

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

ANNUAL REPORT: 2020

Submitted by the State Board of Proprietary Schools to the State Board of Community Colleges Pursuant to §115D-89.3 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 115D-89.3

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §115D-89.3, the State Board of Community Colleges shall receive a written report annually from the State Board of Proprietary Schools to include the number of schools receiving initial licenses during the previous year, a list of currently licensed proprietary schools, school closures during the previous year, including a complete report of actions concerning any catastrophic closures, complaints received and resulting decisions or actions, total fees received, and balances of the Commercial Education Fund and the Student Protection Fund.

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ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

1. Initially Licensed Schools 2019 - 2020: 19 ----- (Table A, Page 5)
2. Proprietary School Closures 2019 - 2020: 9 ----- (Table B, Page 5)
3. Student Complaints and Resulting Actions: 2 ----- (Table C, Page 6)
4. Licensed Proprietary Schools 2020 - 2021: 97 ----- (Table D, Page 7)
5. Total License Fees Received 2019 - 2020: \$237,100 ----(Table E, Page 9)
6. Commercial Education Fund Balance: \$886,157.01 --- (Table F, Page 10)
7. Student Protection Fund Balance: \$1,242,839.24 ----- (Table F, Page 10)

INITIALLY LICENSED SCHOOLS**(July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)**

Nineteen proprietary schools were initially licensed during the 2019 - 2020 fiscal year.

TABLE A: Initially Licensed Proprietary Schools, 2019-2020 (19)

Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy -Boone	Joyful Belly School of Ayurveda
Arise Health Training Institute	Lakeside Dental Assistant School
Blue Light	Legacy U Healthcare Consulting & Training Center
Carolina School of Phlebotomy	*Momentum Learning
Coder Center	NC Dental U - Smithfield
Dental Arts Academy	North Carolina Dental Assistant School
Diversified Healthcare	The School of Skilled Trades
Hands on Dental Assistant Training	Umanah Healthcare Institute -Charlotte
Jacksonville Dental Assistant School - Jacksonville	Umanah Healthcare Institute - Gastonia
Jacksonville Dental Assistant School – Morehead City	

*Momentum Learning was sold during the 2019 - 2020 licensing year. As a result, the new owner was required to apply for initial licensing.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOL CLOSURES**(July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)**

One school (*) closed during the 2019 -2020 licensing year. Eight proprietary schools failed to renew their licenses for 2020 - 2021.

TABLE B: Proprietary School Closures, 2019 - 2020 (9)

*Carolina Career College	K's Healthcare
Center for Montessori Teacher Education	Mount Eagle College - Greensboro
CPR Works of Charlotte	New Horizons Computer Learning -Greensboro
Harris Training Institute	Piedmont Online Institute
Hashem School of Healthcare	

***Carolina Career College**

On March 6, 2020 the administrator of Carolina Career College advised the Office of Proprietary Schools it was immediately closing and filing bankruptcy. The school, licensed approximately 20 years, was accredited and approved for Federal Title IV

funding and the GI Bill. The precipitous closure impacted ninety (90) students. The Office of Proprietary Schools filed a claim against the school’s surety bond, and it is working with students and lenders to reimburse out-of-pocket and private lender payments. This process is ongoing. To the knowledge and understanding of OPS, Title IV students are applying for closed school discharge with the U.S. Department of Education and GI Bill students are applying to have educational benefits restored through the VA.

STUDENT COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND RESULTING ACTIONS

(July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)

The Office of Proprietary Schools has written procedures for handling student complaints. The complaint procedure and appropriate forms are posted online at: <http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/proprietary-schools>.

TABLE C: Student Complaints Received, July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 (2)

Complaints Received	Actions Taken
Complaint 1	Licensing violation not found
Complaint 2	Licensing violation not found

Complaint #1:

In January 2020 OPS received a complaint against a school in Fayetteville, alleging the school misrepresented his enrollment and withdrawal dates to the VA. The school admitted human error caused two incorrect certifications, but provided documentation it immediately corrected the reporting. The VA investigated the same complaint and found no violation. OPS found the complaint did not establish a violation of licensing standards or any serious deviation of educational standards imposed by the State Board of Community Colleges.

Complaint #2:

In June 2020 OPS received a complaint against a school in Durham, alleging the school did not adequately provided for virtual learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. The school provided documentation that it continued to use the same curriculum and handbook, and that the only change was the use of Zoom for class meetings. The school also provided documentation that it provided additional learning opportunities for students due to the online transition. Finally, the student did not formally withdraw from the school as required by the school handbook. OPS found the complaint did not establish a violation of licensing standards or any serious deviation of educational standards imposed by the State Board of Community Colleges.

LICENSED PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS**(July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)**

On May 15, 2020 the State Board of Community Colleges approved license renewals for 89 proprietary schools. The licenses run from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

TABLE D: Renewal Licenses, FY 2020 - 2021 (89)**PROPRIETARY SCHOOL LICENSE RENEWALS (89)**

Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy -Boone	ECPI University - Greensboro	NC Dental U - Fayetteville
Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy - Cary	ECPI University - Raleigh	NC Dental U - Greenville
Airstreams Renewables	EduDent School of Dental Assisting	NC Dental U – Wake Forest
American Academy of Healthcare	Effinity Healthcare Training	Neslyn Health Institute
Animal Behavior Institute	(6) Fast Track Career Prep	New Hope Medical Training
Arch Dental Assistant Academy	(2) Guiding Lights Caregiver Training Institute	(7) New Horizons Computer Learning Center - Charlotte
Arise Health Training Institute	(3) Gwinnett College	North Carolina Dental Assistant Training School
Aviation Institute of Maintenance	Hands On Dental Assistant Training	North Carolina Technical Education Center
Blue Light	Harmony Health Career Training Institute	Piedmont Dental Assistants
Care One Health Training Institute	Heavy Equipment Colleges of America	(1) Pit Instruction & Training
Career Pathways Institute	Highland Canine Training	Premier Dental Assisting Academy
Caring For Life – Castle Hayne	Ideal Health Institute	Project Shift
Caring For Life - Jacksonville	Institute for Guided Studies	Sandhills Dental Career Center
Carolina School of Broadcasting	Joyful Belly School of Ayurveda	Serenity Nurse Aide Academy
Carolina School of Phlebotomy	Lake Norman Dental Assisting School	Shades of Purple
Charlotte Dental Assistant School	Legacy U Healthcare Consulting & Training Center	South College of Tennessee

Chosen Healthcare Institute - Charlotte	Life Time Academy	(3) Southeastern Institute
Chosen Healthcare Institute - Lumberton	(5) Living Arts College	Southern College of Health Sciences
Coder Center	(5) Living Arts Institute	(8) STRAC Institute
Coder Foundry	Making Visions Training Center	Sunrise School of Dental Assisting -Fayetteville
College of Wilmington	(4) Miller-Motte College - Fayetteville	Sunrise School of Dental Assisting -Greensboro
(1) Connecticut School of Broadcasting	(4) Miller-Motte College - Jacksonville	Sunrise School of Dental Assisting -Raleigh
Cumberland Nursing Academy	(4) Miller-Motte College - Raleigh	Tarheel Canine Training
D.A. Academy of NC	(4) Miller-Motte College - Wilmington	Triangle School of Dental Assisting
Dental Arts Academy	Momentum Learning	Triple A Phlebotomy
(2) Dental Assistant Academy of Charlotte	More Than Conquerors College	(2) Unity Nursing Institute
Dental Assistant Training Centers	Mount Eagle College – Winston-Salem	Wisdom Health Academy
Dental Staff Institute	MyComputerCareer at Charlotte	
(1) Discovery Diving	MyComputerCareer at Raleigh	
Divine Health Academy	(3) NASCAR Technical Institute	
ECPI University - Charlotte	National Personal Training Institute of Charlotte	

(1) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of quarterly financial reports (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021).

(2) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of a fully-executed lease agreement through, at minimum, June 30, 2021.

(3) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of quarterly financial reports (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021), as well as immediate notification of any change in accreditation status.

(4) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of quarterly financial reports (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021), as well as immediate notification of any change in heightened cash monitoring (HCM) with the U.S. Department of Education or accreditation status.

(5) Recommendation is contingent upon immediate notification of any change in accreditation status.

(6) Recommendation is contingent upon increasing the school's guarantee bond to \$75,000.

(7) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of quarterly financial reports, increasing the school's guarantee bond to \$125,000, and submission of a financial improvement plan.

(8) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of a fully-executed lease agreement through, at minimum, June 30, 2021, increasing the school's guarantee bond to \$275,000, and submission of a financial improvement plan.

TABLE D: Initial Licenses, FY 2020 - 2021 (8)

On May 15, 2020, the State Board of Community Colleges approved initial licensing for eight proprietary schools. The licenses run from May 15, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

Diversified Healthcare	NC Dental U - Smithfield
Jacksonville Dental Assistant School - Jacksonville	The School of Skilled Trades
Jacksonville Dental Assistant School – Morehead City	Umanah Healthcare Institute - Charlotte
Lakeside Dental Assisting School	Umanah Healthcare Institute - Gastonia

TOTAL FEES RECEIVED

TABLE E: Total Fees Received, FY 2019 - 2020

(License Fee Receipts as of June 30, 2020)

Fiscal Year	Receipts Collected	Year-End Balance
2019-2020	\$237,100.00	\$886,157.01
2018-2019	\$236,350.00	\$776,560.11
2017-2018	\$275,659.00	\$734,117.42

(Student Protection Fund Receipts as of June 30, 2020)

Fiscal Year	Receipts Collected	Year-End Balance
2019-2020	\$126,528.91	\$1,242,839.24
2018-2019	\$117,667.19	\$1,116,310.33
2017-2018	\$119,658.60	\$998,643.14

PROPRIETARY SCHOOL FUND BALANCES

TABLE F: Fund Balances as of June 30, 2020

COMMERCIAL EDUCATION FUND	STUDENT PROTECTION FUND
\$886,157.01	\$1,242,839.24