



South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Academic Affairs, Postsecondary Institution Licensing

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Public Notice Institutions Not Licensed by CHE (updated 7/30/2019)

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ABC Bartending School/Bartenders4Work/ABC Bartending Class/ Charleston School of Bartending

Dana Privett, Owner
Chris Nelson, Owner

Chris Nelson and Dana Privett jointly owned ABC Bartending School in Greenville; it appears Chris is sole owner of Greenville campus and Dana has opened other campuses in SC and other states.

1812 Savannah Hwy., Charleston, SC 29470,
843.277.0162

2487 Ashley River Rd., Charleston SC 29414
843-277-1416

4340 Big Barn Rd. Room 103, Little River, SC,
29568, 843.855.5393

Additional locations in North Carolina and Virginia

<http://www.abcbartendingschool.com/> or
<http://www.abcbartendingclass.com/> or
<http://bartenders4work.com/> or
www.carolinabartendingschool.com or
<http://ncbartendingschool.com>
<http://charlestonbartendingschool.com/>

Not affiliated with www.abcbartending.com

Cease and desist ordered May 17, 2007; April 21, 2008; March 16, 2012; August 24, 2012; April 4, 2013

Does NOT provide bartender certification or license.

Original license date 7/12/94; licensed **revoked** 1/5/07; surety bond cancelled; continues to operate illegally (12/19/2014), offering “certification,” CHE has received several complaints of overcharges, duplicate charges, and failure to make refunds.

2/2010 additional complaints about the school not making refunds.

3/15/2012 Story on wistv.com reported that ABC Bartending intends to open new school site in Myrtle Beach; unlicensed school sites in Charleston and Greenville are also listed on school’s website. Ordered to cease and desist operating all sites in SC.

8/24/2012 Commission received copies of advertisements run in Charleston’s Post and Courier newspaper, offering “certification” in one ad and a four-hour course in another. School’s website still lists Charleston and Greenville sites, plus a new site in the Myrtle Beach area.

5/14/2014 SC State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested Chris Nelson for operating the school without a license. **SLED: Man charged in running Greenville bartending school without license** *Posted: May 12, 2014*
<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/25496094/sled-man-charged-in-running>

12/19/2014 Reports of continuing sites of SC, NC, and Louisiana. Information distributed to other state licensing entities via NASASPS.

<http://www.bbb.org/myrtle-beach/business-reviews/schools-business-and-vocational/abc-bartending-school-in-fayetteville-nc-90003843>

American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians (ASPT)

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Fax (843)767-2465

E-Mail: asptcharleston@knology.net

Website:

http://96.36.117.186/registration_form.pdf

Cease and Desist issued 3/25/2010

In 1996 the Commission on Higher Education communicated with Ralph Maxwell about the training and certification services offered at ASPT from Greenville. The contention of Maxwell was that the training was distance learning and not within the jurisdiction of CHE because it was continuing education offered only to individuals who were already employed in the medical field and who were members of ASPT. ASPT filed a suit against CHE and asked the court to determine if exempt from the Commission's oversight. The suit was dismissed by agreement of the attorneys for Maxwells and AG with CHE retaining the authority to proceed with injunction from ASPT with additional evidence that the organization offered vocational training without enforcing its requirements for employment in the field.

In May 2009 Helen Maxwell contacted CHE about licensure to offer EKG and other training programs; however, she did not apply for a license. March 25, 2010, a student enrolled in EKG and Patient Care Technician submitted a complaint about the school. It made a full refund to the student. CHE issued a letter to **cease and desist**; also, provided another packet for initial licensure. 4/6/2010 Cathy Williamson, director at the Charleston location, called and said they are preparing the application materials.

Updated 4/7/10. CHE received an application for initial license on April 13, 2010, and provided initial feedback on April 22, 2010. April 28, 2010, discussion with attorney for Maxwell about licensing requirements. Review of application suspended until information from AG that the character requirements for eligibility would exclude eligibility for licensure. 5/24/10 CHE executive staff reviewing the options.

8/5/2010 CHE received AG's opinion confirming that CHE has authority to deny licensure based on the Maxwells having owned a school for which SC Department of Education revoked the license.

8/12/2010 CHE notified attorney for Maxwells of denial of licensure for Helen and/or Ralph Maxwell as owners based on failure to meet the "good reputation" criteria in CHE regulation 62-6.

9/13/2010 Richard Sisco, landlord of ASPT, called and asked for documentation that CHE would not license the school. They are using it as a reason to break the lease on the facilities.

10/12/2010 Roman Hammes, attorney, notified CHE that he no longer represents the Maxwells and it is his understanding that they will not contest the decision of CHE to deny licensure.

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| <p>Charleston State University</p> <p>http://www.charlestonstateuniversity.com/</p> <p>THIS IS A DIPLOMA MILL – DO NOT SEND MONEY – SCAM OPERATING ILLEGALLY</p> <p>Cease and desist issued March 13, 2018</p> | <p>Brought to the attention of SC Commission on Higher Education staff on March 12, 2018.</p> <p>Institution is not licensed to operate in SC and does not appear to have an actual presence in SC but advertises on its webpage that it is located in Charleston, SC. Claims accreditation by Accrediting Commission of International Colleges and Universities which is not recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).</p> <p>Webpage for Charleston State University has plagiarized information such as school history from the legitimate University of Charleston located in Charleston, WV. Article from the Charleston Gazette: https://www.wvgazette.com/news/education/charleston-state-university-offers-phony-degrees-steals-uc-s-history/article_23149292-8c67-5563-b7d9-89518e7b2c52.html</p> |
| <p>Cornerstone Christian Correspondence School</p> <p>15938 Hwy. 17 Townsend, GA 31331 912.832.3834 http://cornerstonechristianministry.org/index.html</p> | <p>No evidence that institution operates in South Carolina; however, several SC residents have contacted the Commission regarding this school. Claims accreditation by the Accrediting Commission International, which is not a recognized accrediting agency. High school diplomas earned through this correspondence school are not valid for college admissions or for employment requiring an accredited high school diploma.</p> |
| <p>Dealer F & I University</p> <p>Shaka Dyson, Owner 4812 Rustlers Ct. Summerville, SC 29485 678-481-4077 www.dealerfiuniversity.com email: shaka@dealerfiuniversity.com</p> <p>Nonpublic Secondary Institution Licensing Notice sent 5/3/2018. Returned to the Commission as unclaimed on 6/15/2018.</p> | <p>Brought to the attention of SC Commission on Higher Education staff in April 2018.</p> <p>Institution is not licensed to operate in SC and does not appear to have an actual presence in SC but advertises on its webpage that it is located in Summerville, SC. The Commission contact Mr. Dyson in late May 2018. He mentioned that he was moving out of state at the beginning of June 2018 and would not seek licensure in SC. As of June 18, 2018, his website shows a Summerville, SC address. Please contact your state higher education non-public postsecondary institution authority to see if Dealer F & I University has permission to operate in your state before enrolling.</p> |
| <p>Film Connection Film Institute</p> <p>CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS Recording Connection Audio Institute 1201 West 5th Street Suite M130 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (323) 329-9610 www.filmconnection.com</p> <p>Cease and desist issued 10/31/2012</p> | <p>10/31/2012 CHE made aware that Institute is advertising several locations in South Carolina for “apprenticeships” in directing, screen writing, producing, editing, and general production for a tuition fee of \$7,750 to \$13,500 plus \$650 for books. Institute is not licensed by CHE to offer programs at any level. Claims accreditation by United States Bureau of Accredited Schools and the National Private Schools Accreditation Alliance, neither of which is a recognized accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education.</p> |

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| <p>Mixology 101 Professional Bartending School</p> <p>Jeff Atkinson, Owner 4727 Highway 17 Bypass South Backgate Plaza Apt. 18 A Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (980) 429-0931</p> <p>Email: Atkinson.jeff1@gmail.com Website: https://mixology-101-professional-bartending-school.business.site/ Social Media: Mixology 101 School</p> <p>Nonpublic postsecondary institution licensing notice issued 5/22/2019 Cease and desist issued 7/30/2019</p> | <p>On May 20, 2019, the Commission was alerted that Mixology 101 Professional Bartending School was offering a Bartending 101 program for a tuition fee of \$275.00 in Myrtle Beach, SC. The Commission sent a nonpublic postsecondary institution licensing notice to the school owner, Mr. Jeff Atkinson on May 22, 2019, to which Mr. Atkinson responded and was informed by the Commission that the program offered by the school is required to be licensed by the Commission. As of July 30, 2019, the school is currently still operating without a license from the Commission, and in accordance with Commission policies and procedures, a cease and desist letter was sent to the owner on July 30, 2019. The school is not licensed by the Commission to offer any programs in the state.</p> |
| <p>Recording Connection Audio Institute</p> <p>CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS Recording Connection Audio Institute 1201 West 5th Street Suite M130 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (323) 329-9610 http://www.recordingconnection.com/</p> <p>Cease and desist issued 10/31/2012</p> | <p>10/31/2012 CHE made aware that Institute is advertising several locations in South Carolina for “apprenticeships” in audio engineering, music producing, live sound engineering, and music production for a tuition fee of \$7,750 to \$9,000 plus \$650 for books. Institute is not licensed by CHE to offer programs at any level. Claims accreditation by United States Bureau of Accredited Schools and the National Private Schools Accreditation Alliance, neither of which is a recognized accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education.</p> <p>Denied approval by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE).</p> |
| <p>SimplySteno (StenoLife)</p> <p>Mark Greenburg, Owner SimplySteno (Steno Life) 15745 SW Colyer Way Tigard, OR 97224</p> <p>marc@courtreportingmovie.com 818.642.9331</p> | <p>The Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission alerted the Commission on September 9, 2016, that the institution was offering online court reporting without state authorization and it was collecting funds from California residents. StenoLife is charging residents through the StarTran School that has a California address, but are actually enrolling in the Oregon SimplySteno/StenoLife online court reporting school. In addition, SimplySteno has an unapproved consortium agreement with the Mark Kislingbury Academy of Court Reporting program, located in Texas.</p> |

Stepping Stone Phlebotomy (SS Phlebotomy)

Janecia Sanders, Owner
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On January 26, 2018, the Commission was alerted that Stepping Stone Phlebotomy was offering a Phlebotomy program for a tuition fee of \$500.00 in Florence, SC. The Commission sent a **cease and desist** letter to the owner, Ms. Janecia Sanders, on January 26, 2018 and again on February 16, 2018, to which Ms. Sanders has not responded. The school is not licensed by the Commission to offer any programs in the state.