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The Commission at a Glance

Established	2001
Location	325 West Gaines Street Suite 1414 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400
Website	http://fldoe.org/policy/cie
Governance	Chapter 1005, Florida Statutes Chapter 6E, Florida Administrative Code
Total Full-Time Positions	36
Total Licensed Institutions	1,095
Total Applications Processed	2,004
Total Programs	8,269
Total Students Enrolled	207,362
Total Graduates	84,710
Total Transcripts Processed	3,568
Institutional On-Site Visits Conducted	382

Introduction

The Commission for Independent Education was established in 2001 and is responsible for the licensure of independent postsecondary educational institutions in the state of Florida. The 2022-2023 Annual Report provides a summary of the activities conducted by the Commission over the past fiscal year. The activities of the Commission primarily revolve around consumer protection and involve ensuring that institutions comply with fair consumer practices and meet minimum educational standards. The fair consumer practices and standards are outlined in Chapter 6E, Florida Administrative Code, and include the following:

- Name
- Purpose
- Administrative Organization
- Educational Programs and Curricula
- Recruitment and Admissions
- Finances
- Faculty
- Library, Learning Resources and Information Services
- Physical Facilities
- Student Services
- Publications and Advertising
- Disclosures

The mission of the Commission for Independent Education is:

- To serve as a consumer protection agency
 - By protecting the individual student
 - By promoting accountability at the independent postsecondary level
- To protect the integrity of licensed institutions
 - By assuring that certain standards are met
- To encourage independent institutions to offer programs that meet the needs of Florida citizens

Executive Summary

The Office of the Executive Director of the Commission for Independent Education (Commission) reviewed 137 new institutional applications for a Provisional License during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Of these, 83 institutions received a Provisional License. At the conclusion of the 2022-23 fiscal year, 54 of the 137 institutions still had conditions pending to complete their applications.

Applications for four (4) branch campuses were reviewed during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Three (3) of these applications for branch campuses were approved by the Commission. One new branch application still had conditions pending at the conclusion of the fiscal year.

Commission staff processed 134 First Annual applications. Of these, 55 institutions received their First Annual License, and 79 were not completed during this fiscal year because all the conditions for licensure had not been met.

Commission staff completed the review of 500 applications for renewal of Annual License. Of these, 295 institutions renewed their Annual License. Two hundred five (205) applications for renewal of Annual License were not completed during this fiscal year because all the conditions for licensure had not been met.

Twenty-two (22) applications for first License by Means of Accreditation (LBMA) were processed. Of these, 12 accredited institutions received their first License by Means of Accreditation. At the end of the fiscal year, 10 institutions still had conditions pending to complete their applications.

Commission staff completed the Annual Review of 306 License by Means of Accreditation (LBMA) applications for non-degree and degree-granting institutions during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Of these, 190 applications were completed, and 116 institutions still had conditions pending to complete their applications at the end of the fiscal year.

The Commission's staff also processed 13 applications for Extension of Annual License. Of these, 9 institutions extended their Annual License. Four (4) institutions still had conditions pending to complete their applications at the end of the fiscal year.

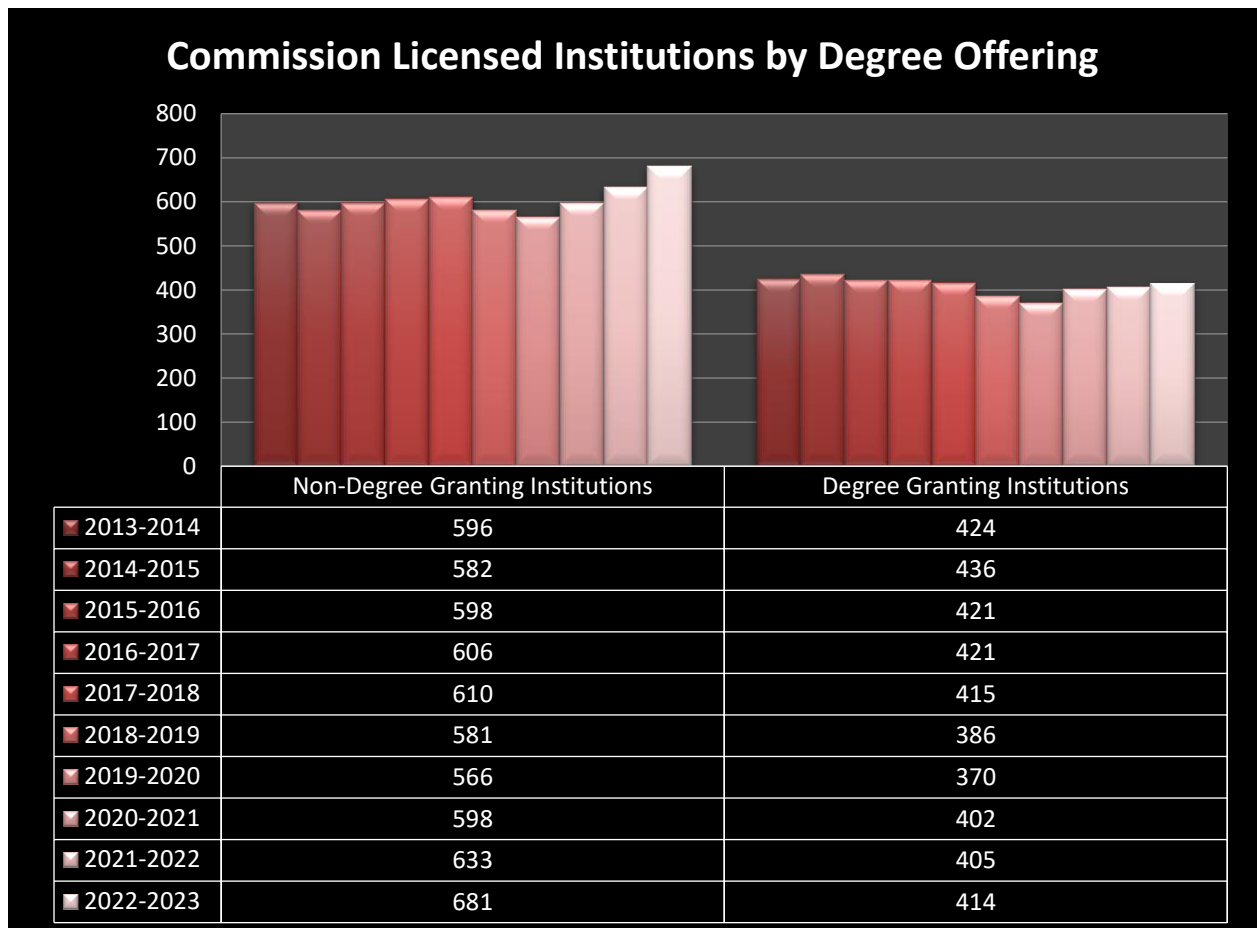
During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, 44 licensed institutions were reported as closed and 23 licensed institutions were approved for a Change of Ownership/Change of Control. At the close of the fiscal year, a total of 35 institutions were still working on fulfilling contingencies to have their Change of Ownership/Change of Control approved.

The Commission approved applications for 178 new program offerings and 75 program modifications to existing programs for institutions holding an Annual License during the fiscal year. At the end of the fiscal year, there were 59 applications for new programs and 53 program modifications still pending because all conditions for approval had not been met. In addition, the Commission's staff completed 180 new program applications submitted by LBMA institutions. At the close of the fiscal year, there were 90 new LBMA programs that were not completed because all the conditions for approval had not been met.

Four hundred fourteen (414) degree-granting institutions are under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Of these 414 institutions, 206 offer both non-degree and degree programs. The total reported enrollment for all degree programs during FY 2021-2022 (the last complete reporting period) was 137,591 with 38,000 reported graduates. At the conclusion of the 2022-23 fiscal year, 266 (64%) of these degree-granting institutions were accredited by one or more regional or national accrediting agencies.

A total of 681 licensed institutions offer only non-degree programs. The 2021-2022 reported enrollment for all non-degree programs was 69,771 with 46,710 reported graduates. Of these graduates, 35,680 (76%) were placed in jobs, joined the military, or are continuing their education at an institution of higher education. During the 2022-23 fiscal year, 163 (24%) of the licensed, non-degree institutions were accredited by one or more regional or national accrediting agencies.

The following chart illustrates the number of degree-granting institutions and non-degree schools licensed by the Commission for Independent Education during the last ten fiscal years:



Commission Membership

The Commission is comprised of seven Commissioners appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. As required by statute, the Commission consists of: two representatives of independent colleges or universities licensed by the Commission; two representatives of independent, non-degree granting licensed schools; one member from a public school district or Florida College System institution who is an administrator of career education; one member from a college that meets the criteria of section 1005.06(1)(f), Florida Statutes (F.S.); and one lay member who is not affiliated with an independent postsecondary educational institution. The following individuals comprised of the Commissioner during the 2022-23 fiscal year:

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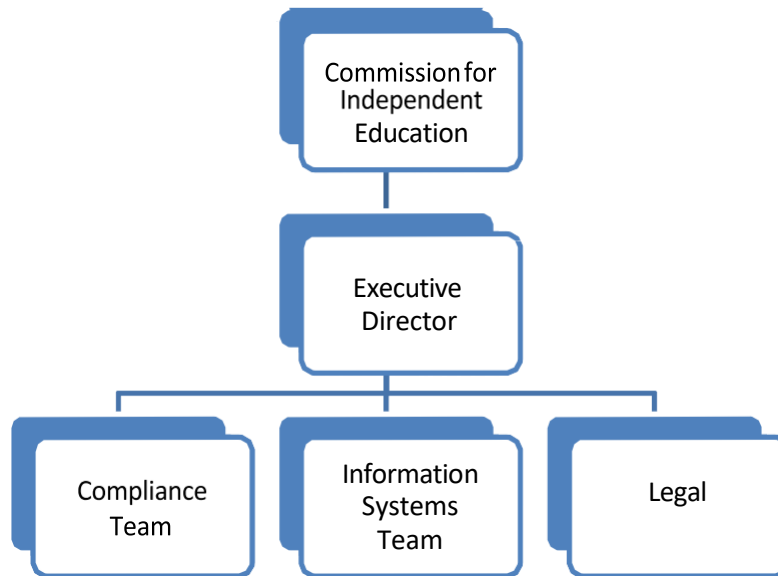
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Organizational Structure



Compliance Team

- Determines compliance with 12 standards
- Reviews applications and prepares recommendations for the Commission
- Provides consultation and analysis on licensure, program, and accreditation matters
- Conducts on-site visits
- Reviews and mediates student complaints

Information Systems Team

- Directs information management system
- Manages student records
- Maintains the Commission's website
- Performs application form enhancement
- Collects student data

Legal

- Provides legal counsel to the Commission

Commission Leadership and Staff

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
Meredith Pelton (8/15/22 - 3/30/23) Tiffany Hurst (04/17/23 – Present)	
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Data Collection and Dissemination

Pursuant to s. 1005.22(1)(i), F.S., the Commission serves as a central agency for collecting and distributing current information regarding licensed institutions. The data collected are used as a part of the licensure of private postsecondary institutions, in response to public records requests, and are frequently provided to other state agencies upon their request. These state agencies include, but are not limited to:

- Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
 - Eligible Trainer Provider List
 - Florida Research and Economic Database
- Florida Department of Education
 - Office of Student Financial Assistance
 - Division of Career and Adult Education
 - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program
- Florida Department of Health
 - Board of Nursing
 - Board of Massage Therapy
 - Board of Electrolysis
 - Council on Licensed Midwifery
- Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
 - Board of Cosmetology

The Commission shared institutional licensure information with staff from various departments and offices, as needed. These exchanges are part of an ongoing effort by the Commission to increase collaboration and work more closely with agencies that impact the Commission and the institutions under its jurisdiction.

For the thirty-second year, Commission staff worked with the Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program (FETPIP) to track the placement of graduates of independent postsecondary non-degree institutions and degree-granting colleges and universities. For Fiscal Year 2022-2023, 49 non-degree schools and 120 degree-granting colleges and universities agreed to participate in this data collection effort. Participating institutions submitted graduate data via the Commission's FETPIP Data Collection Web Page. These schools, colleges and universities submitted information on a total of 24,470 students who graduated during the previous fiscal year (2021-2022). During 2023, FETPIP attempted to match the student records with employment data to verify each graduate's employment status and occupational industry. A report of this information, aggregated on a program-by-program basis, was made available in December 2023 to each participating institution.

Commission staff supplied data regarding licensed colleges and universities (and their degree-based programs of study) to the Florida Virtual Campus website (<http://www.flvc.org>). This site supplies an online computer software application that is used by students throughout Florida to plan for and to monitor the progress of their postsecondary education at participating Florida institutions.

The Commission supplied information about its degree-granting institutions to the Department of Education for listing in the Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook.

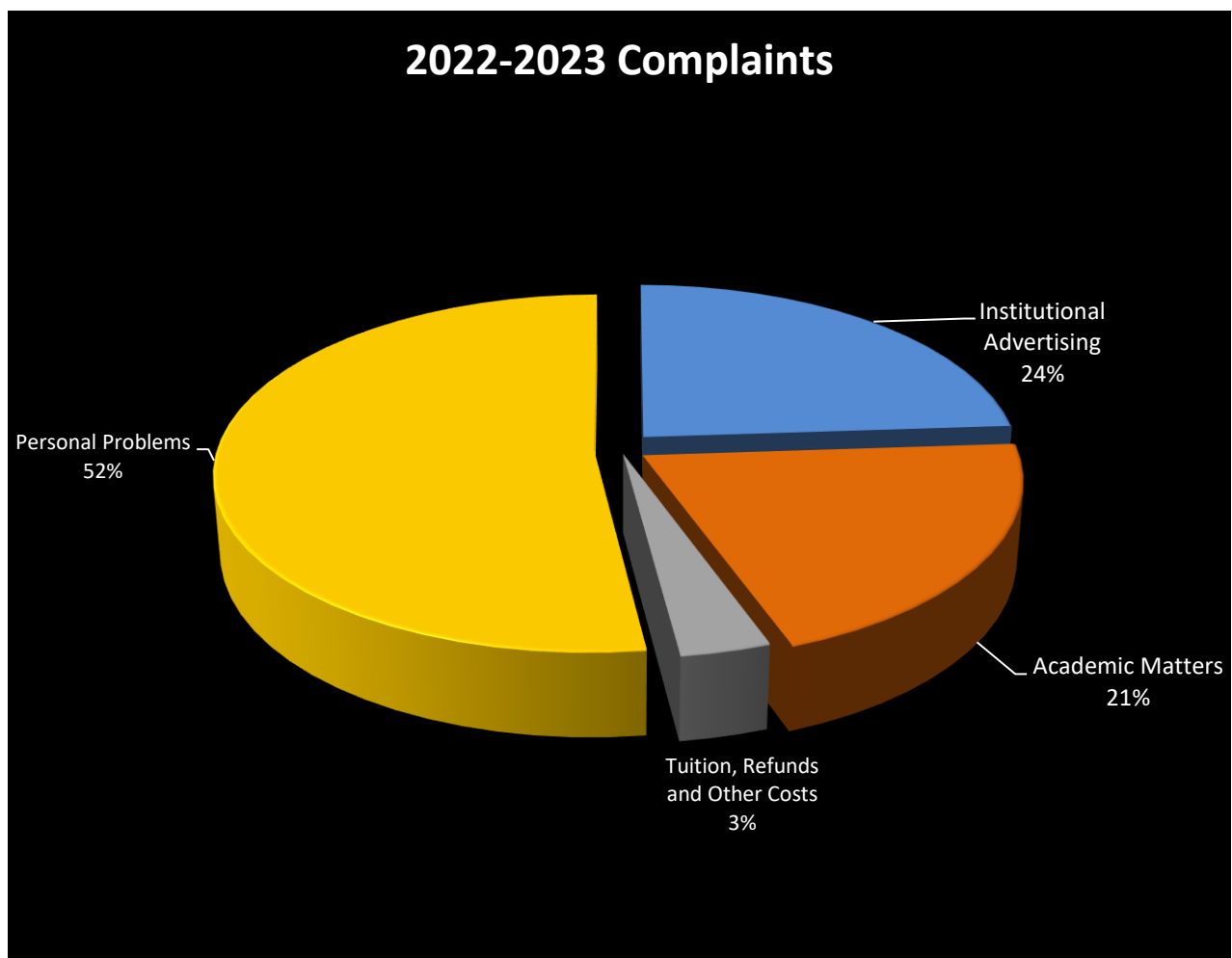
The Commission submitted data concerning licensed institutions and offered programs to the Department for Economic Opportunity. These data are to be included in the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). The ETPL is used by the Regional CareerSource Boards to determine which institutions offer training programs that lead to occupations that are contained within each region's Regional Demand Occupations List. Commission staff work with the DOE's Division of Florida Colleges and Career and Adult Education MIS staff to continuously update the common set of Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes used by Florida's public and nonpublic postsecondary education sectors. This taxonomy allows programmatic offerings from both the public and private postsecondary education sectors to share common CIP codes and CIP titles, where possible, and to have distinct CIP codes and CIP titles when necessary. In addition, each of these programs is "linked" to an occupational outcome using the codes found in the Standard Occupational Classification Manual. These linkages are used by the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Regional CareerSource Boards to identify which institutions offer training programs that lead to occupations included on each Regional Demand Occupations List.

During Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Commission staff met with staff members from other state agencies responsible for the individual licensure of persons who enter certain professions. Since institutions under the Commission's jurisdiction offer many of these programs of study, the Commission continues to exchange data with these other agencies to develop uniformity between the standards that govern the licensing of institutions, the regulations for licensing professionals, and the rules governing the practice of a profession. These regulatory groups include: the Florida Department of Health's Board of Acupuncture, Board of Massage Therapy, Board of Nursing, Board of Dentistry, Board of Pharmacy, the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, the Florida Council of Licensed Midwifery, and the Electrolysis Council; the Department of Business and Professional Regulation's Board of Cosmetology; the Department of State's Bureau of Licensing; and the Department of Transportation.

Consumer Services

Commission staff members received over 1,000 calls per month on the toll-free phone line from individuals seeking information about nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions in Florida. The Commission investigates complaints about institutions under its authority to ascertain compliance with state law and the Commission's regulations. All compliance allegations received by the Commission are referred to the Compliance Team to determine if there has been a violation of the Commission rules or the pertinent sections of the Florida Statutes.

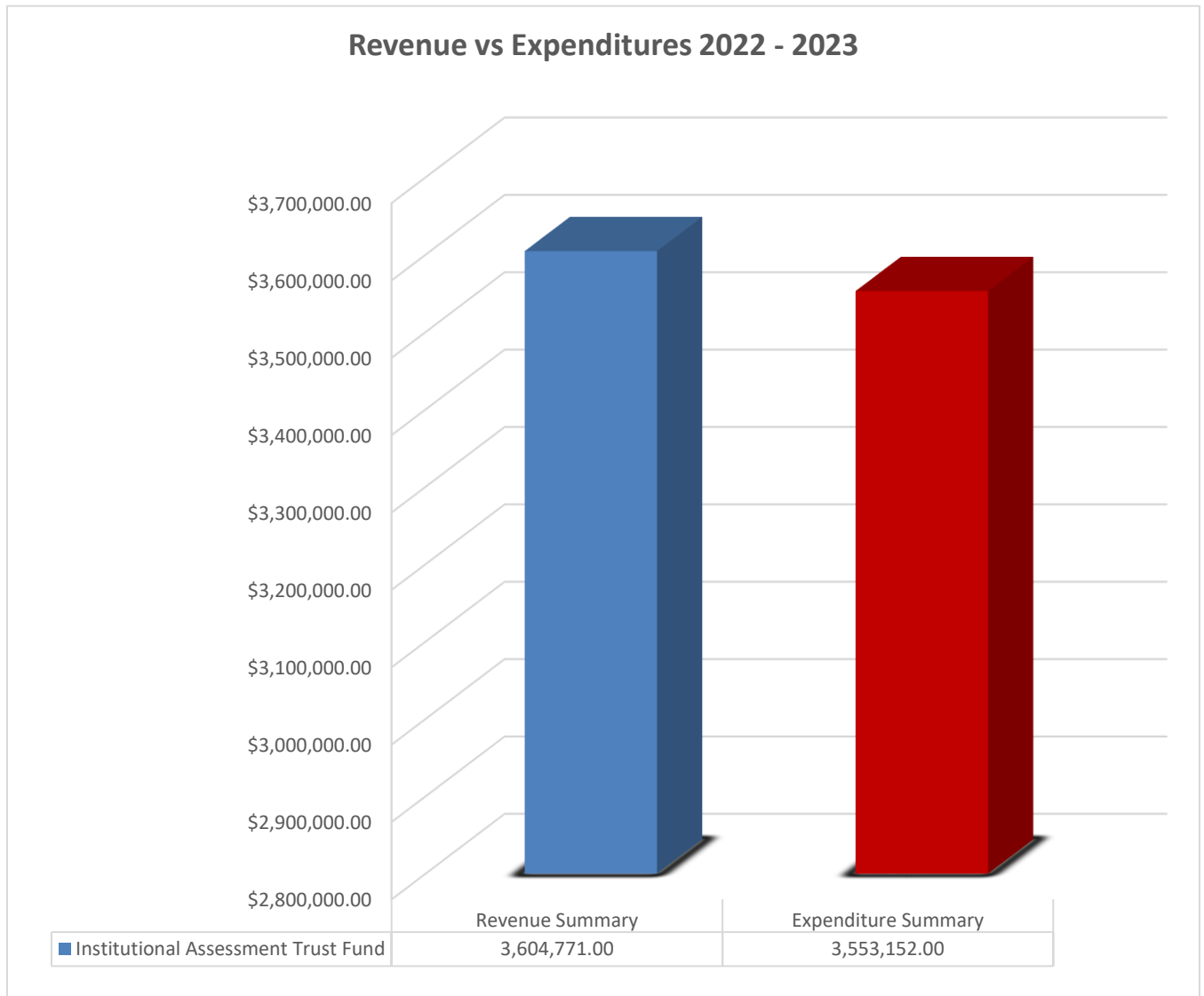
During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, 263 consumer complaints were received in the Commission's office. The following chart illustrates the primary areas of concern raised in consumer complaints.



The Commission also sent 82 Letters of Noncompliance to entities that appeared to be operating a school or college without a license. Each organization contacted by the commission to address noncompliance is expected to cease the cited activity and to apply for and obtain a Provisional License from the Commission if it cannot show that its activities legitimately fall outside the Commission's jurisdiction.

Annual Budget

All Commission related functions are wholly funded by the fees collected from licensing activities. The fiscal year 2022-2023 expenditures (\$3,553,152.00) were paid by the revenue that is collected from licensed institutions for licensure fees, program additions, program modifications, fees (agent, late & other), and fines. At the time of publication, \$3,604,771.00 [includes licensure fees, administrative fines, Statewide Course Numbering System maintenance fees, and state authorization reciprocity fees] has been received from all of these revenue sources and deposited into the Institutional Assessment Trust Fund. As part of the total revenue collected, there was also \$226,837.20 received in Student Protection fees from the licensed non-degree schools, which was deposited into the Student Protection Fund.



Commission staff recommend an annual budget that must be approved by the Commission and submitted to the Legislature by the Florida Department of Education. The appropriation was \$4,742,503 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The following figures enumerate the appropriation and expenditures, by category, for the Institutional Assessment Trust Fund.

Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Total Allocation	
Salaries	\$3,076,362
Other Personal Services (OPS)	\$235,298
Expenses	\$485,776
Operating Capital Outlay (OCO)	\$16,375
Contracted Services	\$405,405
Risk Management Insurance	\$13,106
Technology and Information Services	\$381,149
Human Resources Services	\$9,032
Refunds	\$120,000
Total	\$4,742,503

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Total Expenses	
Salaries	\$2,518,754
Other Personal Services (OPS)	\$16,041
Expenses	\$262,546
Operating Capital Outlay (OCO)	\$0.00
Contracted Services	\$279,236
Risk Management Insurance	\$13,106
Technology and Information Services	\$378,598
Human Resources Services	\$9,032
Refunds	\$75,839
Total	\$3,553,152

Commission Meetings

Florida law requires the Commission to meet at least four times each fiscal year. Topics of discussion include licensure approvals and denials, discussion on passage and completion rates and updates to federal guidelines, accreditation and Florida law. All Commission meetings are available via webcast at: <http://fldoe.org/policy/cie>, and a copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing to the Commission for Independent Education at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 or by calling the Commission at 850-245-3200.

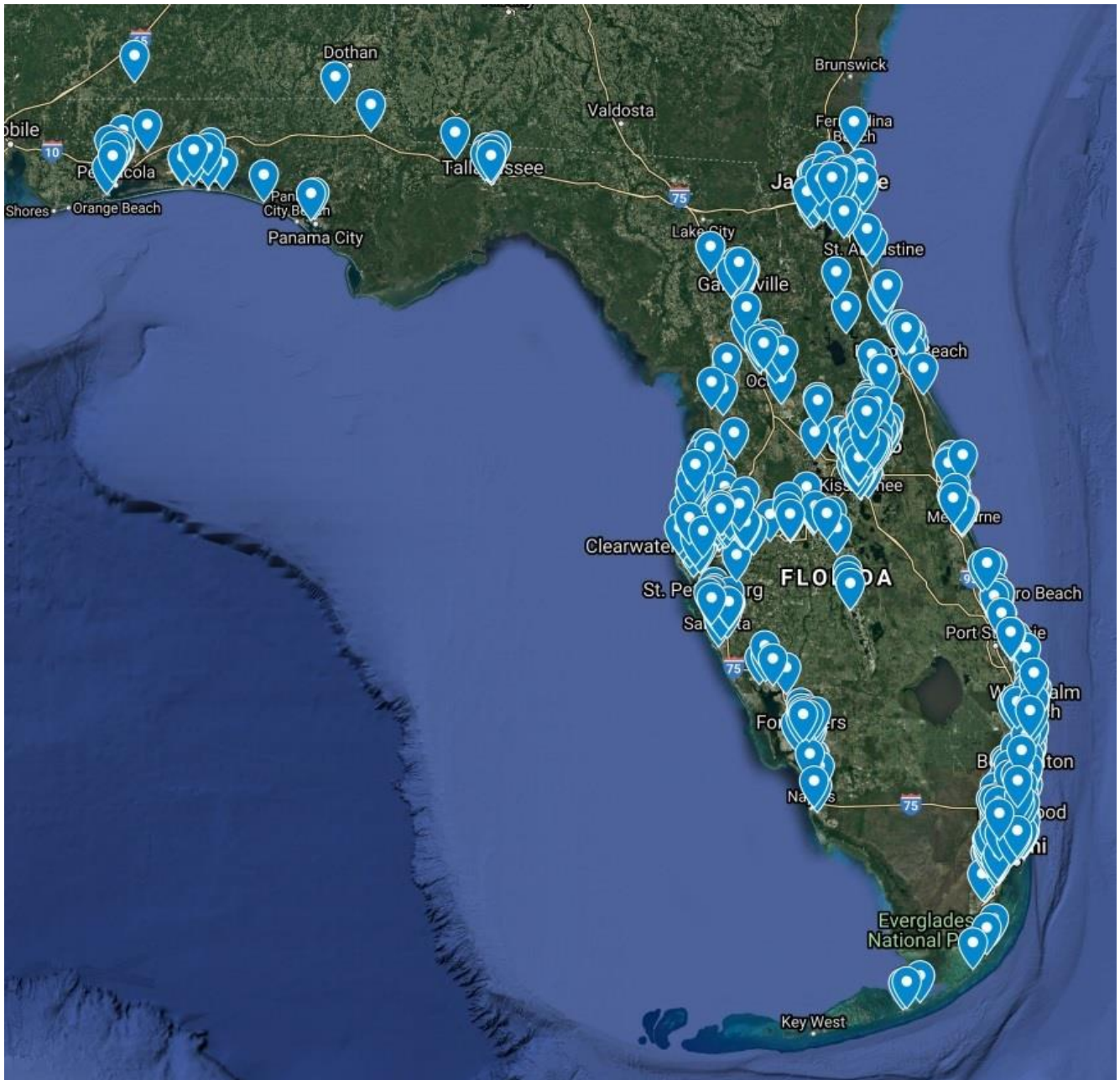
The Commission meets bimonthly, in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November. All meetings of the Commission, and any of its committees, are open to the public. Advance notice of Commission meetings is always given through the Florida Administrative Weekly. The Commission maintains official minutes of its proceedings, an audio tape recording of every meeting, and has a video record of the meetings that are webcast. Each Commission member receives the meeting agenda before each meeting as an automated document. The Commission conducted the first webcast of a Commission meeting in March 2005. The Commission has now webcasted all the regular meetings since the beginning of the 2006- 2007 fiscal year and is planning to continue to webcast all the Commission meetings during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

The Commission for Independent Education meetings were held at the following locations during the 2022-2023 fiscal year:

<u>July 26-27, 2022</u>	<u>January 26-27, 2023</u>
Mission Inn Resort & Club 10400 County Road 48 Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida 34737	Virtual Meeting
<u>September 29-30, 2022</u>	<u>March 30-31, 2023</u>
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary 1501 International Parkway Lake Mary, Florida 32746	Virtual Meeting
<u>November 17-18, 2022</u>	<u>May 25-26, 2023</u>
Mission Inn Resort & Club 10400 County Road 48 Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida 34737	Wyndham Orlando Resort 8001 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819

Location of Licensed Institutions

The following chart illustrates the locations of institutions licensed by the Commissioner throughout Florida.



Provisional License

A Provisional License is the first level of licensure obtained by an applicant and allows the institution to advertise, recruit students, accept fees and tuition from or on behalf of students, and hold classes. Provisional Licensure is granted when the Commission has determined that an applicant is in substantial compliance with the standards for licensure. A Provisional License is typically granted for one year. The license may be extended for one additional year if the Commission determines that the applicant is making a good faith effort to comply, but a delay occurs due to extraordinary circumstances.

The process to obtain Provisional Licensure for a new applicant normally takes six to twelve months. During this period, the applicant is notified of any apparent omissions or deficiencies contained within the application, the Commission staff works with the applicant to finalize all materials, and the completed application is presented to the Commission's consideration and approval. There are circumstances where the process may take longer than the average time period, such as when applicants are not able to timely submit all necessary materials. In these situations, it may take longer than one year to obtain licensure. An incomplete application expires one year after initial filing.

Institutions holding a Provisional License do not have the full privileges that an Annual License provides. A Provisional License does not allow an institution to request approval of or implement a substantive change such as any change in control, level of credentials offered, a change in location that exceeds 45 miles, or a change in the purpose of the institution that exceeds minor corrections or alterations. Furthermore, institutions that hold a Provisional License may not add new degrees, programs or majors to their offerings or alter any licensed program by more than 20 percent since its last review, change the title of a program or the credential awarded, or discontinue a program.

Institutions that hold an Annual License or a License by Means of Accreditation are granted a Provisional License when a substantive change has occurred. Substantive changes vary in nature and are presented at the Commission's bi-monthly meetings.

The following is a listing of institutions that received a Provisional License during the 2022-2023 fiscal year:

Provisional Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
AB Academy	Orlando
ACESO Institute of Health Professions	Longwood
Agape Academy of Sciences	Delray Beach
ALEN South Lake University	Clermont
Allied Health Career Institute	Orlando
Alpha School of Massage	Melbourne
Alpha School of Massage, Inc.	Oviedo
Altierus Career College	Tampa
Altruistic Beauty Academy	Clearwater
American Business College	Miami

Provisional Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
American College of Health & Sciences	Margate
American Global Tech University	Orlando
American Imperial University	Orlando
American Technical Institute	Jacksonville
Ana G. Mendez University	Orlando
Ana G. Mendez University	Orlando
Ana G. Mendez University	Miami Lakes
Ana G. Mendez University	Tampa
Aspatia Institute	Jacksonville
Aspen University	Tampa
Astute Health Learning Academy	Tamarac
Aveda Institute - Fort Myers	Ft. Myers
Aviator College of Aeronautical Science & Technology	Ft. Pierce
Azure College	Ft. Lauderdale
Ballet Dental Assistant School	Deltona
Baptist Health Clinical School	Jacksonville Beach
Barber & Beauty Institute, Inc	Maitland
Beauty Academy of South Florida	Miami
Beauty Massage Institute	Winter Park
Beauty on Fleek School LLC	Orange City
Bethesda College of Health Sciences	Boynton Beach
Birchwood University	Orlando
Blackwell Global University	Orlando
Bloom Beauty Academy LLC	Orlando
Boca Beauty Academy	Boca Raton
Boca Beauty Academy	Parkland
Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine	Melbourne
CADEST Technical Institute	Kissimmee
Career Tech	Lakeland
Carleen Health Institute of South Florida	Plantation
CBT Technology Institute	Miami
CBT Technology Institute	Hialeah
CBT Technology Institute	Cutler Bay
CDA Technical Institute	Jacksonville
CDL School Tara	Davie
Center for Technology Training	Tampa
Cesar Vallejo College	Miami
Chaim Yakov Shlomo College of Jewish Studies	Surfside

Provisional Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
City College - Altamonte Springs	Altamonte Springs
Clarks Cosmetology School	Lakeland
Compu-Med Vocational Careers, Corp.	Hialeah
Compu-Med Vocational Careers, Corp.	Miami
Continental University of Florida	Miami
CUC University	Doral
Custom Made Barber School	Jacksonville
Dade Institute of Technology & Health	North Miami Beach
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Boca Raton	Boca Raton
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Bradenton	Bradenton
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Clearwater	Largo
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Ft. Myers	Ft. Myers
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Orlando	Orlando
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Plantation	Kendall
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Temple Terrace	Temple Terrace
Decolovers Institute	Doral
Diver's Paradise Professional Institute	Key Biscayne
Dolly Monroe Beauty Academy Orlando	Orlando
Dominium Institute	Ft. Myers
Dragon Rises College of Oriental Medicine	Bradenton
Educare Envision College of Nursing	Melbourne
Elite School of Cosmetology	Niceville
Elle's Beauty Academy	Lakeland
eMerge Career Education	Tampa
Essence Medical Aesthetics Training	Coral Springs
Essentials School of Massage	Sarasota
Feeding Tampa Bay FreshForce Training Program	Tampa
Fleetforce Truck Driving School	Ft. Myers
Florida Dental Assisting Academy	Altamonte Springs
Florida HealthCare Academy	Orlando
Florida National University	Miami
Florida Truckers Institute	Tampa
Floridian Institute	Miami
Fortis College	Orange Park
Fortis College	Cutler Bay
Fortis Institute	Pensacola
Fortis Institute	Port St. Lucie
Grace Community Institute	Boca Raton

Provisional Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Hajden International College	Orlando
Harson University	Miami
HCI College	Ft. Lauderdale
Health Care Training Corp	Lehigh Acres
Hobe Sound Bible College	Hobe Sound
Holberton School Florida	Miami Beach
Hope College of Arts and Sciences	Pompano Beach
Institute of Laser Training	Estero
Instituto Embelleze Beauty School	North Miami Beach
International Institute For Health Care Professionals, Inc.	Boca Raton
International Institute of Orthotics and Prosthetics	Tampa
Jose Maria Vargas University	Pembroke Pines
Justee College	Ft. Pierce
KairInstructors Healthcare Training Center	Palm City
Landes Emergency Training Services	Sarasota
Lighthouse Christian College	Pensacola
Lincoln Memorial University	Tampa
Luxemore Beauty Academy	Tampa
McDougle Technical Institute	Ocala
McDougle Technical Institute	Pompano Beach
McDougle Technical Institute	Gainesville
McDougle Technical Institute	Pompano Beach
Med-Life Institute	Lauderdale Lakes
Meraki Esthetics Institute	Altamonte Springs
Miami Regional University	Miami Springs
National Investigative Training Academy	Lake Mary
North Palm College of Nursing	Altamonte Springs
Northeastern University	Miami
Northwest Lineman Center	Edgewater
Nouveau Contour Academy	Orlando
Nursing Network Christian School	Lauderhill
OneStop Institute LLC	Lakeland
Onyx Nail Academy LLC	Jacksonville
Palmetto Medical Institute	Palmetto Bay
Panamerican University	Miami
Paradis HS Institute	Wellington
Paul Mitchell The School Sarasota	Sarasota
PBCMSS Institute for Learning	West Palm Beach

Provisional Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
PhlebHub Institute of Professional Development	Naples
PiBerry Institute	Orlando
PiBerry Institute, Inc.	Homestead
Premiere International College	Ft. Myers
Quest Nursing Education Center	Tampa
Rasmussen University	Ocala
Rasmussen University	Odessa
Rasmussen University	Ft. Myers
Rasmussen University	Altamonte Springs
Rasmussen University	Brandon
Rasmussen University	Ocala
Rasmussen University	Land O'Lakes
Ricky Rescue Training Academy	Ft. Myers
Riggs College	Longwood
Ruby's Academy for Health Occupations	Lauderhill
Sabal University	Miami
Sage Truck Driving Schools	Plant City
Sage Truck Driving Schools	Ft. Pierce
San Ignacio University	Doral
Sarasota University	Sarasota
Saylor Academy	Ft. Lauderdale
South Florida Barber Schools	Homestead
South Florida International College	Doral
Southern Technical College	Ft. Myers
Southern Technical College	Tampa
Southern Technical College	Port Charlotte
Starlen College of Nursing	Lauderhill
Tampa Beauty School	Tampa
Taylor College	Belleview
The Academy of Medical Sales	Tampa
The Academy of Nail Careers	Sanford
The Advanced Academy	Jensen Beach
Universal Technical Institute South Florida, LLC	Miramar
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus	Orlando
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus	Miami Lakes
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus	Tampa
University of Fairfax	Orlando
Wayman Aviation Academy	Pembroke Pines

Provisional Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Well Groomed Gentleman Academy	Coral Gables
Westcliff University	Miami
Wonderful Beauty Academy	Orlando
Woof Gang Academy of Grooming	Ocoee

Annual License

Annual Licensure is a secondary level of licensure obtained by an institution and is granted when the Commission has determined that an institution is in full compliance with the standards for licensure. An institution may continue to hold an Annual License if the institution remains in full compliance with the standards for licensure, does not undergo a substantive change, or meets the requirements and applies for a License by Means of Accreditation. An Annual License is typically granted for one year. Prior to the granting of an initial Annual License, a satisfactory on-site visit must occur.

The process to obtain an initial Annual License or renewal of an Annual License normally takes three months from receipt of the Application for Annual License. During this period, the applicant is notified of any apparent omissions or deficiencies contained within the application, the Commission staff works with the applicant to finalize all materials, and the application is presented at one of the Commission’s bi-monthly meetings for action. There are circumstances where the process may take longer than the average three-month period, such as when applicants are not able to timely submit all the necessary materials or are not able to demonstrate full compliance with the licensure standards.

Institutions holding an Annual License, unlike those holding a Provisional License, are allowed to request the Commissioner’s approval of and implement a substantive change such as any change in control, level of credentials offered, a change in location that exceeds 45 miles, or a change in the purpose of the institution that exceeds minor corrections or alterations. Furthermore, institutions that hold an Annual License may add new degrees, programs or majors to their offerings or alter any licensed program by more than 20 percent since their last review, change the title of a program or the credential awarded, or discontinue a program upon approval by the Commission.

The Commission issued an Annual License to the following institutions during the 2022-2023 fiscal year:

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
5 Star Training Center	North Miami Beach
A Beauty School of Tampa, Inc.	Tampa
Ability Career Institute	Stuart
Academy for Dental Assistants	St. Petersburg
Academy for Five Element Acupuncture, Inc.	Gainesville
Academy of Beauty and Business	St. Petersburg
Academy of Mid Florida	Orlando
Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy	Tampa
Access Computer Training, LLC	Lutz
ACESO Institute of Health Professions	Longwood
Activa Training Center	Miami
Aden University	Coral Gables
Advantage Beauty Institute	Bonita Springs

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Affinity Hair Academy	Orlando
Affordable Training	Jacksonville
Agape Academy of Sciences	Delray Beach
Agape University	Pompano Beach
Aguilas International Technical Institute	Tampa
Ailiv Health Institute	Oakland Park
Albizu University	Miami
Ambra University	Orlando
American College of Health & Sciences	Margate
American Institute of Diamond Cutting, Inc.	Deerfield Beach
American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine	Pembroke Pines
American Vocational Academy, LLC	Nokomis
Ana G. Mendez University	Orlando
Ana G. Mendez University	Orlando
Ana G. Mendez University	Miami Lakes
Ana G. Mendez University	Tampa
Antigua College International, Inc.	Miami Lakes
Apex Training Center, Inc.	North Miami
Applied Technology Academy	Fort Walton Beach
Arizona College of Nursing	Fort Lauderdale
Art of Hair Academy & Studio	West Palm Beach
Artistic School of Nails & Cosmetology, Inc.	Orlando
Aspen University	Tampa
Atlantic Institute of Oriental Medicine, Inc.	Ft. Lauderdale
Audere Technical Institute	Sanford
Aveda Institute – Brandon	Brandon
Aviation Institute of Maintenance	Casselberry
Azure College	Ft. Lauderdale
Babson College	Miami
Ballet Dental Assistant School	Deltona
Barbara Brennan School of Healing	Deerfield Beach
Barber & Beauty Institute, Inc	Maitland
Barber Academy of Orlando	Orlando
Beauty and Health Institute	Tampa
Bethesda College of Health Sciences	Boynton Beach
Beyond Institute and Career Center	Kissimmee
Bly's School of Cosmetology	Gainesville
Bonita Beauty & Wellness Academy	Estero

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
BrainStation Education	Miami
Brevard Nursing Academy	Palm Bay
Bridgeway School of Nursing	Orlando
Bright Education Institute	Dania Beach
Broward Beauty Institute LLC	Coral Springs
CADEST Technical Institute	Kissimmee
Calypso Pro Dive Academy	Tampa
Cambridge College of Healthcare & Technology	Altamonte Springs
Career Tech	Lakeland
Career Training Institute	Brandon
Carrick Institute	Cape Canaveral
CBT Technology Institute	Miami
CBT Technology Institute	Hialeah
CBT Technology Institute	Cutler Bay
Center for Technology Training	Tampa
Central Florida College	Lake Helen
Cesar Vallejo College	Miami
Chaim Yakov Shlomo College of Jewish Studies	Surfside
Chancellor Institute	Ft. Lauderdale
Chi University	Reddick
Chic Image Academy	Tampa
Child Development Education Alliance, Inc.	Winter Haven
Childhood Development Services Education & Training Center	Ocala
Cindy Lee's Facial and Nail Institute, Inc.	Daytona Beach
City College - Altamonte Springs	Altamonte Springs
Clara White Mission Training Center	Jacksonville
CMR Medical Training Services	West Palm Beach
Commercial Diving Technologies Institute	Hudson
Commonsense Childbirth School of Midwifery	Winter Garden
Community Kitchen Training Academy	Orlando
Computer Coach Training Center	Tampa
Connecticut School of Broadcasting	North Palm Beach
Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety at Lauderhill	Lauderhill
Cruz Institute	Kissimmee
Dade Institute of Technology & Health	North Miami Beach
Dental Assistant Pioneers Academy	Orlando
Dental Assisting Academy of the Palm Beaches	West Palm Beach
Dental Assisting Institute of Melbourne, LLC	Palm Bay

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Dental Careers Academy	Ponte Vedra Beach
Dental Careers of Central Florida	Sanford
Dentrilogy Academy	Royal Palm Beach
DermaSwiss Institute	Miami
Dog Groomer Academy	Orlando
Doxa Academy	Melbourne
Dragon Rises College of Oriental Medicine	Gainesville
East West College of Natural Medicine	Sarasota
Educare Envision College of Nursing	Melbourne
Elevate Salon Institute - Miami Beach	Miami Beach
Emergency Education Institute, LLC	Coral Springs
Empire Beauty School	Tampa
Empire Beauty School	Lakeland
ESS Global Executive Protection School	Tarpon Springs
Evolve Beauty Institute Inc.	Palm Coast
Faith Christian Fellowship Training Institute	Lauderdale Lakes
Family Care Training Center	West Palm Beach
Family Central Training Academy	Ft. Lauderdale
Fashion Focus Academy	Sarasota
Fashion Institute of Florida	North Miami
Finlay Institute of Nursing	Tampa
First Coast Nursing Assistant Training Center	Jacksonville
Florida Auctioneer Academy	Port St. Lucie
Florida Bartending School	Melbourne
Florida Bartending School	Pinellas Park
Florida Bartending School	West Palm Beach
Florida Bartending School	Ormond Beach
Florida Career College	Orlando
Florida Career College - Boynton Beach	Boynton Beach
Florida Career College - Hialeah	Hialeah
Florida Career College - Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Florida Career College - Lauderdale Lakes	Lauderdale Lakes
Florida Career College - Margate	Margate
Florida Career College - Miami	Miami
Florida Career College - Pembroke Pines	Pembroke Pines
Florida Career College - Tampa	Tampa
Florida Career College - West Palm Beach	West Palm Beach
Florida Christian University	Orlando

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Florida College of Integrative Medicine	Orlando
Florida Dental Assistant Training Schools, LLC	Winter Springs
Florida HealthCare Academy	Orlando
Florida League of Christian Schools	Lakeland
Florida Massage and Beauty Institute	Tampa
Florida Medical & Aesthetic International School	Miami
Florida School of Advanced Bodywork	Jacksonville
Florida Tattoo Academy	Tarpon Springs
Floridian Institute	Miami
Fmor Skin Care Institute	Orlando
Fortis College	Orange Park
Fortis College	Cutler Bay
Fortis Institute	Pensacola
Fortis Institute	Port St. Lucie
Gannon University	Ruskin
Genesis Vocational Institute, Corp.	Miami
Global Institute of Sport Americas LLC	Fort Lauderdale
Global Medical & Technical Training Institute	Miami
Gulf Coast Institute of Career Development	Pensacola
Gypsum Board Institute "The Dry Wall & Construction School", LLC	Orlando
Hair in Motion Beauty Academy	Orlando
Hajgden International College	Orlando
HCI College	West Palm Beach
Health and Beauty Institute of America	Casselberry
Hearts Associates Institute	Boynton Beach
Heritage Educational Services	Miami
Heritage School of Midwifery and Natural Health Sciences	North Port
Hollywood Career Institute	Hollywood
I.T. of Central Florida Vocational School, Inc.	Orlando
ICR Florida Education	North Miami Beach
Inspirit School of Healing Arts	Orlando
Installer Institute, Inc.	Holly Hill
Institute of Health Careers, Inc.	Lehigh Acres
Institute of Medical & Dental Technology FL	Ft. Myers
Instituto Embelleze Beauty School	Pompano Beach
Inter Miami Dade Institute Vocational, Inc.	Miami
International College of Health Sciences	Boynton Beach
International Institute For Health Care Professionals, Inc.	Boca Raton

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
International Institute of Education	Margate
International Institute of Orthotics and Prosthetics	Tampa
International University of Leadership	Orlando
Ironhack Coding Academy	Miami
Istituto Marangoni Miami	Miami
Jacksonville Electrology, Laser & Skincare Academy	St. Johns
Jose Maria Vargas University	Pembroke Pines
JT's Cuts Academy	Ft. Lauderdale
Key West University	Jacksonville
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	Bradenton
Larkin School of Nursing	Miami
Larkin University	Miami
LaSalle Tech	Plant City
Laserblazers Training	East Palatka
Latin Beauty Academy	Greenacres
Le Plush Pet Grooming School	Pembroke Pines
Learning Alliance Corporation	Tampa
LECOM School of Dental Medicine	Bradenton
LECOM School of Health Services Administration	Bradenton
Life Choice Institute	New Port Richey
LifePoint Career Institute	Jacksonville
Lincoln Memorial University	Tampa
Master Career Institute	Orlando
Master Tattoo Institute	Miami Beach
McDougle Technical Institute	Gainesville
McDougle Technical Institute	Pompano Beach
Med Teach Academy	Pembroke Park
Med-Life Institute	Lauderdale Lakes
Medical Career Academy	Palm Beach Gardens
Mercy Hospital College of Nursing, a Program of Plantation General Hospital	Miami
Mercy Hospital School of Practical Nursing, a Program of Plantation General Hospital	Miami
Metropolitan International University	Pembroke Pines
Miami Barber Institute	Miami
Miami Business Technological University	Doral
Miami Jewelry School	Miami
Miami Regional University	Miami Springs

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Miami Technology & Arts University	Coral Gables
Modern Sex Therapy Institutes	West Palm Beach
MUST University	Boca Raton
Naples Nursing Academy LLC	Naples
National Investigative Training Academy	Lake Mary
National Training, Inc.	Green Cove Springs
Neo Beauty School	Hallandale Beach
New Horizons Computer Learning Centers of Northeast FL	Jacksonville
New York Film Academy South Beach	Miami
Nicolas G. Hayek Watchmaking School	Miami
Noble Education Initiative	Ft. Lauderdale
Nouveau Contour Academy	Orlando
Oriental Beauty School	Hialeah
Orlando Institute of Electrolysis, Inc.	Orlando
Orlando Nails & Barber Institute, Inc.	Orlando
Palm Beach Code School	North Palm Beach
Palm Beach University	West Palm Beach
Paul Mitchell The School Fort Lauderdale	Plantation
PC Professor	Boca Raton
PC Professor	West Palm Beach
Premiere International College	Ft. Myers
Pro-Nails & Beauty School, Inc.	Orlando
Professional Academy of Health	Kissimmee
Pulse Radiology Institute	St. Augustine
Pura Vida Divers	Singer Island
QM Career Institute	West Palm Beach
Rainbow Reef Instructor Development Center, LLC.	Key Largo
Recreational Vehicle Service Academy	Palmetto
Renaissance Career Institute	North Miami Beach
Renaissance Health Institute	West Palm Beach
Riggs College	Longwood
Roadmaster Drivers School of Jacksonville, Inc.	Jacksonville
Roadmaster Drivers School of Orlando	Apopka
Roadmaster Drivers School, Inc.	Tampa
Robert Fiance Beauty Schools	Boynton Beach
Rockledge Institute: School of Health & Beauty	Rockledge
Rophem School of Nursing	St. Petersburg
Rossie Nail Tech School	Hialeah

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Ruby's Academy for Health Occupations	Lauderhill
San Ignacio University	Doral
San Ignacio University Graduate School	Doral
Sarasota University	Sarasota
Sea Experience Diving Schools	Ft. Lauderdale
Seed-Time Academy and School for Higher Learning	Lauderhill
Smart Horizons Institute	Pensacola
SMTL School of Faith and Nursing	Ocoee
Soothing Arts-Healing Therapies School of Massage	Miramar Beach
Source Institute Massage School & Therapeutic Bodywork of Fort Walton Beach	Ft. Walton Beach
Source Institute Massage School & Therapeutic Bodywork of Marianna, LLC	Marianna
South Beach Beauty Academy	Sebring
South College Orlando Learning Site	Orlando
South Eastern Welding School	Jacksonville
South Florida Academy of Air Conditioning	Fort Lauderdale
South Florida Dental Assisting School	Oakland Park
South Florida Dental Assisting School	Hialeah
South Florida Healthcare Institute	Boca Raton
Southeastern Medical Academy	Marathon
Southern Technical College	Ft. Myers
Southern Technical College	Tampa
Southern Technical College	Orlando
Southern Technical College	Port Charlotte
Southern Technical College, Auburndale	Auburndale
Southern Technical College, Brandon	Brandon
Southern Technical College, Sanford	Sanford
Southern Technical Institute, Orlando	Orlando
Southern Technical Institute, Pinellas Park	Pinellas Park
Southern Technical Institute, Tavares	Tavares
Sovereign School of Nursing	North Miami
Space Coast Education Center	West Melbourne
STRAC Institute	Orlando
STRAC Institute	Melbourne
Summa University	Doral
Suncoast Career Academy	Brandon
Suncoast Trucking Academy, Inc.	Punta Gorda
Sunlight Healthcare Academy	Longwood

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Tampa Medical College	Tampa
Tampa Truck Driving School	Tampa
Tampa Vocational Institute	Tampa
Taylor College	Bellevue
TechLaunch Academy	Plantation
TechLaunch Academy	Miami
TechLaunch Academy	West Palm Beach
The Commercial Driver's License School	Miami
The EduMatics Institute	Orlando
The Masgutova Graduate School of Neurodevelopmental Sciences	Orlando
The Salon Professional Academy	Ft. Myers
TI Institute	Orlando
Toni's Academy LLC	Mulberry
Total Nails & Hair Academy	West Palm Beach
Touze Health Institute	Miramar
Treasure Coast Medical Institute	Ft. Pierce
Truck Driver Institute	Milton
Truth Health Academy	Sunrise
UNAD Florida	Sunrise
UNIBE School of Medicine	Miami
Universal Technical Institute South Florida, LLC	Miramar
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Cupey Campus	Miami Lakes
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Cupey Campus	Tampa
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus	Orlando
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus	Miami Lakes
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus	Tampa
University of Medicine and Health Sciences	West Palm Beach
University of St. Augustine For Health Sciences	St. Augustine
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	Coral Gables
URBE University	Sweetwater
UTH Florida University	Miami
Utica University	St. Petersburg
Utica University	Miramar
Vision Nail Academy, Inc.	St. Petersburg
Vocational Academy of Makeup and Prosthetics	Orlando
Westcliff University	Miami
Westfield Business School	Miami
Word of Life Bible Institute	Hudson

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Yechanlaz Instituto Vocacional, Inc.	Miami

Extensions of Annual License

The Commission has the authority, under s.1005.31(7), F.S., to extend an Annual License for an additional year for those institutions that meet certain conditions.

The following institutions received an Extension of Annual License during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Extension of Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Academy for Five Element Acupuncture, Inc.	Gainesville
Strayer University	Tampa
Strayer University	Jacksonville
Strayer University	Miramar
Strayer University	Tallahassee
Strayer University	Orlando
The Academy	Miami
The Academy	Ft. Lauderdale
Truck Driver Institute	Sanford

License by Means of Accreditation

License by Means of Accreditation (LBMA) is a license status that allows an institution to comply with an accreditor's standards, rather than the Commission's, when the accreditor is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education *and* has standards that meet or exceed the Commission's. This license status must be requested by an institution and is granted when an institution provides evidence that it has been licensed for five consecutive years, holds institutional accreditation by a Commission recognized accrediting agency, meets minimum requirements for financial responsibility, has consistently followed fair consumer practices, and has no unresolved complaints or other actions in the prior twelve-month period.

During fiscal year 2022-2023, the Commission has evaluated several accrediting agencies for recognition and approved 17 accrediting agencies for purposes of licensure by means of accreditation:

- ABHE – Association for Biblical Higher Education
- ABA – American Bar Association
- ABHES – Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools
- ACCET – Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training
- ACCSC – Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges
- ACICS – Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools
- COA – Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
- COE – Council on Occupational Education
- COMTA – Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation
- DEAC – Distance Education Accrediting Commission
- HLC – The Higher Learning Commission
- MSA-CSS - Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools
- MSCHE – Middle States Commission on Higher Education
- NACCAS – National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences
- NECHE – New England Commission of Higher Education
- SACSCOC – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
- TRACS – Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools
- WSCUC - WASC Senior College and University Commission

The process of moving from an Annual License to a License by Means of Accreditation typically takes three months from receipt of the Application for License by Means of Accreditation. During this period, the applicant is notified of any apparent omissions or deficiencies contained within the application, the Commission staff works with the applicant to finalize all materials, and the completed application is presented at one of the Commission's bi-monthly meetings for action. There are circumstances where the process may take longer than the average three-month period, such as when applicants are not able to timely submit all the necessary materials required for approval of a License by Means of Accreditation.

While the License by Means of Accreditation is valid for the same period as the grant of accreditation, institutions are required to be reviewed annually. In order to maintain the License by Means of Accreditation for each remaining year of their grant of accreditation, these institutions must submit an application for annual review to the Commission.

The Commission issued a License by Means of Accreditation status to the following institutions during the 2022-2023 fiscal year:

LBMA Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Academy for Nursing and Health Occupations	West Palm Beach
Academy of Cosmetology	Merritt Island
Academy of Cosmetology – Melbourne	Melbourne
Acupuncture and Massage College	Miami
Altierus Career College	Tampa
American Academy of Cosmetology	Orange Park
American Advanced Technicians Institute, Corp.	Hialeah
American Beauty Schools	Miami
American College of Education	Orlando
American Institute of Beauty	Largo
American Institute of Beauty	St. Petersburg
American Medical Academy	Miami
Arc Educates	Sunrise
Artistic Nails & Beauty Academy	Tampa
Artistic Nails & Beauty Academy	Lakeland
Asbury Theological Seminary	Orlando
Asbury Theological Seminary	Lutz
ATA Career Education	Spring Hill
Atlantis University	Miami
Aveda Institute - Fort Myers	Ft. Myers
Aveda Institute - Orlando	Winter Park
Aveda Institute - South Florida	Davie
Aveda Institute - Tallahassee	Tallahassee
Aviator College of Aeronautical Science & Technology	Ft. Pierce
Beauty Academy of South Florida	Hialeah Gardens
Beauty Academy of South Florida	Miami
Beauty and Massage Institute	Vero Beach
Bellasa Professional Institute	Miami Springs
Boca Beauty Academy	Boca Raton
Boca Beauty Academy	Parkland
Braxton College	Ft. Myers
Camsen Career Institute	Jacksonville
Capella University	Minneapolis
Celebrity School of Beauty	Hialeah
Center For Neurosomatic Studies	Clearwater

LBMA Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Center of Cinematography, Arts, and Television	Miami
Chamberlain University	Jacksonville
Chamberlain University	Miramar
Columbia College	Tavares
Columbia College - Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Columbia College - NAS Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Columbia College - Orlando	Orlando
Compu-Med Vocational Careers, Corp.	Hialeah
Compu-Med Vocational Careers, Corp.	Miami
Concorde Career Institute	Miramar
Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety	Coral Springs
Cortiva Institute - Florida	St. Petersburg
Cozmo Beauty School	Bonita Springs
Daytona College	Ormond Beach
DeVry University, Orlando	Orlando
Dolphin Research Center Training Institute	Grassy Key
Doral College	Doral
Empire Beauty School	West Palm Beach
F.I.R.S.T. Institute	Orlando
First Response Training Group, LLC.	Orlando
Florida Academy	Ft. Myers
Florida Academy of Health & Beauty	Oakland Park
Florida Barber Academy	Plantation
Florida Education Institute, Inc.	Miami
Florida International Training Institute, Inc.	Miami
Florida National University	Hialeah
Florida National University	Miami
Florida National University	Hialeah
Florida National University Online Learning Campus	Hialeah
Florida School of Massage	Gainesville
Fort Pierce Beauty Academy	Ft. Pierce
Full Sail University	Winter Park
Futura Career Institute	Hialeah
Galen College of Nursing	St. Petersburg
Galen College of Nursing	Pembroke Pines
HCI College	Ft. Lauderdale
Herzing University	Winter Park
Herzing University	Tampa

LBMA Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Hobe Sound Bible College	Hobe Sound
Hollywood Institute	Margate
Hollywood Institute of Beauty Careers	Casselberry
Inter American University of Puerto Rico	Orlando
Jersey College	Tampa
Jersey College	Jacksonville
Jersey College	Sunrise
Jersey College	Largo
Jersey College	Port Charlotte
Jersey College	Brooksville
Jersey College	Naples
Jersey College	Melbourne
Kaizen Beauty Academy	Pembroke Pines
La Belle Beauty School	Hialeah
Lee Professional Institute	Ft. Myers
Lincoln Memorial University	Tampa
Loraines Academy & Spa	St. Petersburg
Mariano Moreno Culinary Institute	Miami
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science	Jacksonville
McDougle Technical Institute	Pompano Beach
Mech-Tech Institute	Orlando
Med College	Hialeah
Medical Institute of Palm Beach, Inc.	Greenacres
Meridian College	Sarasota
Merryfield Academy	Oakland Park
Miami Media School	Doral
National Aviation Academy	Clearwater
National Louis University - Florida Regional Center	Tampa
National Personal Training Institute of Tampa	Tampa
National Personal Training Institute, Inc.	Orlando
National University of Health Sciences	St. Petersburg
New Concept Massage & Beauty School	Miami
New Professions Technical Institute, Inc.	Miami
North Florida Cosmetology Institute	Tallahassee
Northwest Lineman Center	Edgewater
Nouvelle Institute	Miami
Nouvelle Institute	Hialeah
NRI Institute of Health Sciences	Royal Palm Beach

LBMA Sent	
Name of Institution	City
NUC University - South Florida Campus	Pembroke Pines
Parisian Spa Institute	Jacksonville
Paul Mitchell The School Fort Myers	Ft. Myers
Paul Mitchell The School Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Paul Mitchell The School Miami	Miami
Paul Mitchell The School Orlando	Oviedo
Paul Mitchell The School Tampa	Tampa
Pensacola School of Massage Therapy & Health Careers, LLC.	Pensacola
Pets Playground Grooming School, Inc.	Pompano Beach
PiBerry Institute, Inc.	Homestead
Port St. Lucie Beauty Academy	Port St. Lucie
Prestige Health and Beauty Sciences Academy	Hallandale Beach
QM Career Institute	West Palm Beach
Rasmussen University	Ocala
Rasmussen University	Odessa
Rasmussen University	Ft. Myers
Rasmussen University	Altamonte Springs
Rasmussen University	Brandon
Rasmussen University	Ocala
Rasmussen University	Land O'Lakes
Rasmussen University	Orlando
Reformed Theological Seminary of Florida, Inc.	Oviedo
Ruben's Five Star Academy	Lake Wales
SABER College	Miami
Sarasota School of Massage Therapy	Sarasota
Shear Excellence Hair Academy	Tampa
Shear Excellence Hair Academy	Valrico
South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary	Deerfield Beach
Southern Illinois University - Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Southern Illinois University - Mayport NS	Mayport
Southern Illinois University - Pensacola NAS	Pensacola
St. John Vianney College Seminary	Miami
Summit Salon Academy	Tampa
Summit Salon Academy-Gainesville	Gainesville
Tenaj Salon Institute	The Villages
The Adrian H. Wallace Barber Academy	Pensacola
The Baptist College of Florida	Graceville
The Baptist College of Florida	Lakeland

LBMA Sent	
Name of Institution	City
The Baptist College of Florida	Hialeah
The Beauty Institute	West Palm Beach
The Praxis Institute	Miami
The Praxis Institute	Hialeah
The Salon Professional Academy - Melbourne	Melbourne
The Salon Professional Academy- Delray Beach	Delray Beach
Trinity Baptist College	Jacksonville
Trinity College of Florida	Trinity
Troy University	Ft. Walton Beach
Troy University	Pensacola
Troy University	Panama City
Troy University	Tampa
Troy University	Altamonte Springs
Tulsa Welding School	Jacksonville
Ultimate Medical Academy	Clearwater
Ultimate Medical Academy Online	Tampa
Union Institute & University	Hollywood
Universal Technical Institute	Orlando
University of Arkansas	Hurlburt Field AFB
Vincennes University	St. Augustine
West Coast University	Doral
Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School	Riverview
Woodmont College	North Miami Beach
World Class Academy of Beauty Careers	Tallahassee

Institutional Name Changes Reported

The following institutions were approved by the Commissioner for a name change during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Name Changes	
Old Name	New Name
Bonita Springs School, Inc., Estero	Bonita Beauty & Wellness Academy, Estero
Dade Institute of Technology, North Miami Beach	Dade Institute of Technology & Health, North Miami Beach
Hair in Motion Beauty Academy, Orlando	Hair in Motion Beauty Academy, Orlando
Hair in Motion Beauty Academy Inc., Longwood	Hair in Motion Beauty Academy, Longwood
KCK Beauty & Barber Academy Inc., Jacksonville	KCK Beauty & Barber Academy, Jacksonville
Latin Beauty Academy, Inc., Greenacres	Latin Beauty Academy, Greenacres
Merryfield School of Pet Grooming, Inc., Oakland Park	Merryfield Academy, Oakland Park
Myrielle College of Nursing, Palm Springs	Myrielle School of Nursing, Palm Springs
New Concept Massage & Beauty School, Inc., Miami	New Concept Massage & Beauty School, Miami
New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Jacksonville, Florida, Jacksonville	New Horizons Computer Learning Centers of Northeast FL, Jacksonville
New Horizons Computer Learning Center of South Florida, Miami	TechLaunch Academy, Miami
New Horizons Computer Learning Center of South Florida, Plantation	TechLaunch Academy, Plantation
New Horizons Computer Learning Center of South Florida, West Palm Beach	TechLaunch Academy, West Palm Beach
North Florida Cosmetology Institute, Inc., Tallahassee	North Florida Cosmetology Institute, Tallahassee
Puttin' On The Tips Nail School, LLC, Ocala	McDougle Technical Institute, Ocala
Riggs College of Allied Health, Longwood	Riggs College, Longwood
Sunstate Academy, Ft. Myers	Aveda Institute - Fort Myers, Ft. Myers

On-site Visit Reports Submitted

The Commission staff conduct on-site visits to institutions under the jurisdiction of the Commission and at the Commission's direction. An institution may be visited more than one time for any of the following conditions: to assist an institution in complying with the rules and statutes; as a criterion for annual licensure; to determine if any of the provisions of the rules and statutes are being violated; for the purpose of securing such other evidence as may be needed for prosecution pursuant to Section 1005.38, F.S.; by the order of the Commission; or upon receiving an application containing information that may cause an investigation to be made of the institution. Site visits are carried out to evaluate the institution's compliance with the Commission's 12 standards (6E-2.004, F.A.C.). These standards include physical facilities, student records storage, on-site equipment and supplies, instructional and administrative personnel, current catalog, student contracts, class schedules and program offerings, tuition charges, placement and counseling services, licensing of agents, faculty qualifications, and advertising policies.

The institutions that received on-site visits during 2022-2023 are as follows:

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
160 Driving Academy	Jacksonville
786-Bartend Bartending School	Miami
A Beauty School of Tampa, Inc.	Tampa
Academy for Dental Assistants	St. Petersburg
Academy for Five Element Acupuncture, Inc.	Gainesville
Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy	Tampa
ACESO Institute of Health Professions	Longwood
ACI Learning	Jacksonville
Activa Training Center	Miami
Active Health Institute, Inc.	Miami
Aden University	Coral Gables
Advance Science International College	Miami Lakes
Advanced Health Care Institute	Tamarac
Affinity Hair Academy	Orlando
Affordable Training	Jacksonville
Agape Academy of Sciences	Delray Beach
Agape University	Pompano Beach
Aguilas International Technical Institute	Tampa
Albizu University	Miami
Alliance Training Center	Delray Beach
Alpha School of Massage, Inc.	Jacksonville
ALPI Technical Education Center	Deland
American College of Health & Sciences	Margate
American Healthcare Institute	West Palm Beach
American Institute of Diamond Cutting, Inc.	Deerfield Beach

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
American Technical Institute	Jacksonville
American Vocational Academy, LLC	Nokomis
Ana G. Mendez University	Miami Lakes
Ana G. Mendez University	Orlando
Ana G. Mendez University	Orlando
Ana G. Mendez University	Tampa
Angel Technical Institute Nursing School LLC	Bradenton
Antigua College International, Inc.	Miami Lakes
Apex Training Center, Inc.	North Miami
Applied Technology Academy	Fort Walton Beach
Art House Academy & Abbey Road Institute Miami	Miami
Art of Hair Academy & Studio	West Palm Beach
ASA College	Hialeah
ASM Beauty World Academy, Inc.	Hollywood
Atlantic Institute of Oriental Medicine, Inc.	Ft. Lauderdale
Aveda Institute – Brandon	Brandon
Aviation Institute of Maintenance	Casselberry
AVM Dental Assistant School	Coral Gables
Axxis Education Institute	Pensacola
Azure College	Ft. Lauderdale
Babson College	Miami
Barbara Brennan School of Healing	Deerfield Beach
Barber Academy of Orlando	Orlando
Beacon Hill Career Training	Fort Lauderdale
Beauty and Health Institute	Tampa
Bethesda College of Health Sciences	Boynton Beach
BizTech Career Centers	New Port Richey
Blue Soleil Nursing Assistant Training School	Lauderhill
BrainStation Education	Miami
Bright Education Institute	Dania Beach
Brightmed Health Institute	Davie
Broward International University	Miami
Broward-Miami Health Institute	Miramar
Burnett International College	West Palm Beach
Calypso Pro Dive Academy	Tampa
Cambridge College of Healthcare & Technology	Altamonte Springs
Camsen Career Institute	Jacksonville

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
Capscore Academy for Healthcare Education	Lake Worth
Care Hope College	Jupiter
Carleen Health Institute of South Florida	Plantation
Carleen Health Institute of South Florida	West Palm Beach
CBT Technology Institute	Cutler Bay
CDL Training Center	Opa Locka
Center for Career Training	Lauderdale Lakes
Center for Professional Training and Development, Inc.	North Miami
Center for Professional Training and Development, Inc.	Orlando
Center for Technology Training	Tampa
Central Florida Institute of Training, Inc	Lakewood Ranch
Centureon Institute	Miami
Cesar Vallejo College	Miami
Champion Truck Driving School, Inc.	Largo
Chancellor Institute	Ft. Lauderdale
Charles F. Chapman School of Seamanship, Inc.	Stuart
Chic Image Academy	Tampa
Chris P. Barber Academy	Sarasota
Cindy Cassidy School of Electrology, Health and Beauty	Pensacola
City College - Hollywood	Hollywood
Clara White Mission Training Center	Jacksonville
Classic Traffic School, LLC	Ft. Myers
CMR Medical Training Services	West Palm Beach
CNA Training School	Jacksonville
College of Health and Allied Development	West Palm Beach
Community Barber Schools, LLC	Jacksonville
Community Vocational Training Center, Inc.	Riviera Beach
Connecticut School of Broadcasting	North Palm Beach
Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety at Lauderhill	Lauderhill
Cruz Institute	Kissimmee
Cyber-Intel Institute	Tampa
Dade Institute of Technology & Health	North Miami Beach
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Boca Raton	Boca Raton
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Bradenton	Bradenton
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Clearwater	Largo
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Ft. Myers	Ft. Myers
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Ocala	Dunnellon

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Orlando	Orlando
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Plantation	Kendall
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Temple Terrace	Temple Terrace
DATS of Florida, Inc. - West Palm Beach	West Palm Beach
De-Empire Academy for Health Care Education	West Palm Beach
Dental Office Training 2 South	Ft. Myers
Dentrilogy Academy	Royal Palm Beach
DermaSwiss Institute	Miami
DeVry University, Jacksonville	Jacksonville
DeVry University, Miramar	Miramar
Dolly Monroe Beauty Academy	Tampa
Dolphin Dental Career Institute	Plantation
Dominium Institute	Ft. Myers
Dynamic Phlebotomy Training	Jacksonville
Easy Hair Beauty and Barber School	Orlando
Educating Hands School of Massage	Miami
Elevate College Northwest University	Jacksonville
Elevate Salon Institute - Miami Beach	Miami Beach
Elite Bartending School and Event Staffing Ft. Lauderdale	Ft. Lauderdale
Emergency Education Institute, LLC	Coral Springs
Empire Beauty School	Tampa
EMS Phlebotomy and Clinical Training Inc.	Tampa
Essential School of Nursing, Inc.	Miami Gardens
European Beauty Academy	Tampa
Evolution Health Academy	Miami Gardens
Evolve Beauty Institute Inc.	Palm Coast
Excel Institute	North Miami
Faith Christian Fellowship Training Institute	Lauderdale Lakes
Family Central Training Academy	Ft. Lauderdale
Fashion Focus Academy	Sarasota
Finlay Institute of Nursing	Tampa
First Coast Nursing Assistant Training Center	Jacksonville
Florida Academy of Medical Aesthetics	Pembroke Pines
Florida Academy of Nursing	Miramar
Florida Bartending School	Orange Park
Florida Career College - Boynton Beach	Boynton Beach
Florida Career College - Hialeah	Hialeah

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
Florida Career College - Lauderdale Lakes	Lauderdale Lakes
Florida Career College - Margate	Margate
Florida Career College - Miami	Miami
Florida Career College - Pembroke Pines	Pembroke Pines
Florida College of Integrative Medicine	Orlando
Florida Global University	Doral
Florida Health Institute	Ft. Lauderdale
Florida International College	Kissimmee
Florida Medical & Aesthetic International School	Miami
Florida Professional Institute, Inc.	Miami
Florida School of Advanced Bodywork	Jacksonville
Fortis College	Cutler Bay
Fortis Institute	Pensacola
Fortis Institute	Port St. Lucie
Future Dental Assistants of America	Delray Beach
Future-Tech Institute	Miami
FVI School of Nursing and Technology	Miramar
Gladstone College of Nursing	Davie
Global Institute of Sport Americas LLC	Fort Lauderdale
Global Medical & Technical Training Institute	Miami
Golden Paws Pet Styling Academy	North Miami
Grace Community Institute	Boca Raton
Gulf Coast Institute of Career Development	Pensacola
Gwinnett Institute	Orlando
Gypsum Board Institute "The Dry Wall & Construction School", LLC	Orlando
Healing Arts Institute of Clinical Sexology	Tamarac
Health and Beauty Institute of America	Casselberry
Hearts Associates Institute	Boynton Beach
Heritage Educational Services	Miami
Holberton School Florida	Miami Beach
Hollywood Career Institute	Hollywood
Hope College of Arts and Sciences	Pompano Beach
Horizon Healthcare Institute	Port Charlotte
Humboldt International University	Miami
I.T. of Central Florida Vocational School, Inc.	Orlando
ICR Florida Education	North Miami Beach
Inspirit School of Healing Arts	Orlando

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
Instituto Politecnico De Tampa Clearwater Campus, Corp.	Clearwater
Inter Miami Dade Institute Vocational, Inc.	Miami
International College of Health Sciences	Boynton Beach
International Institute For Health Care Professionals, Inc.	Boca Raton
International Institute of Clinical Sexology	Miami Shores
International Institute of Education	Margate
International Institute of Orthotics and Prosthetics	Tampa
International University of Leadership	Orlando
Investigative Training, LLC	North Palm Beach
Istituto Marangoni Miami	Miami
iteachFLORIDA	Miami Lakes
ITT Technical Institute	Ft. Myers
Jacksonville Electrology, Laser & Skincare Academy	St. Johns
Jacksonville Health & Beauty School	Jacksonville
James International Academy of Health	North Lauderdale
Jetmapp School of Nursing	Miami Gardens
Jose Maria Vargas University	Pembroke Pines
JT's Cuts Academy	Ft. Lauderdale
La Esperanza Educational Services, Inc.	Hialeah
Lamont Technical Academy	Winter Haven
Larkin School of Nursing	Miami
Larkin University	Miami
Latin Beauty Academy	Greenacres
Le Plush Pet Grooming School	Pembroke Pines
LECOM School of Dental Medicine	Bradenton
Lee Professional Institute	Ft. Myers
Life-Line Institute	Miami
LifePoint Career Institute	Jacksonville
Loucel University	Miami
Luxurious Looks Beauty Academy	Oakland Park
Margate Medical Training Center	Margate
Marlene's Training Center	Oakland Park
Master Tattoo Institute	Miami Beach
McDougle Technical Institute	Gainesville
McDougle Technical Institute	Pompano Beach
Med Teach Academy	Pembroke Park
Med-Life Institute	Lauderdale Lakes

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
Medical and Health Sciences Institute	Miramar
Mercy Hospital College of Nursing, a Program of Plantation General Hospital	Miami
Mercy Hospital School of Practical Nursing, a Program of Plantation General Hospital	Miami
Meridian College	Sarasota
Meridian West Central College	Sarasota
Metropolitan International University	Pembroke Pines
Metropolitan Trucking & Technical Institute	Miami
Metropolitan Trucking and Technical Institute	West Palm Beach
Miami Barber Institute	Miami
Miami Business Technological University	Doral
Miami Regional University	Miami Springs
Miami Technical Institute	Miami
Miami Technology & Arts University	Coral Gables
Military Transition Academy	Indialantic
MIU City University Miami	Miami
Modern Sex Therapy Institutes	West Palm Beach
More Tech Institute Corp.	Hialeah
MUST University	Boca Raton
Myrielle School of Nursing	Palm Springs
Naples Nursing Academy LLC	Naples
National Medical Institute	Hialeah
Neo Beauty School	Hallandale Beach
New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Pensacola	Pensacola
New Horizons Computer Learning Centers of Northeast FL	Jacksonville
New York Film Academy South Beach	Miami
Nicolas G. Hayek Watchmaking School	Miami
NUC University - South Florida Campus	Pembroke Pines
Nursing Bridges Institute	Pensacola
OIC Workforce Academy	Fort Lauderdale
OIC Workforce Academy	Miami
Opportunity Training Careers – Hialeah	Hialeah
Optimal Medical Training, Inc.	Jacksonville
Oriental Beauty School	Hialeah
Orlando University	Orlando
Palm Beach Academy of Health & Beauty	West Palm Beach
Palm Beach Career-School of Allied Health Sciences	Ft. Pierce

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
Palm Beach Health Care Academy	Boca Raton
Palm Beach International College	Lake Worth
Palm Beach University	West Palm Beach
Panamerican University	Miami
Paramount Training Services	Oakland Park
Paris Air Flight Academy	Vero Beach
Paul Mitchell The School Fort Lauderdale	Plantation
PC Professor	Boca Raton
PC Professor	West Palm Beach
Perfect 10 Nail & Technology School, Inc.	Jacksonville
Pharm-Tech Technical Institute	North Miami Beach
PiBerry Institute, Inc.	Homestead
Polished Nail Academy, LLC	Ocala
Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, Inc.	Miami
Pop Pop Vocational School LLC	Palm Springs
Professional Career School	Miami
Quality Nursing Training Center, Inc.	Margate
Quest Nursing Education Center	Tampa
Real Vision Barber Academy	Bradenton
Renaissance Career Institute	North Miami Beach
Roadmaster Drivers School of Jacksonville, Inc.	Jacksonville
Robert Fiance Beauty Schools	Boynton Beach
Rossie Nail Tech School	Hialeah
Royal Advanced Institute	Miami
Ruby's Academy for Health Occupations	Lauderhill
S2 Institute	Clearwater
Sacred Heart International Institute, Inc.	North Lauderdale
SAE Institute of Technology	North Miami Beach
San Ignacio University	Doral
San Ignacio University Graduate School	Doral
Sarasota University	Sarasota
Sea Experience Diving Schools	Ft. Lauderdale
Seed-Time Academy and School for Higher Learning	Lauderhill
Setanta College	Juno Beach
Siena College of Health	Lauderhill
Smart Horizons Institute	Pensacola
Socrates International College	Oakland Park

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
Soler & Soler CDL School Corp	Miami
South Beach Beauty Academy	Sebring
South College Orlando Learning Site	Orlando
South Eastern Welding School	Jacksonville
South Florida Academy of Air Conditioning	Fort Lauderdale
South Florida College of Nursing	Doral
South Florida Dental Assisting School	Hialeah
South Florida Dental Assisting School	Oakland Park
South Florida Healthcare Institute	Boca Raton
South Florida Literacy Institute	Miami
South Florida Technical Training LLC	Medley
Southeastern College	Miami Lakes
Southern Technical College	Ft. Myers
Sovereign School of Nursing	North Miami
STRAC Institute	Orlando
Strayer University	Miramar
Strayer University	Orlando
Strayer University	Palm Beach Gardens
Strayer University	Tallahassee
Strayer University	Tampa
Summa University	Doral
Summit Salon Academy	Tampa
Suncoast College of Health	Bradenton
Suncoast Trucking Academy, Inc.	Arcadia
Sunrise School of Nursing	Plantation
Sunstate Academy	Clearwater
Tampa Bay Esthetics Academy	Tampa
Tampa Beauty School	Tampa
TechLaunch Academy	Miami
TechLaunch Academy	Plantation
TechLaunch Academy	West Palm Beach
Techni-Pro Institute, LLC.	Boca Raton
The Academy	Ft. Lauderdale
The Academy	Miami
The Baptist College of Florida	Orlando
The Code Academy	Miami
The Commercial Driver's License School	Miami

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
The Enfimye Institute	North Palm Beach
The Institute of FILMS	Orlando
The Salon Professional Academy	Ft. Myers
The Spot Barber Academy	Doral
TI Institute	Orlando
Toni's Academy LLC	Mulberry
Total Beauty Institute	Jacksonville
Total Nails & Hair Academy	West Palm Beach
Touze Health Institute	Miramar
Trendy Academy	Miami
Trinity School of Nursing	Plantation
Trinity Vocational School, Inc.	Miramar
Truth Health Academy	Sunrise
UNAD Florida	Sunrise
Universal Technical Institute South Florida, LLC	Miramar
Universal Training Center	Wilton Manors
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Carolina Campus	Miami Lakes
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Carolina Campus	Orlando
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Carolina Campus	Tampa
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Cupey Campus	Miami Lakes
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Cupey Campus	Orlando
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Cupey Campus	Tampa
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus	Miami Lakes
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus	Orlando
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus	Tampa
University of Mid Florida	Orlando
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	Coral Gables
Uplift Career Institute	Tampa
URBE University	Sweetwater
US Solar Institute	Oakland Park
UTH Florida University	Miami
Vanguard School of Professional Health	Lauderhill
Vocational Training Institute, Inc.	Greenacres
Webster University, Inc. - Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Westcliff University	Miami
Westfield Business School	Miami
World Trichology Academy	Jacksonville

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
Xanadu Beauty Academy	Hollywood
Yechanlaz Instituto Vocacional, Inc.	Miami

Institutions Reported as Closed

The following institutions were reported as closed during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Closed Schools	
Name of Institution	City
A-1 Healthcare Academy, Inc.	New Port Richey
American Academy of Clinical Sexology	Orlando
American College for Medical Careers	Orlando
AmeriSen School	Tampa
Beauty Schools of America	Hialeah
BizTech Career Centers	New Port Richey
Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety at Martin County	Stuart
Dental Office Training 2 South	Ft. Myers
DeVry University, Jacksonville	Jacksonville
DeVry University, Miramar	Miramar
Dolphin Dental Career Institute	Plantation
Elevate College Northwest University	Jacksonville
Flatiron School	Miami
Florida College of Health Science, Inc.	Tampa
Florida Medical Career School	Lakeland
Future-Tech Institute	Miami
Instituto Politecnico De Tampa Clearwater Campus, Corp.	Clearwater
ITT Technical Institute	Tampa
ITT Technical Institute	Lake Mary
ITT Technical Institute	Tampa
ITT Technical Institute	Lake Mary
ITT Technical Institute	Hialeah
ITT Technical Institute	Ft. Lauderdale
ITT Technical Institute	Jacksonville
ITT Technical Institute	Ft. Myers
ITT Technical Institute	Tallahassee
ITT Technical Institute	West Palm Beach
ITT Technical Institute	Pensacola
Loucel University	Miami
Miller's College of Nursing	Orlando
New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Pensacola	Pensacola
Palm Beach School of Nursing LLC	West Palm Beach
Pop Pop Vocational School LLC	Palm Springs

Closed Schools	
Name of Institution	City
S2 Institute	Clearwater
Sacred Heart International Institute, Inc.	North Lauderdale
Siena College of Health	Lauderhill
Sunstate Academy	Clearwater
The Baptist College of Florida	Orlando
The Enfimye Institute	North Palm Beach
Universal Career School	Sweetwater
Vesi Institute for Spa Therapies	Watersound
Webster University, Inc. - Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Webster University, Inc. - Ocala	Ocala
Webster University, Inc. - Tampa Bay	St. Petersburg

Student Records Retained by the Commission

Each year, the Commission for Independent Education receives student records from schools, colleges, and universities that have ceased operations. These student records are optically scanned and placed on the DOE network's hard drives for permanent storage. Those records are then maintained for the future servicing of student records requests. During fiscal year 2022-2023, Commission staff processed 3,568 records for former students from closed institutions. Hard copy and/or digital student records from the following institutions were received by the Commission during this fiscal year:

Student Records Received	
Name of Institution	City
A-1 Healthcare Academy, Inc.	New Port Richey
American College for Medical Careers	Orlando
Beauty Schools of America	Hialeah
BizTech Career Centers	New Port Richey
Dolphin Dental Career Institute	Plantation
Elevate College Northwest University	Jacksonville
Florida College of Health Science, Inc.	Tampa
Future-Tech Institute	Miami
Loucel University	Miami
Miller's College of Nursing	Orlando
New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Pensacola	Pensacola
S2 Institute	Clearwater
The Enfimye Institute	North Palm Beach
Universal Career School	Sweetwater

Disciplinary Actions

During fiscal year 2022-2023, the Commission for Independent Education issued five citations for issuance of a worthless check to the Commission.

Legislative Summary

The chart below lists the bills that passed during the 2023 regular legislative session that impacted the Commission for Independent Education and/or schools under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Bill and Chapter Law Number	Title of Bill	Bill Sponsor	Effective Date
House Bill 33 Chapter 2023-140 Laws of Florida	Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact	Health & Human Services Committee, Representatives Hunschofsky, Koster and others	July 1, 2023
House Bill 139 Chapter 2023-161 Laws of Florida	Benefits, Training, and Employment for Veterans and Their Spouses	Appropriations Committee. Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee, Representative Woodson and others	July 1, 2023
Senate Bill 252 Chapter 2023-43 Laws of Florida	Protection from Discrimination Based on Health Care Choices	Fiscal Policy Committee, Senator Burton and others	June 1, 2023, unless otherwise provided
House Bill 391 Chapter 2023-183 Laws of Florida	Home Health Aides for Medically Fragile Children	Health & Human Services Committee, Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee, Representative Tramont and others	June 2, 2023
Senate Bill 558 Chapter 2023-250 Laws of Florida	Certified Nursing Assistants	Health Policy Committee and Senator Burton	July 1, 2023
House Bill 1133 Chapter 2023-274 Laws of Florida	Physician Assistant Licensure	Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee and Representative Rizo	June 21, 2023
Senate Bill 1272 Chapter 2023-93 Laws of Florida	Educational Grants	Appropriations Committee, Senator Simon and others	May 17, 2023
Senate Bill 1521 Chapter 2023-106 Laws of Florida	Facility Requirements Based on Sex	Regulatory Reform and Economic Development Subcommittee, Representative Plakon and others	July 1, 2023
House Bill 1537 Chapter 2023-39 Laws of Florida	Education	Education & Employment Committee, Appropriations Committee, Education Quality Subcommittee, Representatives Daniels, Rizo and others	July 1, 2023

House Bill 33 Summary

Creates an interstate agreement for Florida licensed psychologists to be recognized and obtain licensure and/or practice licensed duties in other states that meet the agreement criteria and participate in the compact.

House Bill 139 Summary

Provides assistance, through the creation of the Office of Veteran Licensure Services (OVLS) within the Department of Health, to veterans and their spouses in obtaining professional licensure in healthcare professions; waives certain fees as part of the licensure process; and requires the OVLS to coordinate with each health practitioner regulatory board or the Department of Health, if there is no board, to expedite applications for licensure.

Senate Bill 252 Summary

Prohibits business entities, governmental entities, and educational institutions from imposing mandatory mask and vaccine mandates.

Prohibits requiring a person to wear a mask or denying a person access to, entry upon, service from, or admission to the entity or institution or discriminating against any person based on his or her refusal to wear a mask or provide verification of COVID-19 vaccination.

Prohibits mask and vaccine mandates as well as COVID-19 testing mandates in educational institutions, business entities, and governmental entities. Prohibits these entities and institutions from requiring specified documentation relating to vaccines as a condition to gaining access to, entry upon, or service from the entity or institution. Also prevents a person from being discriminated against in hiring or other employment-related activities based on COVID-19 status.

Requires entities and institutions to provide exemptions and reasonable accommodations for religious and medical reasons.

Provides that entities or institutions in violation of these provisions are subject to disciplinary action, including fines up to \$5,000 for each violation.

Provides a definition of “educational institution” to mean a “public or private school, including a preschool, elementary school, middle school, junior high school, secondary school, career center, or postsecondary school.”

House Bill 391 Summary

Creates the Home Health Aide for Medically Fragile Children Program for family caregivers to receive training and gainful employment. The bill allows a family caregiver to be reimbursed by Medicaid, as a home health aide for medically fragile children.

Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to approve, in consultation with the Board of Nursing, home health aide for medically fragile children training programs developed by home health agencies. Training programs must consist of a minimum of 85 hours and include 40 hours of nursing theory instruction, 20 hours of basic nursing skills, 16 hours of clinical training, and training on HIV/AIDS infections. Home health agencies are required to provide this training without charge to a parent, guardian, or family member of a medically fragile child.

Senate Bill 558 Summary

Allows a licensed Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) to become a Qualified Medication Aide (QMA) while working under the direct supervision of a registered nurse in nursing home facilities, upon meeting certain requirements.

In order to be designated as a QMA, a CNA must meet certain requirements, including holding a clear and active

certification as a CNA for at least one year preceding the delegation; completing an additional 34-hour training course approved by the Board of Nursing (BON) in medication administration and associated tasks; and completing a supervised clinical practice in a nursing home facility.

House Bill 1133 Summary

Amends eligibility requirements for licensure as a physician assistant to allow the acceptance of applicants who “completed” or “matriculated,” rather than graduated from, an approved program prior to December 31, 2020.

Additionally, authorizes the Board of Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Medicine to grant a license to an applicant who does not meet the educational requirements for licensure, but has passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination. These changes reinstate licensure eligibility for physician assistants who graduated from accredited physician assistant programs with a bachelor’s degree who were negatively affected by a 2021 legislative change that rendered them ineligible.

Senate Bill 1272 Summary

Creates a grant under the William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) Grant Program for any full-time degree seeking undergraduate student who:

1. Attends an independent nonprofit university that:
 - a. Was formerly eligible for the Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE) Grant program;
 - b. Has been located in this state for more than 20 years;
 - c. Offers prelicensure nursing programs in Florida (LPN, ASN, or BSN); and
 - d. Is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).
2. Attends an independent for-profit university that:
 - a. Is located in and chartered by this state;
 - b. Is accredited by an accrediting agency or association recognized by the database created and maintained by the United States Department of Education (USDOE);
 - c. Was licensed by the department on or before October 1, 2021; and
 - d. Has Level 6 accreditation from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC).

The above institutions are not permitted to be a state university or Florida College System institution, must have a secular purpose, and receipt of state aid may not have the primary effect of promoting or advancing religion.

Qualifying institutions wishing to participate are required to provide a one-time written notice to the Department of Education on or before September 1, 2023, and meet the eligibility requirements of s. 1009.89 (5)(a)-(c), F.S.

House Bill 1521 Summary

Requires “covered entities,” which includes postsecondary educational institutions or facilities, to maintain restroom and changing facilities separately designated for males and females or have a unisex facility. Defines “postsecondary educational institution or facility” as: a state university; Florida College System institution; school district career center; college or university licensed by the Commission for Independent Education pursuant to s. 1005.31(1)(a), F.S.; or an institution not under the jurisdiction or purview of the commission as identified in s. 1005.06(1)(b)-d(f), F.S.

Requires all covered entities to submit documentation regarding compliance with the facility requirements. Institutions licensed by the Commission for Independent Education (CIE) and those not under the jurisdiction of CIE as identified in s. 1005.06, (b)-(f), F.S., will be subject to the documentation requirements.

Limits instances when a person may enter a facility designated for the opposite sex to certain circumstances. Provides that failure to depart a facility designated for the opposite sex by persons other than the covered entity’s employees constitutes trespass.

Allows an employee of a covered entity to request that a person depart a facility designated for the opposite sex on a covered entity's premises, when the entry is not for an authorized purpose.

Requires each type of covered entity to establish disciplinary procedures for its employees, certain persons under its control, and other specified personnel for failing to follow these requirements.

Gives the Attorney General enforcement authority, including the authority to seek injunctive relief and impose fines of up to \$10,000 for violations of these provisions.

House Bill 1537 Summary

Revises Chapter 1005, F.S. to:

1. Require institutions, prior to enrollment, to provide a written disclosure to students or prospective students regarding fees and costs, refund policy, exit exam requirements, grade point average requirements, for program or degree completion, and scope of accreditation, if applicable, in a format approved by CIE.
2. Place the burden of proving compliance with fair consumer practices on the institution and/or other applicable authority when applying for licensure.
3. Require CIE to prepare an accountability report for licensed institutions containing, at a minimum, graduation rates, including the number of graduates by program, retention rates, and placements rates.
4. Require licensed institutions to provide select data to the commission in an approved format and requires placement rates to be determined using a methodology approved by CIE.
5. Require CIE to establish a common set of data definitions for institutional reporting purposes.
6. Require an administrative fine of not more than \$500.00 for failure to submit the required data in a timely manner.
7. Give CIE the authority to investigate individuals, entities and institutions to determine if institutional operations are in compliance with rules and laws.
8. Require institutions to submit a retention and completion management plan as part of the licensure standards that must be met for initial licensure and annual renewal.
9. Add verification of high school graduation, high school equivalency or qualifying scores on an ability-to-benefit test to the licensure standards relating to admissions and recruitment.
10. Allow the commission to require a management plan and/or prohibit or limit enrollments based on: an institution's compliance with licensure standards and/or other established benchmarks; probationary or adverse actions taken by other approval entities; or other similar situations in which an institution is not able to meet the needs of students.
11. Allow CIE to create rules to set performance benchmarks and identify high-performing institutions.
12. Require a licensed institution to disclose all programs offered, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Avocational programs;
 - b. Examination preparation programs;
 - c. Contract training programs;
 - d. Continuing education programs; and
 - e. Professional development programs.
13. Require all prec licensure professional nursing programs to be institutionally accredited prior to obtaining approval from CIE.

More detailed information about these laws can be found on the Florida Legislature's website at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us>.

The Commission for Independent Education's publicly available Annual Report for fiscal year 2022-2023 is accessible on the Florida Department of Education's website at:

<http://fldoe.org/policy/cie>

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