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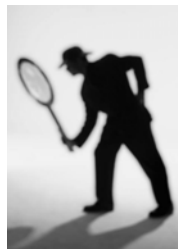
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Agenda Information

Location:	Date and Time:
Regal Sun Resort 1850 Hotel Plaza Boulevard Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830 (800) 624-4109 Map	September 10, 2008 Beginning at 9 a.m.
Webcast:	Webcast Requirements:
Go to www.fldoe.org/cie the day of the meeting and click on the webcast link.	Windows Media Player version 9 or higher

Private Investigator Schools Now Under CIE



The passage of Senate Bill 1952 during the last legislative session has moved the regulation of private investigator programs from under the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DOACS) to the Commission for Independent Education. The DOACS has created a link on their web page in order to direct private investigator schools to the Commission so that they may begin the process of applying for licensure.

Default Rate is Poor Predictor of Institutional Quality

The February 2008 issue of *Career Education Review* reported on a study of the linkage between "...the type or quality of educational institution and the rate at which borrowers default on their student loans." This study, commissioned by the Career College Association (CCA) "...involved a literature review of 41 studies of student loan default between 1978 and 2007."



The study team was led by Don Hossler, Ph.D., professor of educational leadership and policy studies and director of [the] Project on Academic Success at Indiana University's School of Education. Dr. Hossler stated that "[t]he empirical evidence suggests that default rates are not good vehicles for assessing the quality of institutions." The factors that most influence which borrowers repay their student loans appear to be:

- 1) Academic success (including program completion, grades earned, transfers and time to completion);

- 2) The student age and the number of “competing” obligations they may have;
- 3) The student’s earnings after they graduate; and
- 4) The students’ “...family income and parental education, with those coming from better educated and more affluent homes less likely to default.”

These findings suggest that loan repayments will continue to be “...a significant challenge for those struggling the hardest to improve their economic circumstances....punishing schools designed to help them succeed makes no sense.”

Ask Licensure

What Circumstances Require Submission of an Application for Substantive Change?



Paragraph 6E-1.003(55), F.A.C., defines substantive change as “any change of control, level of credentials offered, location, a change in the purpose of the institution that exceeds minor corrections or alterations, financial soundness, or accreditation. A change of location includes any change of location that exceeds 45 miles. A change of accreditation includes change of accrediting agency, lowering the level of accreditation, exceeding the scope of the grant of accreditation or recognition of the agency, or any final action taken by the accrediting agency which places the accreditation of the institution in jeopardy. A substantive change also includes any change which the Commission determines is serious enough to affect the continued operation or stability of the institution, or the quality of the educational programs offered.”

If your institution anticipates or is currently experiencing any of these changes, go to the Commission Web site at www.fldoe.org/cie and log in (using your user name and password) after clicking on *Institution Login* to access the appropriate “Application for Substantive Change.” Each application includes an information sheet that contains instructions as well as a listing of required documentation and forms that must accompany each application. The Web site contains an Application for Substantive Change for each of the following actions:

Change in Level of Credentials – This situation occurs when an institution adds or deletes programs which results in a change of the institution’s degree or non-degree status.

Change in Accreditation – An institution may experience a variety of changes in accreditation, to include lowering the level of accreditation (for example, from “Institutional” level to “Programmatic” level or “Associates Degree” to “Diploma”) or exceeding the scope of the grant of accreditation. The loss of institutional accreditation is also considered a substantive change and may result from issues such as the financial viability of the institution, the quality of the faculty, or poor graduation, placement, or retention rates.

Change in Ownership or Control - Rule 6E-2.0081, F.A.C. requires that a licensed institution shall notify the Commission 30 days prior to a change of ownership or control. In addition to submitting the required documentation, institutions must also report the effect of the change in ownership or control on the programmatic offerings, institutional mission, and the services to the students.

Change in Location – Institutions that relocate more than 45 miles from their previous location are required to submit an Application for Substantive Change - Change in Location. Institutions relocating **less** than 45 miles are still obligated to inform the Commission in writing and submit all of the required documentation (signed lease, site plan, floor plan, narrative description of the facility, occupational license, and current fire inspection report).

Change in Purpose – An institution may add or drop programs that affect the original purpose of the institution. For example, an institution that offers information technology programs may add one or several health occupation programs, making it necessary to revise the purpose of the institution.

Please see the specific Application for Substantive Change accessible on the CIE Web site for a complete list of required documentation. The appropriate fee must also accompany each application.

Institutions that hold an Annual License or a License By Means of Accreditation must apply for a substantive change when necessary. All applications for substantive change must be presented at a Commission meeting. The Commission shall make the final determination as to whether the substantive change is approved.

Please contact your Program Specialist if you have questions about whether or not you are required to submit an Application for Substantive Change. Please also note that minor program modifications are not considered substantive changes, but must still be reported, in writing, to the Commission.

Calendar

COMMISSION MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS	➤ NEW INSTITUTION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN:	➤ ANNUAL RENEWALS PROGRAM ➤ ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS ➤ AND ALL OTHER LICENSE RELATED MATTERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN:
September 10, 2008 Orlando	Monday May 12, 2008	Tuesday June 10, 2008
November 7, 2008 Orlando	Monday July 7, 2008	Thursday August 7, 2008
January 30, 2009 Orlando	Tuesday September 30, 2008	Thursday October 30, 2008

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