Program Review and Approval:

Private Postsecondary Educational Institutions

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Coverage

- ✓ **Degree-granting** Colleges and Universities **other than Texas Public Institutions**
- ✓ **Chapter 7** in the THECB Rules

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Certificate of Authorization

- ✓ Institution has accreditation from **THECB-recognized accrediting agency**
- ✓ Institution will have a physical presence (**campus**) and offer a broad range of degree-granting programs in Texas
- ✓ Certificate **valid** as long as **in compliance with accrediting agency standards** for all approved degree levels and programs

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Certificate of Authorization for Field-Based Experiences or Recruiters

- ✓ Institution has accreditation from **THECB-recognized accrediting agency**
- ✓ Institution triggers **physical presence** through **field-based experiences** or **recruiters**
- ✓ Certificate **valid** as long as in **compliance with accrediting agency standards** and **students in field-based experiences or recruiters are located in Texas**
- ✓ Info on **field-based experience locations** must be **updated** at least on an **annual basis**

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Conditional/Provisional Certificate of Authorization

- ✓ Institution's **main location has accreditation from THECB-recognized accrediting agency** and is working toward inclusion of Texas location in institution's grant of accreditation
- ✓ Institution will have a physical presence (**campus**)
- ✓ Certificate **valid** for one year (**15 mos. proposed**) from date of issuance. No extensions of time will be given.
- ✓ Institution should notify THECB as soon as Texas location is included within institutional grant of accreditation. A regular Certificate of Authorization will be issued.

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Certificate of Authority

- ✓ Institution **does not have accreditation from THECB-recognized accrediting agency**
- ✓ Institution has been **in operation for at least two years in Texas** or four years in another state, will have a physical presence (**campus**) and offer a broad range of degree-granting programs in Texas.
- ✓ Certificate is **valid** for **two years**. Consecutive certificates may be applied for and granted for a **total of eight years**.
- ✓ Institution must **ultimately work toward accreditation by THECB-recognized accreditor** and qualification for a Certificate of Authorization.

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Alternative Certificate of Authority

- ✓ Institution **does not have accreditation from THECB-recognized accrediting agency**
- ✓ Institution **has not been in operation for at least two years in Texas** or four years in another state, will have a physical presence (Texas) and offer a broad range of degree-granting programs in Texas
- ✓ Certificate **valid** for **one year**. No extension will be given.
- ✓ Only appropriate if institution can comply with all Chapter 7 criteria within one year.

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Exemptions with No Oversight

- ✓ HEB schools:
  - **Religious** instruction programs only

- ✓ Out-of-state Distance Education:
  - No physical presence
  - **Only offers distance education** to Texas students
  - Accredited by THECB-recognized accrediting agency

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Protected Terms

- Also approve use of protected terms:
  - "college," "university," "school of medicine," "medical school," "health science center," "school of law," "law school," or "law center"
  - Acceptable use as a part of a proposed name for a corporation which is **not an educational institution**, as long as the corporation does **not** now or in the future **offer postsecondary training** or operate "**a private institution of higher education**" or "**an educational or training establishment**" in Texas.

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Questions?

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