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From: May, Kathy
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 1:13 PM
To: 'Fimple, Kathleen'
Subject: RE: U.S. Department of Education released regulations requiring out of state institutions offering distance education to students within another state
Attachments: CollegesAddresses.xls; StatusSept2011 (2).pdf; Complete Nebraska - Physical Presence.xls

Dear Ms. Fimple

None of the 25 technical colleges within the Technical College System of Georgia have a physical presence in the state of Nebraska. I have attached a listing of all our technical colleges with addresses (Excel file) as well as a listing of each college's accrediting agency (pdf file). Also included in an Excel file from a Google form where each college answered questions to verify their college had no physical presence in Nebraska.

If you find from the attached documentation that our technical colleges do not need approval, please reply with a letter stating the 25 technical within the Technical College System of Georgia do not need approval to offer distance education courses to the residents of Nebraska. It would be very helpful if you would list the names of each of our technical colleges in the letter.

Please let me know if you need any additional documentation.

Thank you so much for your guidance and support.

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From: Fimple, Kathleen [mailto:Kathleen.Fimple@nebraska.gov]
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To: May, Kathy
Subject: RE: U.S. Department of Education released regulations requiring out of state institutions offering distance education to students within another state

In Nebraska, you do not need approval to offer courses or programs that are entirely online with no physical presence in the state (see definition below). If you would like to send me an email or letter outlining your offerings in Nebraska or verifying that you have no physical presence, as you email suggests, I will reply with an email letter stating that you don't need approval (if that is in fact the case). We've developed a semi-form letter (it will state the name of your institution and address) to accommodate the new Title IV regulations and provide institutions a document for their files. If you verify no physical presence for all of the institutions in your system, we will name the system in the letter. We do usually include the locations of the component institutions.

In Nebraska establishing a physical presence means:

- *Offering a course for college credit or a degree program in this state that leads to an associate, baccalaureate, graduate, or professional degree, including:*
 - *Establishing a physical location in this state where a student may receive synchronous or asynchronous instruction; or*
 - *Offering a course or program that requires students to physically meet in one location for instructional purposes more than once during the course term; or*

- *Establishing an administrative office in this state.*

Physical presence does not include: An educational experience arranged for an individual student, such as a clinical, practicum, residency, or internship.

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To: Fimple, Kathleen

Subject: U.S. Department of Education released regulations requiring out of state institutions offering distance education to students within another state

Dear Ms. Fimple

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 Nebraska?

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.

All the public 25 technical colleges within the state of Georgia are accredited by accrediting agencies recognized by the United States Department of Education. The accrediting bodies in which the public 25 technical colleges within the Technical College System of Georgia are accredited are 1) Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and/or 2) Council on Occupational Education.

Please provide me with direction as to the steps necessary to obtain the needed approval from the state of Nebraska. 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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