

Commission for Independent Education





Mission

- To serve as a consumer protection agency
 - protect the individual student
 - promote accountability at the independent postsecondary level.
- Protect the integrity of these institutions.
 - assure that certain standards are met
- Encourage independent institutions to offer programs that meet the needs of Florida's citizens.



Goals

- Improve articulation between public and private postsecondary educational institutions.
- Provide innovative solutions for critical economic/educational challenges in Florida.
- Enhance business/industry partnerships with independent postsecondary education.
- Work with Veteran's Affairs and Workforce Florida Inc. to provide maximum training opportunities for Florida citizens.



Licensure Unit

- Review new institutions.
- Review existing institutions.
- Review programmatic changes.
- Conduct institutional visits.
- Review new & existing agent licenses.



Consumer Services Unit

- Investigate student complaints.
- Provide student transcripts from closed institutions.
- Coordinate student train-out from closed institutions.
- Monitor institutional compliance with advertising guidelines.
- Collect and maintain student records from closed institutions.



Management Information Services Unit

- Maintain the Institutional Data.
- Create innovative solutions to assist institutions with the licensure process.
- Collect enrollment, graduation and FETPIP data from institutions.
- Distribute data to DOE & State Agencies.
- Develop software applications to assist staff (i.e. automated agenda and computerized licensure system).



Key Statistics

- We currently license over 850 institutions (projected to grow to over 1000 by 2005) with an enrollment of over 162,000 students.
- These institutions offer over 6400 programs ranging from diplomas to doctoral degrees.
- Over 200 of our institutions participate in Workforce Development as training providers.
- Over 220 non-public institutions participate in some form of state financial aid (Bright Futures, Gold Seal, F.S.A.G.)



Benefits to Citizens

- Independent institutions develop programs that are responsive to the immediate employment needs of business and industry.
- Nonpublic institutions are situated in locations that are convenient to students.
- Training programs are offered at hours that are conducive to working students.
- Over 70% of graduates from CIE institutions have positive placement outcomes *.

*FETPIP Annual Outcomes Report, Fall 2001 Data



Benefits to Florida

- CIE is fully supported by fees collected from licensed institutions (no General Revenue used).
- Student paid tuition covers the full cost of education at CIE institutions (no state matching dollars for tuition).
- Nonpublic postsecondary institutions are tax-generating businesses (property taxes, sales taxes, payroll taxes, tax on corporate profits).
- CIE institutions provide well over 50,000 jobs and have a multi-million dollar impact on Florida's economy.

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Operation Paycheck

What were the Training Outcomes?

	Market Share	Customers that are enrolled in training	Customers that have completed training	Completion Rate	Entered Employment based on WIAMIS
State Universities	11.80%	1,012	551	54.45%	301
Community Colleges	26.30%	2,254	856	37.98%	687
School Districts/Vocational Technical Centers	19.50%	1,675	423	25.25%	398
Private Training Entities	42.40%	3,644	1,539	42.23%	900

- Information courtesy of Curtis Austin, Workforce Development Inc.



New Licensed Institutions

