

May, Kathy

From: Keith Blanchard <Keith.Blanchard@azppse.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 6:21 PM
To: May, Kathy
Subject: RE: Authorization to offer distance education to Arizona Students

Ms. May,

The Arizona State Board would not require licensure of distance education programs as long as there will be no physical presence in Arizona, as defined by A.R.S. § 32-3001(5). The Board defines physical presence as the use of any Arizona address, Arizona phone numbers, contact information of anyone listing an Arizona address or program offerings in Arizona. The Board does not license, regulate or have any jurisdiction over public institutions.

Persons who are not operating private postsecondary programs under the Board's jurisdiction are not required by law to obtain a statement of exemption or waiver from the Board. Similarly, the Board is not required to issue statements of exemption or waiver.

We appreciate your attention to Arizona licensure requirements.

Sincerely,

Keith Blanchard, MBA
Deputy Director

From: May, Kathy [mailto:kmay@tcsg.edu]
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 11:16 AM
To: Teri Stanfill; Keith Blanchard
Subject: Authorization to offer distance education to Arizona Students

Dear Teri Stanfill and/or Keith Blanchard

I am sure you are aware that in October 2010, the U.S. Department of Education released regulations requiring out of state institutions offering distance education to students within another state to determine if authorization is needed by each of state in which the institution is offering distance education.

In my role as Academic Affairs Coordinator (Georgia Virtual Technical Connection) for the Technical College System of Georgia, I am asking what the public 25 Technical Colleges within the State of Georgia need to do to obtain approval to teach distance education courses in the state of Arizona.

As background, the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) consists of **25 public technical colleges** offering technical certificates of credit to two year degrees. Each technical college has a president and all technical college presidents' report to the TCSG Commissioner. The Commissioner reports to the Governor of Georgia and to the Technical College System of Georgia State Board. The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia is responsible for establishing standards, regulations and policies for the operation of the Technical College System of Georgia.

Please provide me with direction as to the steps necessary to obtain the needed approval from the state of Arizona. I am very interested in the possibility of TCSG obtaining permission from your state on behalf of all of our 25 technical colleges as opposed to each technical college seeking individual approval.

Your help and guidance is most appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely

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