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From: Geier, Katharine <kgeier@ksbor.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 11:42 AM
To: May, Kathy
Cc: Johnson, Jacqueline
Subject: RE: Out of state distance education regulations - Kansas

October 25, 2011

Dear Ms. May:

Thank you for your reply to our questionnaire. At this time, the schools of the Technical College System of Georgia do not need to apply with the Kansas Board of Regents for a Certificate of Approval. Should any of these schools significantly increase its Kansas enrollments, decide to direct market to Kansas residents (including email campaigns to Kansas teachers), or hire faculty that reside and teach within Kansas, we ask that you contact our office to begin the process of applying for a Certificate of Approval. Please note, Kansas statutes also requires these institutions be approved to operate should their programs require an externship, internship, mentorship or clinical be completed in the state of Kansas.

Best regards,

Katie Geier

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Subject: FW: Out of state distance education regulations - Kansas

Please see request below. Any information/guidance will be greatly appreciated.

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From: May, Kathy
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 11:12 AM

To: 'jjohnson@ksbor.org'

Subject: Out of state distance education regulations - Kansas

Dear Ms. Jacqueline Johnson

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 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 (TCSG), 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 Kansas?

I polled the 25 technical colleges within the Technical College System of Georgia to determine if any of our technical colleges had a physical presence in Kansas or were teaching a large number of Kansas students. Please review the attached Excel file and let me know if you need any additional information. Our technical colleges do not actively solicit Kansas students as is evident by enrollment in the attached spreadsheet. The Technical College System of Georgia is trying to be proactive with the distance education regulations for out of state students and wants to be prepared in case a Kansas student was to want to complete one of our 100% purely online programs of study.

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. The 25 public technical colleges within the Technical College System of Georgia are supported by taxation from local and state funds from the state of Georgia.

All 25 technical colleges within the state of Georgia are accredited by accrediting agencies recognized by the United States Department of Education. The 25 public technical colleges in Georgia are accredited by either one or two or by both of the accrediting bodies listed below:

- 1) the regional accrediting body the **Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools**
- 2) the national accrediting body the **Council on Occupational Education.**

Please provide me with direction as to the steps necessary to obtain the needed authorization from the state of Kansas or directions on the process to be exempt from authorization as courses/programs are distance education delivery. Please include all associated costs.

I am very interested in the possibility of TCSG obtaining permission/exemption from your state on behalf of all of our 25 technical colleges as opposed to each technical college seeking individual approval/exemption.

Your guidance and help is appreciated.

Please see the following links establishing our board and the Technical College System of Georgia:
[§ 20-4-10. State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia established; members; officers](#)

[§ 20-4-14. Technical College System of Georgia established; powers and duties](#)

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