

**NH Department of Education
Division of Higher Education • Higher Education Commission
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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Higher Education Commission
From: Edward R. MacKay, Director
Subject: Director's Report

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

Senate Bill 221, legislation that defines the jurisdiction of private postsecondary career schools and relative authority of the board of barbering, cosmetology, and esthetics (to approve certificate level programs), passed the Senate and House, and was signed into statute by Governor Hassan.

House Bill 624, legislation waiving the residency requirement for in-state tuition rates for veterans attending the University System of New Hampshire and the Community College System of New Hampshire, was approved by the Senate and approved with an amendment by the House. The revised language was approved by both bodies and signed into statute by Governor Hassan.

REPORT OF OUT-OF-STATE MEETINGS

None

STAFF DEVELOPMENT/OFFICE ISSUES/OTHER

The recruitment process for filling the vacant Program Specialist III position (formerly held by Amy Slattery) continues, and may need to be filled internally by a current state employee due to "RIF" conditions in the State Employees' Association, Collective Bargaining Agreement. This person will phase out the College Access Challenge Grant Program and assist the Director in support of all Division functions, including other federal grants, policy and planning, research and studies, financial aid, veterans state approvals, college and university activity, career school licensing, and support to the State Treasurer's Office for data analysis relating to the UNIQUE programs.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY

In-State:

We received notification from the U.S. Department of Education that **The College of Saint Mary Magdalen** satisfies the definition of an eligible institution under the Higher Education Act of 1965 and qualifies to participate in the federal student financial assistance program (Title IV, HEA programs).

Daniel Webster College submitted its required Annual Report on Finance and Enrollment to the NEASC. It also provided a letter from its parent company, ITT/ESI, confirming the company's financial commitment to cover operating deficits associated with online programming.

Lebanon College submitted its required Progress Report to the Joint Review Committee on Education and Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). At the April 25, 2014 meeting of the JRCERT, Lebanon College was granted accreditation for the Associate of Science in Radiography until October 2015.

Southern New Hampshire University and the **New Hampshire Institute of Art** announced they have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a possible merger.

NEASC Activity:

Except as noted above, there are no additional scheduled site visits for the remainder of 2014.

Out-of-State:

Administrative approval was granted to the following institutions to operate in New Hampshire and offer online degrees that require a practicum/internship/clinical:

Eastern Kentucky University (Richmond, KY) – Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, approved to offer the B.S. in Fire Protection & Safety Engineering Technology, B.S. in Occupational Safety, and the M.S. in Safety, Security & Emergency Management until June 30, 2017. This aligns with its current approval to offer the Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing, and Doctor of Occupational Therapy until June 30, 2017.

Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ) – Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, approved to offer the following degrees until June 30, 2016:

- Bachelor of Arts in History for Secondary Education
- B.S. in Educational Studies
- B.S. in Early Childhood Education
- B.S. in Elementary and Special Education
- B.S. in Elementary Education
- B.S. in Secondary Education
- B.S. in Counseling: Addiction, Chemical Dependency and Substance Abuse
- M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education
- M.Ed. in Educational Administration
- M.Ed. in Elementary Education

- M.Ed. in Secondary Education
- M.Ed. in Special Education
- M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction: Reading with an Emphasis in Elementary Education
- M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction: Reading with an Emphasis in Secondary Education
- M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction: Technology
- M.Ed. in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- M.S. in Nursing: Nursing Education
- M.S. in Nursing: Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems
- M.S. in Nursing: Public Health
- M.S. in Addiction Counseling
- M.S. in Professional Counseling
- M.S. in Christian Counseling of Substance Use and Addictive Disorders
- Master of Public Health
- Doctor of Nursing Practice

Jones International University (Centennial, CO) – Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges & Schools, approved to offer the following degrees until June 30, 2016:

- M.Ed. in Secondary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment: Teacher Licensure
- M.Ed. in Elementary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment: Teacher Licensure
- M.Ed. in K-12 Instructional Technology: Teacher Licensure
- M.Ed. in Secondary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
- M.Ed. in Elementary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
- M.Ed. in K-12 Instructional Technology
- M.Ed. in K-12 English for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Second Language Education
- M.Ed. in Education Leadership and Administration: Principal and Administrator Licensure
- Education Specialist in K-12 Education Leadership
- Doctorate in Adult Education Leadership (not K-12 setting)
- Doctorate in K-12 Education Leadership

Norwich University (Northfield, VT) – Accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, approved to offer the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Nursing until June 30, 2016.

Troy University (Troy, AL) – Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges & Schools, approved to offer the RN to BSN Program until June 30, 2016.