

DATE: November 15, 2012

SUBJECT: Approval of New Programs under the Postsecondary Authorization Act

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Approval

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Commission, under the Postsecondary Authorization Act, has the “power and duty” to act upon applications for authorization of educational programs in the state. Applications have been reviewed and staff has determined that all necessary documentation for the institutions submitting new program applications is in accordance with the Act and postsecondary rules. The Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions, which is a review and advisory committee to the Commission, met on October 25, 2012 and affirmed staff recommendations for approval.

A. Argosy University – Phoenix (On-line) Phoenix, AZ

Corporate Structure:	C-Corporation
Authorization Date:	April 26, 2007
Accreditation:	Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
Title IV Funding:	Yes
Highest Credential Offered:	Doctorate Degree

Argosy University – Phoenix (On-line) is seeking authorization for five new programs. The programs will be offered in a distance learning format. This institution is recruitment only and all classes are available on-line.

1. Program: Higher and Postsecondary Education/Student Affairs
 Credential Awarded: Doctor of Education
 Length of Program: 60 Semester Credit Hours (30 Months)
2. Program: Higher and Postsecondary Education/Teaching And Learning
 Credential Awarded: Doctor of Education
 Length of Program: 60 Semester Credit Hours (30 Months)
3. Program: Sports-Exercise Psychology
 Credential Awarded: Master of Arts
 Length of Program: 30 Semester Credit Hours (12 Months)
4. Program: Psychology/Child and Adolescent Studies
 Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Arts
 Length of Program: 120 Semester Credit Hours (48 Months)

5. Program: Healthcare Administration
 Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science
 Length of Program: 120 Semester Credit Hours (48 Months)

B. Argosy University – Nashville Nashville, TN

- Corporate Structure: C-Corporation
 Authorization Date: August 26, 2011
 Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
 Title IV Funding: Yes
 Highest Credential Offered: Doctorate Degree

Argosy University – Nashville is seeking authorization for one new program. The program will be offered in a blended format. Instruction will be provided by faculty from their authorized site in Nashville, Tennessee, as well as on-line.

1. Program: Psychology/Child and Adolescent Studies
 Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Arts
 Length of Program: 120 Semester Credit Hours (40 Months Full-Time)
 (80 Months Part-Time)

C. Ashford University Clinton, IA

- Corporate Structure: C-Corporation
 Authorization Date: January 26, 2006
 Accreditation: Higher Learning Commission
 Title IV Funding: Yes
 Highest Credential Offered: Master Degree

Ashford University is seeking authorization for four new programs. The programs will be offered in a distance learning format. This institution is recruitment only and all classes are available on-line.

1. Program: Education/Library and Media
 Credential Awarded: Master of Arts
 Length of Program: 36 Semester Credit Hours (18 Months)
2. Program: Education/Family and Community Services
 Credential Awarded: Master of Arts
 Length of Program: 36 Semester Credit Hours (18 Months)
3. Program: Education/Mathematics Instruction
 Credential Awarded: Master of Arts
 Length of Program: 36 Semester Credit Hours (18 Months)
4. Program: Education/Reading and Literacy
 Credential Awarded: Master of Arts
 Length of Program: 36 Semester Credit Hours (18 Months)

5. Program: Library Science and Media
 Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Arts
 Length of Program: 120 Semester Credit Hours (48 Months)

D. Belhaven University

Jackson, MS

- Corporate Structure: Not-For-Profit Corporation
 Authorization Date: January 26, 2012
 Accreditation: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools,
 Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
 Title IV Funding: Yes
 Highest Credential Offered: Masters Degree

Belhaven University – Jackson is seeking authorization for two new programs. The programs will be offered in a distance learning format. The institution is recruitment only and all classes are available on-line.

1. Program: Elementary Education
 Credential Awarded: Master of Education
 Length of Program: 33 Semester Credit Hours (22 Months Full-Time)
 (44 Months Part-Time)
2. Program: Secondary Education
 Credential Awarded: Master of Education
 Length of Program: 33 Semester Credit Hours (22 Months Full-Time)
 (44 Months Part-Time)

E. Huntington College of Health Sciences

Knoxville, TN

- Corporate Structure: S-Corporation
 Authorization Date: May 19, 1995
 Accreditation: Distance Education and Training Council (DETC)
 Title IV Funding: No
 Highest Credential Offered: Doctorate Degree

Huntington College of Health Sciences is seeking authorization for two new programs. The program will be offered in a distance learning format. The institution is recruitment only and all classes are available on-line.

1. Program: Integrative Healthcare in Clinical Nutrition
 Credential Awarded: Doctor of Health Science
 Length of Program: 61 Semester Credit Hours (36 Months)
2. Program: Integrative Healthcare in Personalized
 Concentration
 Credential Awarded: Doctor of Health Sciences
 Length of Program: 61 Semester Credit Hours (26 Months)

F. Kaplan University

Chicago, IL

Corporate Structure:	C-Corporation
Authorization Date:	November 19, 2009
Accreditation:	Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
Title IV Funding:	Yes
Highest Credential Offered:	Masters Degree

Kaplan University is seeking authorization for one new program. The program will be offered in a distance learning format. The institution is recruitment only, and all classes are available on-line.

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| 1. Program: | Education/Educational Leadership | |
| Credential Awarded: | Master of Science | |
| Length of Program: | 54 Quarter Credit Hours | (15 Months Full-Time)
(30 Months Part-Time) |

G. SAE Institute of Technology

Nashville, TN

Corporate Structure:	C-Corporation
Authorization Date:	November 10, 2011
Accreditation:	Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)
Title IV Funding:	Yes
Highest Credential Offered:	Associate Degree

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| 1. Program: | General Education | |
| Credential Awarded: | None | |
| Length of Program: | 19 Semester Credit Hours | (16 Months) |

Completion of the General Education Courses is necessary for students to receive an Associate Degree from SAE Institute of Technology – Nashville.

H. South College – Lonas Drive

Knoxville, TN

Corporate Structure:	S-Corporation
Authorization Date:	July 27, 2006
Accreditation:	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
Title IV Funding:	Yes
Highest Credential Offered:	Masters Degree

South College is seeking authorization for two new programs. The programs will be offered in a blended format. Instruction will be provided by faculty from their authorized site on Lonas Drive in Knoxville, Tennessee as well as on-line.

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| 1. Program: | Diagnostic Medical Sonography |
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Credential Awarded:
Length of Program:

Associate of Science
125 Quarter Credit Hours

(27 Months Full-Time)
(33 Months Part-Time)

South College is seeking accreditation from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRCDMS). The JRCDMS accreditation process does not begin until the first class of enrolled students begin to take clinical courses. The accreditation process will take approximately 12-18 months and will include a site visit. Accreditation from JRCDMS is required in order for graduates to sit for the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography certification. If the accreditation is not granted, the students will be taught out at another institution with a Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program or South College will refund all monies paid by the students.

- 2. Program: Professional Brewing Science
- Credential Awarded: Certificate
- Length of Program: 48 Quarter Credit Hours (9 Months Full-Time)
(12 Months Part-Time)

I. The Art Institute of Tennessee Nashville, TN

- Corporate Structure: C-Corporation
- Authorization Date: July 27, 2006
- Accreditation: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools,
Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
- Title IV Funding: Yes
- Highest Credential Offered: Bachelors Degree

The Art Institute - Nashville is seeking authorization for one new program. The program will be offered in a residential format. Instruction will be provided by faculty from their authorized site in Nashville, Tennessee.

- 1. Program: Designing for Tablets: Digital Publishing
- Credential Awarded: Bachelors of Fine Arts
- Length of Program: 180 Quarter Credit Hours (33 Months Full-Time)
(66 Months Part-Time)

J. Tulsa Welding School Jacksonville, FL

- Corporate Structure: C-Corporation
- Accreditation: Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and
Colleges (ACCSC)
- Title IV Funding: Yes
- Highest Credential Offered: Diploma

Tulsa Welding School, Inc. is seeking approval for three new programs. The programs will be offered in a residential format. This institution is recruitment only and all instruction will be provided by faculty from their authorized site in Jacksonville, Florida.

1. Program: Electro-Mechanical Technologies
 Credential Awarded: Diploma
 Length of Program: 45.5 Semester Credit Hours (9 Months - Day Classes)
 (13 Months - Night Classes)
2. Program: Electronic Systems Technician
 Credential Awarded: Diploma
 Length of Program: 46 Semester Credit Hours (9 months)
3. Program: Shipfitting and Steel Fabrication
 Credential Awarded: Diploma
 Length of Program: 41.5 Semester Credit Hours (8.5 months)

K. University of Phoenix – Chattanooga Chattanooga, TN

Corporate Structure: For-Profit Corporation
 Authorization Date: July 27, 2006
 Accreditation: Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
 Title IV Funding: Yes
 Highest Credential Offered: Doctoral Degree

University of Phoenix – Chattanooga is seeking authorization offer four new programs. The programs will be offered in a residential format. Instruction will be provided by faculty from their authorized site in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

1. Program: Justice and Security Administration/Global and Homeland Security
 Credential Awarded: Master of Science
 Length of Program: 49 Semester Credit Hours (19 Months)
2. Program: Justice and Security Administration/Law Enforcement Organizations
 Credential Awarded: Master of Science
 Length of Program: 49 Semester Credit Hours (19 Months)
3. Program: Criminal Justice Administration/Cyber Crimes
 Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science
 Length of Program: 120 Semester Credit Hours (50 Months)
4. Program: Criminal Justice Administration/Security
 Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science
 Length of Program: 120 Semester Credit Hours (50 Months)

L. University of Phoenix – Memphis Memphis, TN

Corporate Structure: For-Profit Corporation
 Authorization Date: July 17, 2002
 Accreditation: Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
 Title IV Funding: Yes

Highest Credential Offered: Doctoral Degree
 University of Phoenix – Memphis is seeking authorization offer four new programs. The programs will be offered in a residential format. Instruction will be provided by faculty from their authorized site in Memphis, Tennessee.

1. Program: Justice and Security Administration/Global and Homeland Security
 Credential Awarded: Master of Science
 Length of Program: 49 Semester Credit Hours (19 Months)
2. Program: Justice and Security Administration/Law Enforcement Organizations
 Credential Awarded: Master of Science
 Length of Program: 49 Semester Credit Hours (19 Months)
3. Program: Criminal Justice Administration/Cyber Crimes
 Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science
 Length of Program: 120 Semester Credit Hours (50 Months)
4. Program: Criminal Justice Administration/Security
 Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science
 Length of Program: 120 Semester Credit Hours (50 Months)

M. University of Phoenix – Nashville Nashville, TN

Corporate Structure: For-Profit Corporation
 Authorization Date: January 31, 2002
 Accreditation: Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
 Title IV Funding: Yes
 Highest Credential Offered: Doctoral Degree

University of Phoenix – Nashville is seeking authorization offer four new programs. The programs will be offered in a residential format. Instruction will be provided by faculty from their authorized site in Nashville, Tennessee.

1. Program: Justice and Security Administration/Global and Homeland Security
 Credential Awarded: Master of Science
 Length of Program: 49 Semester Credit Hours (19 Months)
2. Program: Justice and Security Administration/Law Enforcement Organizations
 Credential Awarded: Master of Science
 Length of Program: 49 Semester Credit Hours (19 Months)
3. Program: Criminal Justice Administration/Cyber Crimes
 Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science
 Length of Program: 120 Semester Credit Hours (50 Months)

4. Program: Criminal Justice Administration/Security
 Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science
 Length of Program: 120 Semester Credit Hours (50 Months)

N. University of Phoenix – On-line Phoenix, AZ

- Corporate Structure: For-Profit Corporation
 Authorization Date: November 15, 2001
 Accreditation: Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
 Title IV Funding: Yes
 Highest Credential Offered: Doctoral Degree

University of Phoenix – On-line is seeking authorization offer four new programs. The programs will be offered in a distance learning format. The institution is recruitment only and all classes are available on-line.

1. Program: Justice and Security Administration/Global and Homeland Security
 Credential Awarded: Master of Science
 Length of Program: 49 Semester Credit Hours (19 Months)
2. Program: Justice and Security Administration/Law Enforcement Organizations
 Credential Awarded: Master of Science
 Length of Program: 49 Semester Credit Hours (19 Months)
3. Program: Criminal Justice Administration/Cyber Crimes
 Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science
 Length of Program: 120 Semester Credit Hours (50 Months)
4. Program: Criminal Justice Administration/Security
 Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science
 Length of Program: 120 Semester Credit Hours (50 Months)

O. University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA

- Corporate Structure: Not-For-Profit Corporation
 Authorization Date: November 1, 2010
 Accreditation: Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
 Title IV Funding: Yes
 Highest Credential Offered: Masters Degree

University of Southern California is seeking authorization for four new programs. The programs will be offered in a distance learning format. The institution is recruitment only and all classes are available on-line.

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| 1. | Program:
Credential Awarded:
Length of Program: | Special Education Credential
Educational Specialist Credential in Mild/Moderate Disabilities
15 Semester Credit Hours | (8 Months Full-Time)
(16 Months Part-Time) |
| 2. | Program:
Credential Awarded:
Length of Program: | Gifted Education
Graduate Certificate
12-13 Semester Credit Hours | (6 Months Full-Time)
(12 Months Part-Time) |
| 3. | Program:
Credential Awarded:
Length of Program: | Advance Instruction
Master of Education
32 Semester Credit Hours | (13 Months Full-Time)
(18 Months Part-Time) |
| 4. | Program:
Credential Awarded:
Length of Program: | Teaching English as a Second Language
Master of Arts
30 Semester Credit Hours | (12 Months Full-Time)
(24 Months Part-Time) |

P. Victory University

Memphis, TN

Corporate Structure:	Limited Liability Corporation (LLC)
Authorization Date:	April 29, 2010
Accreditation:	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
Title IV Funding:	Masters of Arts in Education: YES Graduate Certificate in Social Media: NO
Highest Credential Offered:	Masters Degree

Victory University is seeking authorization for two new programs. The programs will be offered in a blended learning format. Instruction will be provided by faculty from their authorized site in Memphis, Tennessee as well as on-line.

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| 1. | Program:
Credential Awarded:
Length of Program: | Education
Master of Arts
36 Semester Credit Hours | (12 Months Full-Time)
(24 Months Part-Time) |
| 2. | Program:
Credential Awarded:
Length of Program: | Social Media
Graduate Certificate
12 Semester Credit Hours | (8 Months Full-Time)
(16 Months Part-Time) |

Q. Western Governors University

Salt Lake City, UT

Corporate Structure: Not-For-Profit Corporation
Authorization Date: April 29, 2010
Accreditation: Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
Title IV Funding: Yes
Highest Credential Offered: Master Degree

Western Governor's University is seeking authorization to offer two new programs. The programs will be offered in a distance learning format. The institution is recruitment only and all classes are available on-line.

1. Program: Curriculum and Instruction
Credential Awarded: Master of Science
Length of Program: 30 Competency Unites (24 Months)

2. Program: Information Technology Network Management
Credential Awarded: Master of Science
Length of Program: 33 Competency Unites (24 Months)