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From: May, Kathy
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 5:01 PM
To: 'rusty.monhollon@dhe.mo.gov'; 'Leroy.Wade@dhe.mo.gov'
Subject: RE: Out of state distance education regulations - Missouri
Attachments: TCSG College Approval Letter.pdf

Dear Mr. Wade and/or Mr. Monhollon

The following is a list of the types of institutions and training programs that are eligible for exemption from the requirements of the Proprietary School Certification Program:

- Missouri public institutions
- Missouri not-for-profit independent institutions accredited by a U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting commission
- Not-for-profit religious institutions accredited by a U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting commission
- Not-for-profit religious institutions offering only religiously designated degrees and programs
- Charitable institutions that provide instruction without financial charge
- Schools offering only non-vocational or recreational courses or programs
- Employer sponsored instruction or training available only to employees
- Training by restricted membership trade or professional associations for members only
- **Schools or training programs regulated and approved by other state agencies**
- Elementary and/or secondary schools (i.e., schools enrolling students primarily under the age of 16)

Since the Technical College System of Georgia and its 25 public technical colleges are regulated and approved by Georgia, may our 25 public technical colleges be exempt? If so, may the Technical College System of Georgia complete one exemption form that will suffice for all of our 25 public technical colleges?

Please see the following links and the attached file listing our technical colleges:

[§ 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](#)

Your help and guidance is certainly appreciated.

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From: May, Kathy
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Dear Mr. Wade and/or Mr. Monhollon

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, 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 Missouri?

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 Missouri 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 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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