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## Report from the Accrediting Commission

The DETC Accrediting Commission met on June 13-14, 2013 and took the following actions:

### One Institution Gains Accreditation

#### **ROCKBRIDGE SEMINARY**

3111 E. Battlefield Street  
Springfield, MO 65804

(Phone: 417-459-4323 or 866-931-4300; Fax: 866-931-4300; E-mail: [admissions@sconnect.org](mailto:admissions@sconnect.org); Website: <http://www.rockbridgeseminary.org>)

Dr. Daryl Eldridge, President

Founded 2005. Offers the Master of Divinity, Master of Ministry Leadership, and Diploma in Ministry Studies.

The Commission awarded **Rockbridge Seminary** an initial grant of accreditation for a 3-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of its three programs. The institution first applied for DETC accreditation in June 2012. The institution has been found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will next be considered for its first renewal of accreditation in June 2016.

### Resigned Accreditation

The following institution resigned its accreditation effective June 30, 2013:

#### **UNIVERSITY OF ATLANTA**

6685 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard  
Atlanta, GA 30360

### 13 Institutions Reaccreditation

The following institutions were reaccredited for 5 years:

#### **AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE SCIENCES**

5940 SW Hood Avenue  
Portland, OR 97239-3719

(Phone: 503-244-0726 or 1-800-487-8839; Fax: 503-244-0727; E-mail: [achs@achs.edu](mailto:achs@achs.edu); Website: <http://www.achs.edu>)

Dorene Petersen, President  
Erika Yigzaw, Chief Institutional Officer

Founded 1978. Offers Associate and Master's Degrees in Complementary Alternative Medicine (AAS & MS); Diplomas in Holistic Health Practice, Herbal Studies Master Herbalist, Aromatherapy Master Aromatherapist, and Dynamic Phytotherapy; Certificates available in Natural Products Manufacturing, Herbal Retail Management, Wellness Consulting, Holistic Nutrition Consulting, Iridology Consulting, Homeopathy Consulting, and Dynamic Phytotherapy Consulting; Graduate certificates available in Anatomy & Physiology, Aromatherapy, Botanical Safety, Complementary Alternative Medicine, Herbal Medicine, and Nutrition. Training in complementary modalities and professional continuing education programs in holistic health also available.

The Commission awarded to the American College of Healthcare Sciences, which was initially accredited on June 7, 2003 as the Australasian College of Herbal Studies. This is its third consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was awarded without conditions and is for a five period from the date that its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation in June 2018.

### **AMERICAN GRADUATE UNIVERSITY**

733 North Dodsworth Avenue  
Covina, CA 91724

(Phone: 626-966-4576; Fax: 626-915-1709; E-mail: [info@agu.edu](mailto:info@agu.edu); Website: <http://www.agu.edu>)

Paul R. McDonald, President

Marine Sirney, Executive Vice President

Founded 1969. Offers Master of Acquisition Management, Master of Project Management, Master of Contract Management, Master of Supply Management, Master of Business Administration with concentrations in Acquisition and Contract Management, Program and Project Management, Supply Chain Management, and General Management; and certificate and professional development courses in project/program management, contract and acquisition management, pricing and financial management, supply management, and general management.

The Commission awarded to American Graduate University, which was initially accredited by DETC on June 6, 1998, its fourth consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five period from the date that its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation in June 2018.

### **CALIFORNIA NATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR ADVANCED STUDIES**

8550 Balboa Boulevard, Suite 210  
Northridge, CA 91325

(Phone: 818-830-2411 or 800-782-2422; Fax: 818-830-2418; E-mail: [cnuadms@mail.cnuas.edu](mailto:cnuadms@mail.cnuas.edu); Website: <http://www.cnuas.edu>)

Carlton Bryant, President

Founded 1993. Offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Administration and Engineering; Bachelor of Computer Science, and Bachelor of Quality Assurance Science and Six Sigma Green Belt Certificate; and Six Sigma Black Belt Certificate and Six Sigma Green and Black Belt Combination Certificate Program. Master of Science degree in Engineering; Master of Engineering Management; Master of Business Administration; Master of Human Resources Management, and Human Resources Management Certificate Program.

The Commission awarded to CNU, which was initially accredited by DETC on January 17, 1998, its third consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date that its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs

being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation in January 2018.

### **CITIZENS' HIGH SCHOOL**

188 College Drive

P.O. Box 66089

Orange Park, FL 32065-6089

(Phone: 904-276-1700; Fax: 904-272-6702; E-mail: [inforequests@citizenschool.com](mailto:inforequests@citizenschool.com); Website:

<http://www.citizenshighschool.com>)

Larry S. Lark, President

Onna L. East, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer

Founded 1981. Offers complete high school diploma course.

The Commission awarded to Citizens' High School, which was initially accredited by DETC on January 27, 1984, its sixth consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date that its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of its program offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation in June 2017.

### **DIAMOND COUNCIL OF AMERICA**

3212 West End Avenue, Suite 400

Nashville, TN 37203

(Phone: 615-385-5301 or 877-283-5669; Fax: 615-385-4955; E-mail: [lissa@diamondcouncil.org](mailto:lissa@diamondcouncil.org); Website:

<http://www.diamondcouncil.org>)

Terry Chandler, President/CEO

Founded 1944. Offers courses in diamonds, colored gemstones, and advanced jewelry sales leading to certificates of Diamond Certified; Colored Gemstone Certified and Advanced Jewelry Sales. Offered to members of the Diamond Council of America and their employees.

The Commission awarded to Diamond Council of America, which was initially accredited by DETC on January 27, 1984, its sixth consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date that its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on June 2018.

### **DISTANCE EDUCATION COMPANY, LLC**

A division of Professional Career Development Institute, LLC

211 East 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 2402

New York, NY 10017

Chuck Delaney, Vice President and Director

#### **• NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

Phone: 212-697-2060; Fax: 212-867-8122; E-mail: [info@nyicd.com](mailto:info@nyicd.com); Website: <http://www.nyicd.com>

Founded 2012. Offers courses in Professional Blogging, and Fiction and Memoir Writing.

The Commission awarded New York Institute of Career Development accreditation on June 15, 2012 as a division of Distance Education Company LLC. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a

review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on January 2018.

• **NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF PHOTOGRAPHY**

Phone: 212-897-8260; Fax: 212-867-8122; E-mail: info@nyip.com; Website: <http://www.nyip.com>

Founded 1910. Offers courses in professional photography and digital photography.

As a division of Distance Education Corporation, the school was bought by PCDI LLC in 2004. The Commission awarded accreditation to New York Institute of Photography on June 3, 2006. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on January 2018. (Note: New York Institute of Photography was also accredited from July 12, 1956 until January 12, 1976 due to a closure, and again from January 16, 1982 until May 19, 1983, when it resigned.)

• **SHEFFIELD SCHOOL**

Phone: 212-661-7270; Fax: 800-822-0023; E-mail info@sheffield.edu; Website: <http://www.sheffield.edu>

Founded 1985. Offers courses in interior design, feng shui interior design, wedding and event planning, and jewelry design.

As a division of Distance Education Corporation, the school was bought by PCDI LLC in 2004. The Commission awarded accreditation to Sheffield School of Interior Design on June 3, 2006. The name was changed to Sheffield School in 2009. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on January 2018.

**DUNLAP-STONE UNIVERSITY**

19820 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100

Phoenix, AZ 85024

(Phone: 602-648-5750 or 800-474-8013; Fax: 602-648-5755; E-mail: info@dunlap-stone.edu; Website <http://www.dunlap-stone.edu>)

Donald Burton, Ph.D., President

Founded 1995. Offers Bachelor of Science in International Trade Management, with emphasis options of Management, Trade Compliance Management, Global Supply Chain Management, Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration, and Associate of Arts in Business Administration. Also offers open enrollment exam preparation training for international trade certifications.

The Commission awarded to Dunlap-Stone University, which was initially accredited as International Import-Export Institute by DETC on June 7, 2003, its third consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date that its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on June 2018.

**HENLEY-PUTNAM UNIVERSITY**

2804 Mission College Boulevard, Suite 240

Santa Clara, CA 95054

(Phone: 408-453-9900; Fax: 408-453-9700; E-mail: [info@henley-putnam.edu](mailto:info@henley-putnam.edu); Website: <http://www.henley-putnam.edu>)

James P. Killin, Chief Executive Officer

Founded 1991. Offers Doctorate in Strategic Security. Certificate Programs and Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Intelligence Management, Terrorism and Counterterrorism Studies, and Strategic Security and Protection Management.

The Commission awarded to Henley-Putnam University, which was initially accredited as California University of Protection and Intelligence Management by DETC on January 13, 2007, its second consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on June 2016.

### **INTERNATIONAL SPORTS SCIENCES ASSOCIATION (ISSA)**

1015 Mark Avenue  
Carpinteria, CA 93013

(Phone: 805-745-8111 or 800-892-4772; Fax: 805-745-8119; E-mail: [info@issaonline.edu](mailto:info@issaonline.edu); Website: <http://www.issaonline.edu>)

Founded 1988

Offers Certified Fitness Trainer, Specialist in Fitness Nutrition, Specialist in Exercise Therapy, Specialist in Senior Fitness, Specialist in Strength and Conditioning, Youth Fitness Trainer, Specialist in Sports Nutrition, AS Exercise Science with an Emphasis in Personal Training.

Sal Arria, President/CEO

Patrick Gamboa, COO

The Commission awarded to ISSA, which was initially accredited by DETC on January 17, 2009, its second consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five period from the date that its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on June 2018.

### **NATIONAL TRAINING, INC.**

188 College Drive  
P.O. Box 65789

Orange Park, FL 32065-0014

(Phone: 904-272-4000 or 1-800-488-7364; Fax: 904-272-6702; Truck School Website:

<http://www.truckschool.com>; E-mail: [inforequests@nationaltrainingschools.com](mailto:inforequests@nationaltrainingschools.com); Earthmover School Website:

<http://www.earthmoverschool.com>; E-mail: [heinforequests@nationaltrainingschools.com](mailto:heinforequests@nationaltrainingschools.com))

Larry S. Lark, President

Founded 1978. Combination home study-resident courses in truck driving training and heavy equipment construction machinery operation.

The Commission awarded to National Training, Inc., which was initially accredited by DETC on January 27, 1984, its sixth consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. National Training, Inc. also has a training site at SR 209, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of it program offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation in June 2017.

## **SONORAN DESERT INSTITUTE**

8767 E. Via de Ventura, Suite 126

Scottsdale, AZ 85258-5316

(Phone: 480-314-2102; Fax: 480-314-2138; E-mail: [info@sdi.edu](mailto:info@sdi.edu); Website: <http://www.sdi.edu>)

LARRY GUDIS, Chief Academic Officer

PAUL ZAGNONI, President

Founded 2000. Offers Associate of Science degree in Firearms Technology, and courses in home inspection, gunsmithing, medical coding and billing, and solar certification prep and solar panel installation.

The Commission awarded to Sonoran Desert Institute, which was initially accredited by DETC on January 10, 2004, its third consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date that its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on June 2018.

## **THE TAFT UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

3700 South Susan Street, Office 200

Santa Ana, CA 92704-6954

(Phone 714-850-4800 or 800-882-4555; Fax: 714-708-2082; E-mail: [admissions@TaftU.edu](mailto:admissions@TaftU.edu); Website: <http://www.TaftU.edu>)

DAVID L. BOYD, Chancellor

- **TAFT LAW SCHOOL**

3700 South Susan Street, Office 200

Santa Ana, CA 92704-6954

(Phone 714-850-4800 or 800-882-4555; Fax: 714-708-2082; E-mail: [admissions@TaftU.edu](mailto:admissions@TaftU.edu); Website: <http://www.TaftU.edu>)

ROBERT K. STROUSE, Dean

Founded 1976. Offers Bachelor of Science in Laws, Juris Doctor – Attorney and Executive Tracks, Master of Laws with a concentration in American Jurisprudence and taxation.

The Commission awarded to Taft Law School, which was initially accredited by DETC as a new division of the Taft University System, on January 12, 2008, its renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from when its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on June 2018.

- **WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT UNIVERSITY**

600 South Cherry Street, Office 525

Denver, CO 80246

(Phone: 303-867-1155 or 877-894-8238; Fax: 303-867-1156; E-Mail: [admissions@taft.edu](mailto:admissions@taft.edu); Website: <http://www.taft.edu>)

JEROME F. ALLEY, President (E-mail: [Alley@Taft.edu](mailto:Alley@Taft.edu))

Founded 1976. Offers Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA – Degree Completion); Master of Business Administration (MBA); Master of Education (MEd); Master of Science in Taxation

(MST); Master of Science in Information Technology (MSIT); Doctor of Business Administration (DBA), and Doctor of Education (Ed.D.).

The Commission awarded to William Howard Taft University, which was initially accredited by DETC on June 7, 2003, its third consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. William Howard Taft University became a division of the Taft University System in 2008. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date that its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on June 2018.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE FOR HEALTH SCIENCES**

700 Windy Point Drive

San Marcos, CA 92069

(Phone: 760-591-3012 or 800-241-1027; Fax: 760-290-3997; E-mail: [info@usa.edu](mailto:info@usa.edu); Website:

<http://www.usa.edu>)

WANDA NITSCH, P.T., Ph.D., President & Chief Academic Officer

CINDY MATHENA, Ph.D., Vice President/Dean, Post-Professional Studies

STANLEY V. PARIS, P.T., Ph.D., FAPTA, Chancellor

Founded 2008. Offers combination distance study and resident courses leading to either an entry-level doctor of physical therapy, an entry-level master of occupational therapy, an entry-level Master of Orthopaedic Assistant, a Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, a Transitional Doctor of Occupational Therapy, a Doctor of Health Science or a Doctor of Education degree. All degree programs require applicants to have a Bachelor's degree; the Doctor of Health Science and the Doctor of Education requires a Master's degree or clinical doctorate.

The Commission awarded the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences its initial accreditation on June 5, 1993 at its Florida location. The Institute changed its name to University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences in 1997. The San Marcos, California site was approved on January 17, 2009. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date that its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on January 2018.

- **UNIVERSITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE FOR HEALTH SCIENCES, FL**—Resident Training, One University Boulevard, St. Augustine, FL 32086-5799 (Phone: 904-826-0084 or 800-241-1027; Fax: 904-826-0085; E-mail: [info@usa.edu](mailto:info@usa.edu); Website: <http://www.usa.edu>)

Founded 1979. Offers combination distance study and resident courses leading to either an entry-level doctor of physical therapy, an entry-level master of occupational therapy, an entry-level Master of Orthopaedic Assistant, a Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, a Transitional Doctor of Occupational Therapy, a Doctor of Health Science or a Doctor of Education degree. All degree programs require applicants to have a Bachelor's degree; the Doctor of Health Science and the Doctor of Education requires a Master's degree or clinical doctorate.

The Commission awarded the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences at its Florida location its initial accreditation on June 5, 1993 as the Institute of Physical Therapy. The Institute changed its name to University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences in 1997. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date that its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to

meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on January 2018.

- **UNIVERSITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE FOR HEALTH SCIENCES, TX**—Resident Training, 5401 La Crosse Avenue, Austin, TX 78739 (Phone: 512-394-9766 or 800-241-1027; Fax: 512-394-9764; E-mail: info@usa.edu; Website: <http://www.usa.edu>)

Founded 2012. Offers combination distance study and resident courses leading to either an entry-level doctor of physical therapy, an entry-level master of occupational therapy, an entry-level Master of Orthopaedic Assistant, a Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, a Transitional Doctor of Occupational Therapy, a Doctor of Health Science or a Doctor of Education degree. All degree programs require applicants to have a Bachelor's degree; the Doctor of Health Science and the Doctor of Education requires a Master's degree or clinical doctorate.

The Commission awarded the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences its initial accreditation on June 5, 1993 at its Florida location. The Institute changed its name to University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences in 1997. The Austin, Texas site was approved on January 11, 2013. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five year period from the date that its Application for Reaccreditation was considered. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on January 2018.

### **Change of Name**

The Commission approved the change of name for the following institutions:

- Milburn High School Online, Woodbridge, VA – changed its name to Middleton Academy
- Sheffield School, New York, NY – changed its name to New York Institute of Art and Design

The Commission also approved the deletion of the name Avondale and Williams Preparatory High School. The school continues as Penn Foster High School, a division of Penn Foster, Scranton, PA.

### **Change of Location**

The Commission approved the change of location for the following institutions:

- John Hancock University moved to One Mid America Plaza, Suite 130, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
- Sessions College for Professional Design moved to 350 South Mill Avenue, Suite B-104, Tempe, AZ 85281
- Weston Distance Learning's division, U.S. Career Institute's Massage Hands-On Training Site moved to 2032 Lowe Street, Suite 101, Fort Collins, CO 80525

### **Change of Management**

The Financial and Change of Ownership/Management Review Subcommittee approved the change of management for the following institutions:

- Abraham Lincoln University, Los Angeles, CA – President changed from Roy Winter to Hyung Park
- Art Instruction Schools, Minneapolis, MN – President changed from Thomas Stuart to Patrick Stuart
- Northwest Institute of Literary Arts – CEO changed from Wayne Ude to Kimberly Cottrell



## **Change of Ownership**

The Commission approved the change of Ownership for the following institutions as part of their reaccreditation review:

- Holmes Institute, Golden, CO – United Centers for Spiritual Living (dba the United Church of Religious Science) and the International Centers for Spiritual Living merged to form The Centers for Spiritual Living
- Sonoran Desert Institute, Scottsdale, AZ – July 2012 Kube Education Group LLC sold to Trade Training Company, LLC

## **Administrative Sites**

The Commission approved the new administrative sites for:

- National Tax Training School, Mahwah, NJ – new site at 259 Grandview Avenue, Suffern, NY 10901
- AHS Institute/Genesis Institute – approved on October 1, 2012 as a new division for National Tax Training School

The Commission also noted the closure of the following administrative site as of December 17, 2012:

- New Charter University, 2919 John Hawkins Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35244

## **New Courses and Programs**

Since May 8, 2013, the Academic Review Subcommittee of the Accrediting Commission has approved the following courses/programs:

### **Abraham Lincoln University**

- Juris Doctor (revised)

### **Acacia University**

- Master of Arts in Educational Administration

### **American College of Technology**

- Master of Business Administration with Marketing and Social Media Concentration

### **Ashworth College**

- Administrative Assistant

### **Columbia Southern University**

- Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration (revised)
- Master of Public Administration with concentrations in Emergency Services Management and Criminal Justice

### **Concord Law School**

- Executive Juris Doctor Innovation Protection Track

### **Grace Communion Seminary**

- CM07 Experiencing the Trinity

### **Huntington College of Health Sciences**

- Doctor of Health Science in Integrative Healthcare

### **Lakewood College**

- Administrative Medical Assistant
- Criminal Justice Diploma
- GED Preparation
- Medical Billing Diploma
- Medical Coding Diploma

### **Martinsburg College**

- Surgical Instrument Processing

### **New Charter University**

- Master of Public Administration

### **New York Institute of Photography (Distance Education Co. LLC)**

- Complete Course in Video Making and Story Telling
- NYIP Intensive: Marketing for Photographers

### **University of Philosophical Research**

- PHI 514 Determinism, Reductionism, and Final Cause
- PSY 515 Tarot & Transformation, the Quest to Know

### **Final Approval of Standards, Policies and/or Procedures**

The Commission gave final adoption to the following (to view these documents, please go to DETC's website at [www.detc.org](http://www.detc.org)). Accredited institutions must be in compliance by January 1, 2014:

1. Business Standard III.A. – changes on discounting tuition
2. C.3. Policy on Change of Ownership/Management – Major revision AND adding requirement to submit a new Teach-Out Commitment (page 4)
3. C.4. Policy on Change of Location or New Administrative Site – adding “The Commission must also be notified when an administrative site is closed” to page 1 and “Closure of an Administrative Site, page 4; **AND** adding definition of “location” and “Administrative Site.”
4. C.9. Policy on Degree Programs, Standard VII. Admission Practices - deleting “A transfer transcript indicating a grade of “C” or higher in an English composition course from an appropriately accredited\* college or university; “B” or higher for Master’s, First Professional Degree or Professional Doctoral Degree” **AND** changing English proficiency level for CEFR to B-2.
5. C.14. Policy on Student Achievement and Satisfaction – Major changes; schools no longer will have to report completion rates for degree courses; completion and graduation rates charts are revised; for completion rates, students still studying may be removed; graduation rates now exclude students who have not completed three academic credits and students still studying; degree graduation rates are done by cohort going back 150% of normal time; Commission reviews completion and graduation rates data and will establish minimum acceptable rates.
6. C.29. Policy on Contract for Educational Delivery (editorial changes)
7. E.2. Application for Accreditation – adding requirement for a physical office (#3. page 2)

## Proposed Changes (call for public comment)

The Commission gave preliminary approval to the following changes. Affected institution, students, and the public are invited to submit comments on the changes. To view these documents, please go to DETC's website at [www.detc.org](http://www.detc.org) and select the link from the home page. Comments are due **November 1, 2013** and should be sent to Sally Welch ([sally@detc.org](mailto:sally@detc.org)). Please write "Comments on Proposed Changes" in the subject line of your e-mail, and expect an e-mail acknowledging receipt of your comments. If not, please submit again:

1. **Standard VI.C. Instructors/Faculty/Staff:** The institution has a sufficient number of qualified instructors<sup>1</sup>/faculty<sup>2</sup> to give individualized instructional service to each student. The institution maintains files containing the resumes and official transcripts of its instructors/faculty. Faculty are carefully screened for appointment, and are properly and continuously trained with respect to institution policies, learner needs, *instructional approaches and techniques*, and the use of appropriate instructional technology. The institution has clear, consistent procedures to evaluate faculty performance. *[adopted October 2011]*  
**<sup>1</sup>Instructors teaching technically or practice-oriented courses must have practical experience in the field and hold current licenses and/or certifications, as applicable.**  
<sup>2</sup> qualifications for degree-granting institutions are described in C.9. Policy on Degree Programs.
2. E.14. Application for Change of Ownership/Management: adding *In addition, a key person (under the new ownership) must complete Preparing for DETC Accreditation online tutorial. To enroll, visit [www.detc.org](http://www.detc.org), select "Member Services" tab and "DETC Online Training Center."* under Change of Ownership.
3. E.16. Glossary: adding definition of "Division"
4. C.17. Policy on International Activities - requiring on-site visits

## DETC Directory

The *2013-2014 DETC Directory of Accredited Institutions* is available on DETC's website ([www.detc.org](http://www.detc.org)) homepage.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the DETC Accrediting Commission will be January 16-17, 2014. All matters to be considered by the Commission should be brought to the attention of the Executive Director by no later than **November 1, 2013**.

Leah K. Matthews, Ph.D., Executive Director