgia

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

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, 2014, CHE licensed 78 schools that offer nondegree programs. During the 2013-14 fiscal year, the staff approved initial licensure of the following schools that offer nondegree programs:

Dunes Dental Assisting School, Surfside Beach
Franklin Home Health Center, Marion
Lake Wylie Caregivers Academy, Lake Wylie
SouthWinds of SC., Inc., Camden
The Iron Yard Academy, Charleston and Greenville
TLC Training for Long-Term Care, Greer
USAeroTech, Greenville

During the 2013-14 fiscal year, the following schools closed.

Blue Flame Bartending, Lexington
Career Arts Institute, Wagener, Lexington, and Columbia
Carolina Nurse Aide School, Bowman
East-West Massage School, Lake Wylie
Envision Healthcare Training, Taylors
Integrated Technology Center, LLR, Columbia
Mejais Medical Training Center, Florence

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

Nondegree-Granting Institutions Licensed to Operate or Solicit

Table 5 Nondegree-granting Institutions

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

Records

The Commission is the repository for records of schools that have closed. The Commission received 198 requests for transcripts in the 2013-14 fiscal year.

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 2013-14 fiscal year, the Commission issued 344 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 2013-14 fiscal year, licensing staff received 82 complaints. Table 6 shows the number of complaints by type of institution and the topics of the complaints.

Table 6 Complaints

2013-2014 Institutional Complaints Summary			
	Formal Complaints	Informal Complaints	Totals
Institutional Type			
In-State Licensed Degree	0	4	4
In-State Licensed Nondegree	5	18	23
Public	1	14	15
Independent	1	13	14
Out-of-State Licensed	7	10	17
Illegally Operating	1	3	4
Miscellaneous	0	5	5
Totals	15	67	82
Issue Type			
Academic	6	13	19
Conduct	2	4	6
Financial	1	17	18
Accommodation	1	1	2
Records	2	1	3
Miscellaneous	3	31	34
Totals	15	67	82