

Agenda Item VIII.A.1.a.

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology Los Angeles, California

BACKGROUND

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (Chicago School) is not incorporated in the state of Louisiana. The institution is a not for profit institution with more than 4,000 students at campuses in Chicago, the Los Angeles area, and Washington D.C. The Chicago School was founded in 1979 by a group of psychologists and educators and was originally accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. With the expansion of the school's programs to the East and West coast, the institution is currently accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Chicago school is proposing to make available to Louisiana residents its Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology program through an agreement with Xavier University. The program at the Chicago location is accredited through the American Psychological Association (APA) and the program at its Los Angeles location (the sponsor of the proposed program at Xavier University) is in the process of becoming APA accredited. Although some of the program will be delivered online, much of it will be delivered in traditional classroom format at Xavier University in New Orleans. Thus the need for licensure.

FACULTY

The Chicago school will begin the Louisiana program with three of its faculty, all employed fulltime and trained at the doctorate level.

FACILITIES

The Chicago School will lease approximately 2300 square feet of office and instructional space from Xavier University. It has also contracted with Xavier for the use of its library and students enrolled in the program will have full access to the Xavier campus.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the institution's accreditation and the proposed academic programs' pursuit of accreditation, the general oversight by the home campus, and the institution's affiliation with Xavier University, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents issue an initial operating license to The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, located in Los Angeles, California with plans to operate on the campus of Xavier University.

Agenda Item VIII.A.1.b.

Drexel University Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

BACKGROUND

Drexel University (Drexel) is not incorporated in the state of Louisiana. The institution traces its roots to 1891 with the establishment of the Drexel Institute of Art, Science and Industry. From those beginnings, Drexel has evolved into a research university with nine colleges and four schools, including schools of medicine and law. Today, Drexel enrolls over 25,000 students with over 5,000 enrolled online. The institution is headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Drexel proposes to offer a wide array of online programs at the certificate, baccalaureate and graduate levels to Louisiana residents in a variety of disciplines. Typically, the online nature of the delivery system would not require licensure. However, since some of the programs require clinical experiences, licensure is necessary.

FACULTY

Drexel employs 23 faculty to support its online programs available to Louisiana residents, eleven on a full-time basis. Nine of the faculty are trained at the doctoral level from accredited institutions, while the balance are trained at the masters level.

FACILITIES

Since the programs are offered online, there is no need for physical facilities. Depending on the academic program, students complete clinical experiences at various locations in Louisiana.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the college's and programs' accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents issue an initial operating license to Drexel University, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Agenda Item VIII.A.1.c.

Lamar Institute of Technology Beaumont, Texas

BACKGROUND

Lamar Institute of Technology (Lamar Tech) is not incorporated in the state of Louisiana. The institution is a publically-supported two-year college and part of the Texas State University System. The institution traces its roots to South Park Junior College founded in 1923. Lamar Tech is located in Beaumont, Texas and is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Lamar Tech is proposing to make available to Louisiana residents online associate degree programs in Health Information Technology and Sonography. Typically, the online nature of the delivery system would not require licensure. However, since both of the programs require clinical experiences/internships, licensure is necessary.

FACULTY

Lamar Tech employs twelve faculty in support of its two online associate degree programs. Of the twelve faculty, seven are employed full time and two are trained at the graduate level

FACILITIES

Since Lamar Tech operates programs online with administrative and academic support in Beaumont, there are no facilities in Louisiana. Students will complete clinical/internship experiences at various locations in Louisiana.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the institution's and academic programs' accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents issue an initial operating license to Lamar Institute of Technology, located in Beaumont, Texas.

Agenda Item VIII.A.1.d.

River City College for Online Studies San Antonio, Texas

BACKGROUND

River City College for Online Studies (River City), a division of Career Point College, is not incorporated in the state of Louisiana. The online operations of the private postsecondary proprietary school are located in San Antonio, Texas. River City sets its roots to the founding of Dickenson Business School in 1921 in Kansas City, Missouri. The institution established a branch campus in San Antonio, Texas in 1984 which became its main campus in 1988. River City, a division of Career Point College, is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS).

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

River City is proposing to offer seven online associate degree programs in applied science (accounting, administrative assisting, criminal justice, cyber security, insurance coding/billing, network support specialist, paralegal) and three online baccalaureate degree programs (business, healthcare administration, information technology). The required clinical activities in a few of the health-related curricula necessitate licensure.

FACULTY

River City employs 26 faculty to support these online programs, all on a part-time basis. Of the 26 faculty, seventeen are trained at the graduate level.

FACILITIES

Since the proposed programs will be offered online, there will be no need for physical facilities in Louisiana. Clinical experiences will be held in a variety of healthcare settings throughout Louisiana.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the college's accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for the online operations of River City College for Online Studies (A Division of Career Point College), located in San Antonio, Texas.

Agenda Item VIII.A.1.e.

Washington State University Pullman, Washington

BACKGROUND

Washington State University (WSU) is not incorporated in the state of Louisiana. The institution is a publically-supported land grant research university of approximately 28,000 students on four campuses founded in 1890. The main campus of WSU is located in Pullman, Washington and is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

WSU is proposing to make available to Louisiana residents 35 online programs at the certificate through master's level in a variety of programs in the arts and sciences, healthcare and education. Typically, the online nature of the delivery system would not require licensure. However, since some of the programs (Human Development/GerontologyAgriculture) require clinical experiences/internships, licensure is necessary.

FACULTY

WSU employs hundreds of faculty in support of its online programs. As expected, as a major research university, most of the faculty employed at WSU are trained at the doctoral level.

FACILITIES

Since WSU operates programs online with administrative and academic support in Pullman, there are no physical facilities in Louisiana. Students will complete clinical/internship experiences at various locations within the State.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the institution's and academic programs' accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents issue an initial operating license to Washington State University, located in Pullman, Washington.

Agenda Item VIII.A.2.a.

Frontier Nursing University Hyden, Kentucky

BACKGROUND

Frontier Nursing University (Frontier) first registered with the Board of Regents in 2003. The institution is headquartered in Hyden, Kentucky and provides educational programs in Louisiana at the master's, post-master's and doctorate levels. The institution is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), its school by the National League of Nursing, and its programs by the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Frontier currently offers a master's degree in nursing, post-master's certificates in nurse-midwifery, family nurse practitioner and women's healthcare, and a doctor of nursing practice.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Frontier employs 67 full-time faculty and 20 part-time faculty members. All faculty members hold graduate degrees from institutions with recognized accreditation. The institution reports an enrollment of sixteen in the state of Louisiana.

FACILITIES

Students at Frontier currently enroll in all didactic courses online. Students utilize facilities for clinical purposes at primary care health clinics, hospitals and wellness centers for women in Louisiana.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the regional accreditation of the institution, nationally-recognized accreditation of its programs, the credentials of its faculty, and the scope of its current operations in Louisiana, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve license renewal for the Frontier Nursing University, located in Hyden, Kentucky.

Agenda Item VIII.A.2.b.

University of Cincinnati Cincinnati, Ohio

BACKGROUND

The University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati) is not incorporated in the state of Louisiana. The institution is a publically-supported research university of approximately 42,000 students, founded in 1870. The university is located in Cincinnati, Ohio, is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and is seeking license renewal.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Cincinnati offers six masters, five bachelors, one associate and eleven certificate online programs to Louisiana residents, primarily in allied health and education-related fields. Typically, the online nature of the delivery system would not require licensure. However, since many of the programs require clinical experiences/internships, licensure is necessary.

FACULTY

Cincinnati employs 115 faculty in support of its online programs. Seventy of the faculty hold doctorates and 65 are employed full-time.

FACILITIES

Since Cincinnati operates programs online with administrative and academic support in Cincinnati, there are no out-of-state physical facilities in Louisiana. Students will complete clinical/internship experiences at various locations within the State.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the institution's and academic programs' accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve the application for license renewal from the University of Cincinnati, headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Agenda Item VIII.A.2.c.

University of South Alabama Mobile, Alabama

BACKGROUND

The University of South Alabama (USA) first registered with the Board of Regents in 2003. The institution is headquartered in Mobile, Alabama and provides nursing education programs in Louisiana at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels. The institution is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The nursing programs are accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

The USA College of Nursing employs eight full-time faculty and 22 part-time faculty in support of its online nursing programs. Twelve faculty members hold masters degrees and ten hold doctoral degrees from institutions with recognized accreditation. The institution reports a fall 2013 enrollment of 192 students from Louisiana, 144 at the Masters level and 48 at the doctoral level.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The USA currently offers its bachelors, masters and doctoral nursing programs online. Any clinical components are negotiated with appropriate facilities.

FACILITIES

Students of the USA currently utilize clinical facilities throughout the state of Louisiana.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given its regional and program accreditation, the credentials of its faculty, and the scope of its current operations in Louisiana, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve the application for license renewal from the University of South Alabama, located in Mobile, Alabama.