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April 15, 2013

United States Department of Education
Office of Postsecondary Education
1990 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

Re: State Authorization
Sophia McArdle

Dear Ms. McArdle:

I am the Director for the Colorado Department of Higher Education, Division of Private Occupational Schools (the Division). As the Division Director, I coordinate the Private Occupational School Board (the Board) which is charged with approving and overseeing all privately owned occupational schools offering postsecondary education, at an associate or lesser degree, certificate, or diploma, within Colorado. Institutions approved by this Board/Division are granted a Certificate of Approval that is renewable upon application and review at regular intervals.

The Board/Division also receives, reviews and adjudicates student/consumer complaints with regard to the institutions the Board approves. Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to fines and penalties, injunctions, suspension and/or revocation of approval, and if necessary, may be referred to other federal and/or state agencies.

To my knowledge, until recently, the Board/Division process met the compliance measure set forth in 34CFR 600.9 (a) and (b). Specifically, it was our understanding that we provide sufficient oversight required for our Board/Division to determine whether an institution is legally authorized to offer postsecondary occupational education in the State of Colorado.

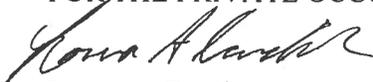
The programs we approve at proprietary institutions are designed to prepare students for entry level positions in a variety of disciplines. For those careers that require state licensure/registration, the Board/Division ensures that graduates of these proprietary schools must hold a valid high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) Diploma in addition to demonstrating competencies in the field of study they have completed at a school approved by the Board/Division. Please reference our statute, C.R.S. sections 12-59-101 et. seq. and state regulations, 8 Colorado Code of Regulations 1504-1, to ensure that our Board/Division continues to hold the authority required for federal approval. If, in your assessment, we do not meet federal requirements currently, I would appreciate your guidance as to what will be necessary to

establish compliance for the Colorado private occupational schools governed by our Board/Division prior to the July 1, 2013 deadline. Please note that I have attached a list of each of the accredited schools that the Board/Division has certified to date to operate as a private occupational school. (See Attachment #1)

Again, please provide written confirmation that this correspondence satisfactorily verifies that each of the private occupational schools recorded on the attached list is duly and currently certified by the Colorado Department of Higher Education and is eligible to meet federal approval necessary to receive Title IV funds and otherwise be compliant with federal requirements.

Sincerely,

FOR THE PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD



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Encl.

School Name	City	Accreditation
Academy of Natural Therapy	Greeley	COMTA
Accent Learning Systems, Inc.	Aurora	NCA
American Institute College of Health Professions	Denver	ACICS
Anthem College	Aurora	ACICS
At-Home Professions	Ft. Collins	DETC
Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts	Boulder	ACCET
Aveda Institute Denver	Denver	NACCAS
Bel-Rea Institute	Denver	ACCSC
Boulder College of Massage Therapy	Boulder	ACCSC
Cheeks International Academy of Beauty Culture- G	Greeley	NACCAS
Cheeks International Academy of Beauty Culture- Loveland	Loveland	NACCAS
College of International Esthetics	Arvada	NACCAS
CollegeAmerica- CS	Colorado Springs	ACCSC
CollegeAmerica- D	Denver	ACCSC
CollegeAmerica- FC	Ft. Collins	ACCSC
CollegeAmerica-Southern Colorado Springs Campus	Colorado Springs	ACCSC
Colorado School for Family Therapy, The	Aurora	CAMFTE
Colorado School of Healing Arts	Lakewood	ACCSC
Colorado School of Trades	Lakewood	ACCSC
Concorde Career College	Aurora	ACCSC
Cook Street School of Fine Cooking	Denver	ACCET
Denver School of Massage Therapy- A	Aurora	ACCET
Denver School of Massage Therapy- W	Westminster	ACCET
Ecotech Institute	Aurora	ACICS
Empire Beauty School - Arvada	Arvada	NACCAS
Empire Beauty School - Aurora	Aurora	NACCAS
Empire Beauty School - Lakewood	Lakewood	NACCAS
Empire Beauty School - Littleton	Littleton	NACCAS
Empire Beauty School - Thornton	Thornton	NACCAS
Everest College- A	Aurora	ACICS
Everest College- CS	Colorado Springs	ACICS
Everest College- T	Thornton	ACICS
Fortis Institute Online	Greenwood Village	ACCSC
Glenwood Beauty Academy	Glenwood Springs	NACCAS
Hair Dynamics Education Center	Ft. Collins	NACCAS
Heritage College	Denver	ACCSC
IBMC College - FC	Ft. Collins	ACICS
IBMC College - G	Greeley	ACICS
IBMC College - L	Longmont	ACICS
IntelliTec College- CS	Colorado Springs	ACCSC
IntelliTec College- GJ	Grand Junction	ACCSC
Intellitec College- P	Pueblo	ACCSC
IntelliTec Medical Institute- CS	Colorado Springs	ABHES
International Salon & Spa Academy	Colorado Springs	NACCAS
Lincoln College of Technology	Denver	ACCSC
Massage Therapy Institute of Colorado	Denver	COMTA

Attachment 1

McKinley College	Ft. Collins	DETC
National Beauty College	Denver	NACCAS
National Beauty College - Alameda	Denver	NACCAS
National Personal Training Institute- CS	Colorado Springs	NCA
National Personal Training Institute- L	Lakewood	NCA
New Dimensions Beauty Academy	Parker	NACCAS
Ohio Centers for Broadcasting- Colo. Campus	Lakewood	ACCSC
Paul Mitchell The School CS	Colorado Springs	NACCAS
Paul Mitchell The School Denver	Lakewood	NACCAS
Pima Medical Institute - South Denver	Aurora	ABHES
Pima Medical Institute- CS	Colorado Springs	ABHES
Pima Medical Institute- D	Denver	ABHES
Prince Institute - Rocky Mountains	Westminster	ACICS
Redstone College - Denver East	Denver	ACICS
Redstone College Denver	Broomfield	ACICS
Regency Beauty Institute - FC	Ft. Collins	NACCAS
Regency Beauty Institute- L	Lakewood	NACCAS
Regency Beauty Institute- W	Westminster	NACCAS
Rolf Institute of Structural Integration	Boulder	COMTA
Salon Professional Academy, The- CS	Colorado Springs	NACCAS
Summit Salon and Beauty School	Woodland Park	NACCAS
Technical Education College	Colorado Springs	NCA
TONI&GUY Hairdressing Academy	Colorado Springs	ACCSC
U.S. Career Institute	Ft. Collins	DETC
United Beauty College	Denver	NACCAS
Xenon International Academy III, Inc.	Aurora	NACCAS