

**REPORT ON CLOSED INSTITUTIONS AND
TEACH-OUT LOCATIONS IN ILLINOIS**

Submitted for: Information

Summary: This agenda item presents a report of institutions that have closed or commenced teach-out in the last two years (2016-2017).

Action Requested: None.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) administers the Private College Act and the Academic Degree Act, two Illinois statutes regulating the operation and degree-granting activity of private colleges and universities in the state of Illinois. IBHE Academic Affairs staff maintain accurate records of institutional authorities and review institutions to ensure compliance with relevant administrative code. Institutions must show evidence of financial health, accreditation/regulatory compliance, and integrity of program implementation. There are a variety of reasons why an institution may close including compliance issues, accreditation/regulatory actions, financial problems, and corporate/institutional restructuring. Through each scenario, IBHE Academic Affairs staff work with institutions to coordinate teach-out plans and manage the disposition of records, all in a manner to protect Illinois students and ensure compliance with administrative code. IBHE Academic Affairs staff maintain an institutional closure website to provide information to current and former students, as well as other interested parties, regarding student transcripts, federal aid resources, transfer/portability issues, and complaint procedures.

Institutional Closures (2016-2017)

- Chicago ORT Technical Institute
 - *Closure Date: August 15, 2017*

This not-for-profit institution located in Skokie, Illinois, ceased operations abruptly as a Private Business and Vocational School and degree-granting institution in 2017. IBHE will retain stewardship of the institutional records.

- Ellis University (also known as Cardean University and NY IT/Ellis College)
 - *Closure Date: December 1, 2016*

This proprietary institution submitted new operating and degree-granting authority applications due to a planned change of ownership. Substantial issues of non-compliance arose during the application review, and the institution elected to close.

- ITT Technical Institute (Campus Locations: Arlington Heights, Oak Brook, Orland Park, and Springfield)
 - *Closure Date: September 14, 2017*

This proprietary educational corporation, ITT Educational Services, Inc., closed all 136 U.S. campus locations, including four in Illinois. IBHE staff have been actively engaged in planning for the disposition of student records, responding to student complaints, and working to resolve issues related to eligibility for licensure. Work on these issues in response to this sudden national closure and related bankruptcy proceedings is ongoing.

- Jewish University of America
 - *Closure Date: December 2, 2016*

This not-for-profit institution in Chicago voluntarily relinquished operating authority.

- Knowledge Systems Institute
 - *Closure Date: May 15, 2017*

This not-for-profit institution voluntarily withdrew its accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission and became non-compliant with IBHE requirements. Operating and degree authorities were withdrawn from the institution due to these compliance issues.
- Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Chicago
 - *Closure Date: September 29, 2017*

This proprietary institution underwent a process to teach out students and subsequently closed after a decision by its owner, Career Education Corporation.
- Sanford Brown (also known as International Academy of Design and Technology – IADT)
 - *Closure Date: June 30, 2017*

This proprietary institution underwent a process to teach out students and subsequently closed as planned by its owner, Career Education Corporation.
- Shimer College
 - *Acquisition Date: June 1, 2017*

This not-for-profit institution, most recently of Chicago and previously located in Waukegan and Mount Carroll, Illinois, ceased operation as an independent institution of higher education. Shimer, previously called Mount Carroll Seminary, is now operating as the Shimer Great Books School at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois.
- The Illinois Institute of Art – Tinley Park
 - *Closure Date: September 30, 2017*

This proprietary institution underwent a process to teach out students and subsequently closed as planned by its owner, Education Management Corporation.
Note: The Illinois Institute of Art – Chicago and Schaumburg campuses remain open.
- Westwood College (Chicago Loop, DuPage, O’Hare Airport, and River Oaks)
 - *Closure Date: March 8, 2016*

Due to declining enrollments, this proprietary institution underwent a process to teach out students and subsequently closed as planned by its owner, Alta Colleges.

Institutions/Branch Campuses in Closure or Teach Out (2016-2017)

- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (*Teach out until February 1, 2018*)
- Harrington College of Design (*Teach out until August 2018*)
- Northwestern College Chicago (*Teach out until March 2018*)
Note: The Northwestern College Southwest campus remains open.
- University of Phoenix (*All Illinois campuses are currently in teach-out.*)

Institutions that failed to implement the Board-approved programs and voluntarily relinquished operating authority, but maintain approval as a Private Business and Vocational School (2016-2017)

- Gem City College
 - (*Date of relinquishment – August 12, 2017*)
- J'Renee College
 - (*Date of relinquishment – August 16, 2017*)
- SOLEX College
 - (*Date of relinquishment – August 17, 2017*)

Out-of-State Institutions that voluntarily relinquished authority (2016-2017)

- Cardinal Stritch University (Operates in Wisconsin)
 - (*Date of relinquishment – August 11, 2017*)
- Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary (Operates in Tennessee)
 - (*Date of relinquishment – November 9, 2016*)
- Northwood University (Operates in Michigan)
 - (*Date of relinquishment – November 29, 2016*)
- Quiroga College (Operates in Mexico)
 - (*Date of relinquishment – September 13, 2017*)
- Southern Baptist Theological (Operates in Kentucky)
 - (*Date of relinquishment – April 6, 2017*)
- Valparaiso University – Hyde Park Campus (Operates in Indiana)
 - (*Date of relinquishment – July 1, 2017*)
- Webster University- Fox Valley region
 - (*Date of relinquishment – June 26, 2017*)

