COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY NAME USAGE FOR CORPORATIONS

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION:

No state agency in Texas maintains transcripts. Transcripts are supposed to be maintained by the institutions. If an institution has closed, they might have forwarded their records to another institution or left an address where records can be found. If you are looking for transcripts from a closed career or business Institution, please call the Texas Workforce Commission (512-936-3100). If the closed institution was a university or community college, please call 512-427-6200.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION:

The accrediting agencies listed below are the **only** accreditors that Texas recognizes for bachelor and graduate level degrees. You will need to contact the institution to find out if they are accredited by one of these agencies.

Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)
http://www.ats.edu

Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)
http://www.abhe.org
(NOTE: recognized at the undergraduate level only)

Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools
http://www.abhes.org

Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology
http://www.accsct.org

Accrediting Council of Independent Colleges and Schools
http://www.acics.org

Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)
http://www.abhe.org
(NOTE: recognized at the undergraduate level only)

Council on Occupational Education
http://www.council.org

Distance Education and Training Council
http://www.detc.org

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA-CHE)
http://www.msache.org

New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC-CIHE)
http://www.neasc.org

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA-HLC)
http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
http://www.nwccu.org

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
http://www.sacscoc.org

Western Association of Schools and Colleges – Junior Colleges (WASC-ACCJC)
http://www.accjc.org

Western Association of Schools and Colleges – Senior Colleges (WASC-ACSCU)
http://www.wascweb.org

THECB Approved AAA, AAS & AOS Degree Programs

http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/AAR/PrivateInstitutions/career_schools.cfm

Since September 1, 2005, the Texas Penal Code (Section 32.52) prohibits the use of fraudulent or substandard degrees "in a written or oral advertisement or other promotion of a business; or with the intent to: obtain employment; obtain a license or certificate to practice a trade, profession, or occupation; obtain a promotion, a compensation or other benefit, or an increase in compensation or other benefit, in employment or in the practice of a trade, profession, or occupation; obtain admission to an educational program in this state; or gain a position in government with authority over another person, regardless of whether the actor receives compensation for the position." Violation of this law is a Class B misdemeanor.

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For authorization to use the name "college," "university," "school of medicine," "medical school," "health science center," "school of law," "law school," or "law center" in a name of a Corporation, Association, or Partnership, we need a letter stating:

1) Name of the Corporation, Association, or Partnership as submitted to the Texas Secretary of State.

2) Briefly state what is the business of the Corporation, Association, or Partnership? One or two sentences should be sufficient; do not cut and paste boilerplate language from the incorporation papers.

3) Include the following disclaimer, providing it is true: “The Corporation is not now nor will be a private institution of higher education or an educational or training establishment.”

If you wish to have our response faxed to you, request that in the body of the letter and list your fax number there. The letter must contain the address and telephone number (corporate letterhead is acceptable) of the entity or person requesting the authorization. The letter may be sent by the entity requesting the authorization or an agent representing the entity (attorney or other entity authorized to represent the entity to facilitate the approval).

Please mail or fax this information to:

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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
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Austin, TX 78711
512-427-6225
512-427-6444 (FAX)