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The Commission at a Glance

Established	2001
Location	325 West Gaines Street Suite 1414 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400
Website	http://fldoe.org/policy/cie
Governance	Chapter 1005, Florida Statutes Chapter 6E, Florida Administrative Code
Total Full-Time Positions	36
Total Licensed Institutions	1,131
Total Applications Processed	2,211
Total Programs	7,775
Total Students Enrolled	205,533
Total Graduates	82,437
Total Transcripts Processed	7,070
Institutional On-Site Visits Conducted	374

Introduction

The Commission for Independent Education was established in 2001 and is responsible for the licensure of independent postsecondary educational institutions in the state of Florida. The 2023-2024 Annual Report provides a summary of the activities conducted by the Commission over the past fiscal year. The activities of the Commission primarily revolve around consumer protection and involve ensuring that institutions comply with fair consumer practices and meet minimum educational standards. The fair consumer practices and standards are outlined in Chapter 6E, Florida Administrative Code, and include the following:

- Name
- Purpose
- Administrative Organization
- Educational Programs and Curricula
- Recruitment and Admissions
- Finances
- Faculty
- Library, Learning Resources and Information Services
- Physical Facilities
- Student Services
- Publications and Advertising
- Disclosures

The mission of the Commission for Independent Education is:

- To serve as a consumer protection agency
 - By protecting the individual student
 - By promoting accountability at the independent postsecondary level
- To protect the integrity of licensed institutions
 - By assuring that certain standards are met
- To encourage independent institutions to offer programs that meet the needs of Florida citizens

Executive Summary

The Office of the Executive Director of the Commission for Independent Education (Commission) reviewed 165 new institutional applications for a Provisional License during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Of these, 82 institutions received a Provisional License. At the conclusion of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, 83 of the 165 institutions still had conditions pending to complete their applications.

Commission staff processed 226 First Annual applications. Of these, 124 First Annual License applications were completed, while 102 were not completed during this fiscal year because all the conditions for licensure had not been met.

Commission staff reviewed a total of 539 applications for renewal of Annual License. Of these, 304 institutions renewed their Annual License. The remaining 235 applications for renewal of Annual License were not completed during this fiscal year because all the conditions for licensure had not been met.

Twenty-nine (29) applications for first License by Means of Accreditation (LBMA) were processed. Of these, 20 accredited institutions received their first License by Means of Accreditation. At the end of the fiscal year, 9 institutions still had conditions pending to complete their applications.

Commission staff completed the Annual Review of 317 License by Means of Accreditation (LBMA) applications for non-degree and degree-granting institutions during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Of these, 219 applications were completed, and 98 institutions still had conditions pending to complete their applications at the end of the fiscal year.

The Commission's staff also processed 10 applications for Extension of Annual License. Of these, 6 institutions extended their Annual License. Four (4) institutions still had conditions pending to complete their applications at the end of the fiscal year.

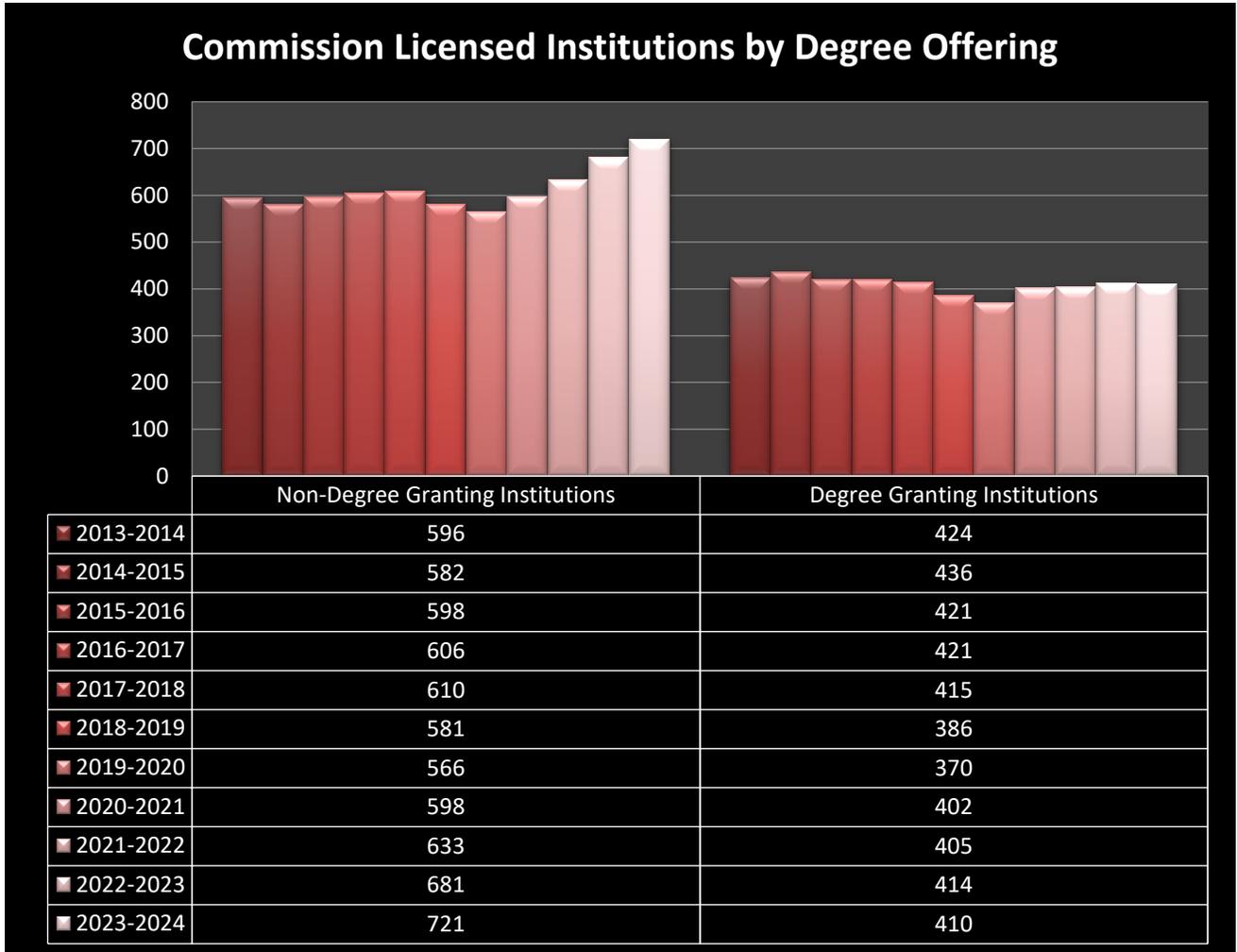
During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, 25 licensed institutions were reported as closed and 34 licensed institutions were approved for a Change of Ownership/Change of Control. At the close of the fiscal year, a total of 14 institutions were still working on fulfilling contingencies to have their Change of Ownership/Change of Control approved.

The Commission approved applications for 122 new program offerings and 67 program modifications to existing programs for institutions holding an Annual License during the fiscal year. At the end of the fiscal year, there were 172 applications for new programs and 42 program modifications still pending because all conditions for approval had not been met. In addition, the Commission's staff completed 208 new program applications submitted by LBMA institutions. At the close of the fiscal year, there were 75 new LBMA programs that were not completed because all the conditions for approval had not been met.

Four hundred ten (410) degree-granting institutions are under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Of these 410 institutions, 204 offer both non-degree and degree programs. The total reported enrollment for all degree programs during FY 2022-2023 (the last complete reporting period) was 132,794 with 35,592 reported graduates. Currently, 249 (61%) of these degree-granting institutions are accredited by one or more institutional or programmatic accrediting agencies.

A total of 721 licensed institutions offer only non-degree programs. The 2022-2023 reported enrollment for all non-degree programs was 72,739 with 46,845 reported graduates. Of these graduates, 36,805 (79%) were placed in jobs, joined the military, or are continuing their education at an institution of higher education. During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, 162 (22%) of the licensed, non-degree institutions are accredited by one or institutional or programmatic accrediting agencies.

The following chart illustrates the number of degree-granting institutions and non-degree schools licensed by the Commission for Independent Education during the last ten fiscal years:



Commission Membership

The Commission is comprised of seven Commissioners appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. As required by statute, the Commission consists of: two representatives of independent colleges or universities licensed by the Commission; two representatives of independent, non-degree granting licensed schools; one from a public school district or Florida College System institution who is an administrator of career education; one member from a college that meets the criteria of section 1005.06(1)(f), Florida Statutes (F.S.); and one lay member who is not affiliated with an independent postsecondary educational institution. The following individuals comprised of the Commission during the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

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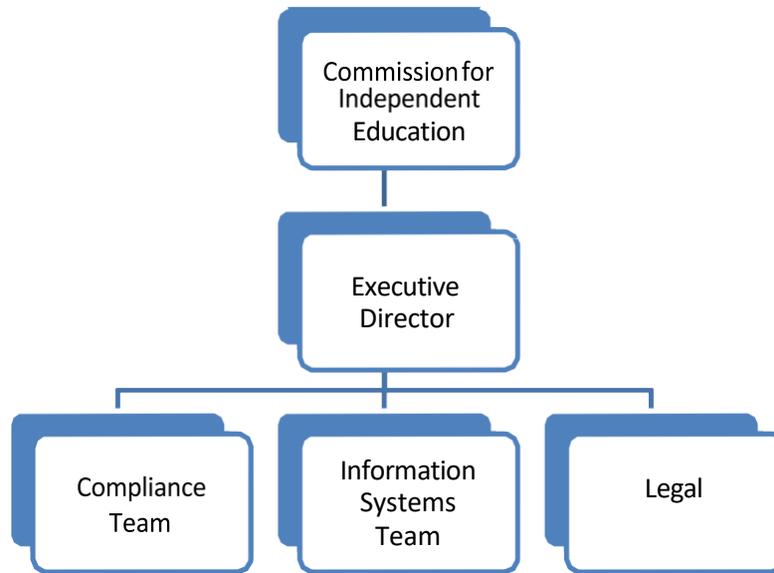
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Organizational Structure



Compliance Team

- Determines compliance with 12 standards
- Reviews applications and prepares recommendations for the Commission
- Provides consultation and analysis on licensure, program, and accreditation matters
- Conducts on-site visits
- Reviews and mediates student complaints

Information Systems Team

- Directs information management system
- Manages student records
- Maintains the Commission's website
- Performs application form enhancement
- Collects student data

Legal

- Provides legal counsel to the Commission

Commission Leadership and Staff

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
Tiffany Hurst	
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Data Collection and Dissemination

Pursuant to s. 1005.22(1)(f), F.S., the Commission serves as a central agency for collecting and distributing current information regarding licensed institutions. The data collected are used as a part of the licensure of private postsecondary institutions, in response to public records requests, and are shared internally and provided to other state agencies. These state agencies include, but are not limited to:

- Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
 - Eligible Trainer Provider List
 - Florida Research and Economic Database
- Florida Department of Education
 - Office of Student Financial Assistance
 - Division of Career and Adult Education
 - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program
- Florida Department of Health
 - Board of Nursing
 - Board of Massage Therapy
 - Board of Electrolysis
 - Council on Licensed Midwifery
- Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
 - Board of Cosmetology
- Executive Office of the Governor
 - Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help

The Commission shared institutional licensure information with staff from various departments and offices. These exchanges are part of an ongoing effort by the Commission staff to become more involved with agencies that may have an impact on the Commission and the institutions under its jurisdiction.

For the thirty-third year, Commission staff worked with the Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program (FETPIP) to track the placement of graduates of independent postsecondary non-degree institutions and degree-granting colleges and universities. For fiscal year 2023-2024, 52 non-degree schools and 128 degree-granting colleges and universities participated in this data collection effort. Participating institutions submitted graduate data via the Commission's FETPIP Data Collection Web Page. These schools, colleges and universities submitted information on a total of 23,837 students who graduated during the previous fiscal year (2022-2023). During 2024, FETPIP attempted to match the student records with employment data to verify each graduate's employment status and occupational industry. An annual report of this information, aggregated on a program-by-program basis, is made available to each participating institution.

Commission staff supplied data regarding licensed colleges and universities (and their degree-based programs of study) to the Florida Virtual Campus website (<http://www.flvc.org>). This site supplies an online computer software application that is used by students throughout Florida to plan for, and to monitor the progress of, their postsecondary education at participating Florida institutions.

The Department of Education included information about the Commission's degree-granting institutions in the state's Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook.

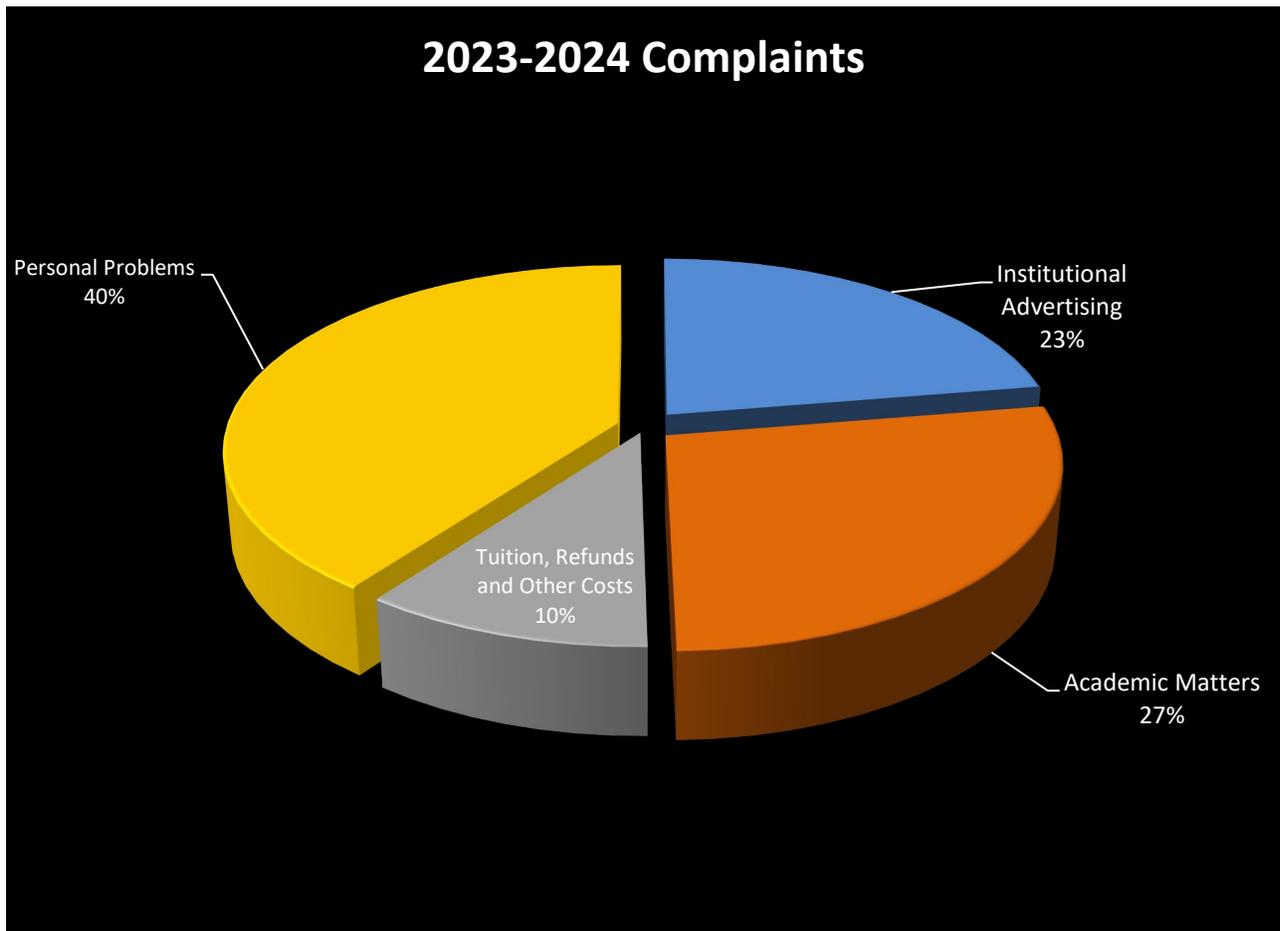
The Commission has submitted data concerning licensed institutions and offered programs to the Department for Economic Opportunity. These data are to be included in the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). The ETPL is used by the Regional CareerSource Boards to determine which institutions offer training programs that lead to the occupations that are contained within each region's Regional Demand Occupations List. Commission staff work with the DOE's Division of Florida Colleges and Career and Adult Education MIS staff to continuously update the common set of Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes used by Florida's public and nonpublic postsecondary education sectors. This taxonomy allows programmatic offerings from both the public and private postsecondary education sectors to share common CIP codes and CIP titles, where possible, and to have distinct CIP codes and CIP titles when necessary. In addition, each of these programs is "linked" to an occupational outcome using the codes found in the Standard Occupational Classification Manual. These linkages are used by the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Regional CareerSource Boards to identify which institutions offer training programs that lead to occupations included on each Regional Demand Occupations List.

During fiscal year 2023-2024, Commission staff met with staff from the state agencies that are responsible for the individual licensure of persons who enter certain professions. Since institutions under the Commission's jurisdiction offer many of these programs of study, the Commission continues to exchange data with these other agencies in an attempt to develop uniformity between the standards that govern the licensing of institutions, the regulations for licensing professionals, and the rules governing the practice of a profession. These regulatory groups include: the Florida Department of Health's Board of Acupuncture, Board of Massage Therapy, Board of Nursing, Board of Dentistry, Board of Pharmacy, the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, the Florida Council of Licensed Midwifery, and the Electrolysis Council; the Department of Business and Professional Regulation's Board of Cosmetology; the Department of State's Bureau of Licensing; and the Department of Transportation.

Consumer Services

Commission staff members received over 1,000 calls per month on the toll-free phone line from individuals seeking information about nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions in Florida. The Commission investigates complaints about institutions under its authority to ascertain compliance with state law and the Commission's regulations. All compliance allegations received by the Commission are referred to the Compliance Team to determine if there has been a violation of the Commission rules or the pertinent sections of the Florida Statutes.

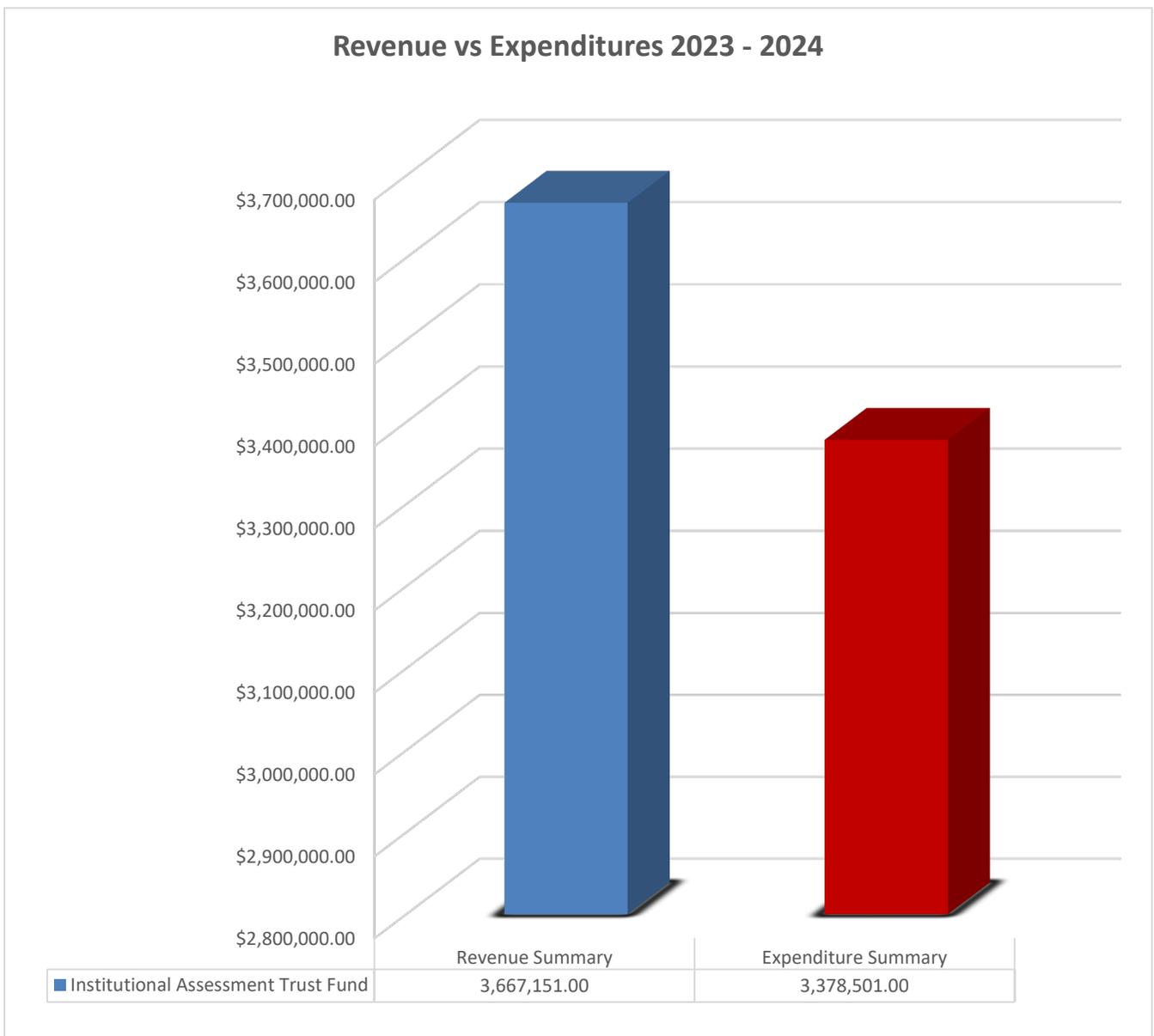
During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, 144 consumer complaints were received in the Commission's office. The following chart illustrates the primary areas of concern raised in consumer complaints.



The Commission also sent 39 Letters of Noncompliance to entities that appeared to be operating a school or college without a license. Each organization contacted by the commission to address noncompliance is expected to cease the cited activity and to apply for and obtain a Provisional License from the Commission if it cannot show that its activities legitimately fall outside the Commission's jurisdiction.

Annual Budget

All Commission-related functions are wholly funded by the fees collected from licensing activities. The fiscal year 2023-2024 expenditures (\$3,378,501) were paid by the revenue that is collected from licensed institutions for licensure fees, program additions, program modifications, fees (agent, late & other), and fines. At the time of publication, \$3,667,151 [includes licensure fees, administrative fines, Statewide Course Numbering System maintenance fees, and state authorization reciprocity fees] has been received from all of these revenue sources and deposited into the Institutional Assessment Trust Fund. As part of the total revenue collected, there was also \$240,894 received in Student Protection fees from the licensed non-degree schools, which was deposited into the Student Protection Fund.



Commission staff recommend an annual budget that must be approved by the Commission and submitted to the Legislature by the Florida Department of Education. The appropriation was \$5,342,503 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The following figures enumerate the appropriation and expenditures, by category, for the Institutional Assessment Trust Fund.

Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

	Total Allocation
Salaries	\$3,676,362
Other Personal Services (OPS)	\$235,298
Expenses	\$514,776
Operating Capital Outlay (OCO)	\$16,375
Contracted Services	\$405,405
Risk Management Insurance	\$13,106
Technology and Information Services	\$352,149
Human Resources Services	\$9,032
Refunds	\$120,000
Total	\$5,342,503

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

	Total Expenses
Salaries	\$2,407,738
Other Personal Services (OPS)	\$9,404
Expenses	\$223,139
Operating Capital Outlay (OCO)	\$0.00
Contracted Services	\$266,823
Risk Management Insurance	\$16,135
Technology and Information Services	\$347,342
Human Resources Services	\$9,691
Refunds	\$98,229
Total	\$3,378,501

Commission Meetings

Florida law requires the Commission to meet at least four times each fiscal year. Topics of discussion include licensure approvals and denials, discussion on passage and completion rates and updates to federal guidelines, accreditation, and Florida law. All Commission meetings are available via webcast at: <http://fldoe.org/policy/cie>, and a copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing to the Commission for Independent Education at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400, sending an email to cieinfo@fldoe.org, or by calling the Commission at 850-245-3200.

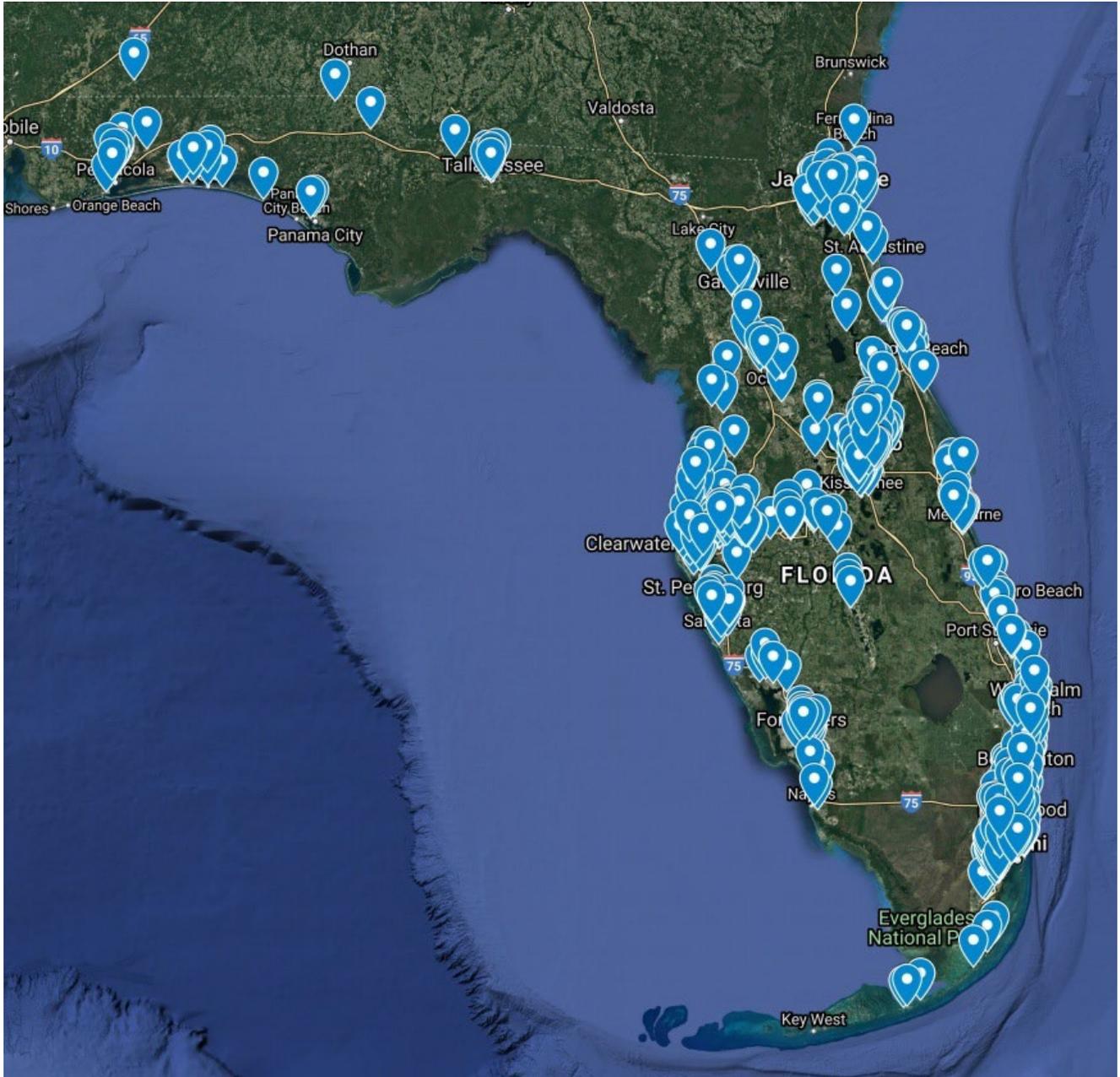
The Commission meets bimonthly, in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November. All meetings of the Commission, and any of its committees, are open to the public. Advance notice of these meetings is always given through the Florida Administrative Weekly. The Commission maintains official minutes of its proceedings, an audio tape recording of every meeting, and has a video record of the meetings that are webcast. Each Commission member receives the meeting agenda before each meeting as an automated document. The Commission conducted the first webcast of a Commission meeting in March 2005. The Commission has now webcasted all the regular meetings since the beginning of the 2006- 2007 fiscal year and is planning to continue to webcast all the Commission meetings during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Commission for Independent Education meetings were held at the following locations during the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

<u>July 27-28, 2023</u>	<u>January 25-26, 2024</u>
Virtual Meeting	The Florida Hotel 1500 Sand Lake Road Orlando, Florida 32809
<u>September 28-29, 2023</u>	<u>March 19-20, 2024</u>
The Florida Hotel 1500 Sand Lake Road Orlando, Florida 32809	Virtual Meeting
<u>November 8-9, 2023</u>	<u>May 30-31, 2024</u>
Virtual Meeting	Orlando Marriott Lake Mary 1501 International Parkway Lake Mary, FL 32746

Location of Licensed Institutions

The following chart illustrates the locations of institutions licensed by the Commission throughout Florida.



Initial Provisional License

A Provisional License is the first level of licensure obtained by an applicant and allows the institution to advertise, recruit students, accept fees and tuition from or on behalf of students, and hold classes. Provisional Licensure is granted when the Commission has determined that an applicant is in substantial compliance with the standards for licensure. A Provisional License is typically granted for one year. The license may be extended for one additional year if the Commission determines that the applicant is making a good faith effort to comply, but a delay occurs due to extraordinary circumstances.

The process to obtain Provisional Licensure for a new applicant normally takes six to twelve months. During this period, the applicant is notified of any apparent omissions or deficiencies contained within the application, the Commission staff works with the applicant to finalize all materials, and the completed application is presented at one of the Commission’s bi-monthly meetings for consideration. There are circumstances where the process may take longer than the normal time period, such as when applicants are not able to timely submit all necessary materials. In these situations, it may take up to one year to obtain licensure. An incomplete application expires one year after initial filing.

Institutions holding a Provisional License do not have the full privileges that an Annual License provides. A Provisional License does not allow an institution to request approval of or implement a substantive change such as any change in control, level of credentials offered, a change in location that exceeds 45 miles, or a change in the purpose of the institution that exceeds minor corrections or alterations. Furthermore, institutions that hold a Provisional License may not add new degrees, programs or majors to their offerings or alter any licensed program by more than 20 percent since its last review, change the title of a program or the credential awarded, or discontinue a program.

The following is a listing of institutions that received their initial Provisional License during the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

Initial Provisional Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
160 Driving Academy	Pompano Beach
A1 Allied Health Training	West Palm Beach
Abundant Life Nursing School	Mount Dora
Accelerated Academy LLC	Jacksonville Beach
Addictive Beauty Academy LLC	Casselberry
Advanced Dental Academy of Treasure Coast	Port St. Lucie
ALEPH University	Sunrise
Alpha School of Massage	Miami
Alpha School of Massage	Palm Beach Gardens
Alpha School of Massage, Inc.	Tampa
American Barber Institute	Coral Springs
American Healthcare Institute	West Palm Beach
Arizona College of Nursing	University Park
Arizona College of Nursing	Orlando

Initial Provisional Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Arizona College of Nursing	Melbourne
Believe Nursing Academy	Orlando
Betania International University	Doral
C & M Gifted Hands Healthcare Institute	Ft. Myers
Carver University	Orlando
Coastal School of Nursing	Jacksonville
Construction Ready Academy	Jacksonville
Creative Hub Academy	Miami
Crystal Beauty Institute	Orlando
CW Training Academy	Daytona Beach
Dental Assisting Institute	Orlando
Dental Training for You	Casselberry
Education Institute of Tampa Family	Tampa
Elite Education Training Center	Miami Lakes
Evara Health Institute	Clearwater
Fleetforce Truck Driving School	Sunrise
Florida Barber and Beauty Academy	Brooksville
Florida Barber Institute	Jacksonville
Florida Health Institute - Pembroke Pines	Pembroke Pines
Florida Massage and Beauty Institute	Lutz
Florida South Coast University	Ft. Pierce
Florida Student Cosmetology School	Ft. Pierce
Florida Truck Driving School Inc.	Jacksonville
Gladstone College of Nursing	Davie
GlobalTell College of Florida	Pembroke Pines
Grace School of Nursing Inc.	West Palm Beach
Gulfside Medical Training Institute	Ft. Myers
Hairline Illusions Arts, Science and Technology Institute	Orlando
Hatts Diving Scuba School	Melbourne
Hebron International College	Kissimmee
Instituto Politecnico De Tampa Corp.	Tampa
Instituto Politecnico, IPT - Orlando Campus, LLC	Orlando
International Lauderdale University	Plantation
Kennedy University of Leadership	Miami
Mackenzie University	Hallandale Beach
MAS Medical Aesthetics School	Orlando
Monalisa Hair & Beauty Education	Tampa
Moore Marine College	Clearwater
Mount Scopus University	Miami Gardens
Northeastern University	Miami
Orlando Health School of Health Sciences	Orlando
Palm Beach Career-School of Allied Health Sciences	Ft. Pierce

Initial Provisional Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Paralegal Institute of the Americas	Coral Gables
Peak Dental Assisting School LLC	Bartow
Per Scholas Orlando Tech Training	Orlando
Pompano Beach Regional Training Facility	Pompano Beach
Pristine Beauty Academy	Orlando
Quest Nursing Education Center	Tampa
Royal Advanced Institute	Miami
Royal Beauty School	Fort Lauderdale
School of the Arts & Media Institute of Miami	Doral
Sharron Nursing Academy	Jacksonville
Smart Business Solution Beauty School	Hialeah
Smart Dental Assisting School	Lake Worth
Source Institute Massage School & Therapeutic Bodywork of Panama City Beach LLC	Panama City Beach
South College Tampa Skills Lab	Tampa
Sunshine Shores College	Doral
Synergy Career Academy	Holly Hill
Technical Institute of Florida	Kissimmee
The Art of Skin, Institute of Aesthetics	Panama City
The Oriana Academy	Miami Beach
The Skin Phactory Institute	Lauderhill
The Skin Power Academy LLC	Orlando
Touro University Florida	Boca Raton
University of Technology and Education	Pembroke Pines
UR Beauty at TruFamily Barber Academy	Winter Haven
US Academy	Lauderdale Lakes
US Academy	Pembroke Pines
US Academy	West Palm Beach
Vedere Institute	Tampa
Virtue Technical Institute	Lauderhill
Westcliff University	Orlando
Who'z Next Institute	Jacksonville
Woodruff Medical and Wellness Training	St. Petersburg

Provisional License Due to Substantive Change

Institutions that hold an Annual License or a License by Means of Accreditation may be granted a Provisional License when a substantive change has occurred. A substantive change is defined by the Commission as follows:

- Any change of control.
- A change in the level of credentials offered.
- A change in the purpose of the institution that exceeds minor corrections or alterations.
- A change in the financial soundness.
- A change of location that exceeds 45 miles.
- A change of accreditation. This includes lowering the level of accreditation, exceeding the scope of the grant of accreditation or recognition of the agency, or any final action taken by the accrediting agency which places the accreditation of the institution in jeopardy.
- Any change which the Commission determines is serious enough to affect the continued operation or stability of the institution, or the quality of the educational programs offered.

Substantive changes vary in nature and are presented at the Commission’s bi-monthly meetings.

The following is a listing of institutions that received a Provisional License due to a substantive change during the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

Provisional Licenses Sent Due To A Substantive Change	
Name of Institution	City
Arizona College of Nursing	Tampa
Arizona College of Nursing	Fort Lauderdale
Artistic Nails & Beauty Academy	Tampa
Artistic Nails & Beauty Academy	Lakeland
Aspen University	Tampa
ATA College	Ft. Myers
Bene's Career Academy	New Port Richey
Bene's Career Academy	Brooksville
Care Hope College	Jupiter
Central Florida Institute of Training, Inc	Lakewood Ranch
Chancellor Institute	Ft. Lauderdale
City College - Altamonte Springs	Altamonte Springs
Compu-Med Vocational Careers, Corp.	Hialeah
Compu-Med Vocational Careers, Corp.	Miami
Concorde Career Institute	Jacksonville
Concorde Career Institute	Tampa
Concorde Career Institute	Miramar
Concorde Career Institute	Orlando

Provisional Licenses Sent Due To A Substantive Change	
Name of Institution	City
Cozmo Beauty School	Bonita Springs
DATS of Florida, Inc. - Ocala	Dunnellon
DATS of Florida, Inc. - West Palm Beach	West Palm Beach
Digital Animation & Visual Effects School	Orlando
Doral College	Doral
East West College of Natural Medicine	Sarasota
Educare Envision College of Nursing	Melbourne
Emergency Training Academy	Miami
Evolution Health Academy	Miami Gardens
Florida Career College	Orlando
Florida Career College - Boynton Beach	Boynton Beach
Florida Career College - Hialeah	Hialeah
Florida Career College - Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Florida Career College - Lauderdale Lakes	Lauderdale Lakes
Florida Career College - Margate	Margate
Florida Career College - Miami	Miami
Florida Career College - Pembroke Pines	Pembroke Pines
Florida Career College - Tampa	Tampa
Florida Career College - West Palm Beach	West Palm Beach
Florida Global University	Doral
Florida Teachers of Tomorrow	Longwood
Florida University Southeast	Boynton Beach
Fmor Skin Care Institute	Orlando
Gwinnett Institute	Orlando
HCA Florida Mercy Hospital School of Practical Nursing	Miami
Humboldt International University	Miami
International Academy	South Daytona
International Institute For Health Care Professionals, Inc.	Boca Raton
International Institute of Education	Margate
J&J Healthcare Institute	Orlando
KCK Beauty & Barber Academy	Jacksonville
La Esperanza Educational Services, Inc.	Hialeah
Latin Beauty Academy	Greenacres
Margate Medical Training Center	Margate
Medical and Health Sciences Institute	Miramar
Medical Institute of Palm Beach, Inc.	Greenacres
Medical University of the Americas	Orlando
Mercy Hospital College of Nursing, a Program of Plantation General Hospital	Miami
Merryfield Academy	Oakland Park
Miami Regional University	Miami Springs
Millennia Atlantic University	Doral
MIU City University Miami	Miami

Provisional Licenses Sent Due To A Substantive Change	
Name of Institution	City
MUST University	Boca Raton
My IT Future Institute	Tampa
New York Film Academy	Miami
Northwest Lineman Center	Edgewater
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Deland
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Lakeland
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Orlando
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Tampa
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Kissimmee
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Pembroke Pines
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Cutler Bay
NUC University - South Florida Campus	Pembroke Pines
Orlando Medical Institute	Orlando
Palm Beach Academy of Health & Beauty	West Palm Beach
Paul Mitchell The School Miami	Miami
PiBerry Institute, Inc.	Homestead
Recreational Vehicle Service Academy	Trenton
Robert Fiance Beauty Schools	Boynton Beach
Saba University School of Medicine	Orlando
Saint Kolbe University	Weston
San Ignacio University	Doral
Sarasota University	Sarasota
Schiller International University	Tampa
Smart Horizons Institute	Pensacola
South College Orlando Learning Site	Orlando
South Florida Academy of Air Conditioning	Fort Lauderdale
South Florida Healthcare Institute	Boca Raton
Southeastern College	West Palm Beach
Southeastern College	Miami Lakes
Southeastern Medical Academy	Marathon
Southern Technical College	Tampa
Southern Technical College	Orlando
Southern Technical College	Port Charlotte
Southern Technical College, Auburndale	Auburndale
Southern Technical College, Brandon	Brandon
Southern Technical College, Sanford	Sanford
Southern Technical Institute, Orlando	Orlando
Southern Technical Institute, Pinellas Park	Pinellas Park
Southern Technical Institute, Tavares	Tavares
St. George's University School of Medicine	Miami
St. Matthew's University School of Medicine	Orlando
Sunlight Healthcare Academy	Longwood

Provisional Licenses Sent Due To A Substantive Change	
Name of Institution	City
Taylor College	Ocala
United International College	Miramar
Vanguard School of Professional Health	Lauderhill
West Coast University	Doral

Annual License

Annual Licensure is a secondary level of licensure obtained by an institution and is granted when the Commission has determined that an institution is in full compliance with the standards for licensure. An institution may continue to hold an Annual License if the institution remains in full compliance with the standards for licensure, does not undergo a substantive change, or meets the requirements and applies for a License by Means of Accreditation. An Annual License is typically granted for one year. Prior to the granting of an initial Annual License, a satisfactory on-site visit must occur.

The process to obtain an initial Annual License or renewal of an Annual License normally takes three months from receipt of the Application for Annual License. During this period, the applicant is notified of any apparent omissions or deficiencies contained within the application, the Commission staff works with the applicant to finalize all materials, and the application is presented at one of the Commission’s bi-monthly meetings for action. There are circumstances where the process may take longer than the normal three-month period, such as when applicants are not able to timely submit all the necessary materials or are not able to demonstrate full compliance with the licensure standards.

Institutions holding an Annual License, unlike those holding a Provisional License, are allowed to request approval of and implement a substantive change. Furthermore, institutions that hold an Annual License may add new degrees, programs or majors to their offerings or alter any licensed program by more than 20 percent since their last review, change the title of a program or the credential awarded, or discontinue a program upon approval by the Commission.

The Commission issued an Annual License to the following institutions during the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
160 Driving Academy	Jacksonville
160 Driving Academy	Orlando
5 Star Training Center	North Miami Beach
Ability Career Institute	Stuart
Abundant Life Nursing School	Mount Dora
Academy for Dental Assistants	St. Petersburg
Academy of Animal Arts and Sciences, LLC	Largo
Academy of Beauty and Business	St. Petersburg
Accelerated Academy	Tampa
Access Computer Training, LLC	Lutz
ACESO Institute of Health Professions	Longwood
Activa Training Center	Miami
Aden University	Coral Gables
Advanced Health Care Institute	Tamarac
Advantage Beauty Institute	Bonita Springs
Affinity Hair Academy	Orlando
Affordable Training	Jacksonville
Agape University	Pompano Beach

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
ALEN South Lake University	Clermont
Alpha School of Massage, Inc.	Jacksonville
ALPI Technical Education Center	Deland
American College of Applied Science, Inc.	Crescent City
American Global Tech University	Orlando
American Institute of Diamond Cutting, Inc.	Deerfield Beach
American University of Antigua College of Medicine	Gulfport
American Vocational Academy, LLC	Nokomis
Ana G. Mendez University	Orlando
Ana G. Mendez University	Miami Lakes
Ana G. Mendez University	Tampa
Antigua College International, Inc.	Miami Lakes
Apex Training Center, Inc.	North Miami
Applied Technology Academy	Fort Walton Beach
Arizona College of Nursing	Tampa
Arizona College of Nursing	Fort Lauderdale
Arizona College of Nursing	University Park
Art House Academy & Abbey Road Institute Miami	Miami
Art of Hair Academy & Studio	West Palm Beach
Aspatria Institute	Jacksonville
Aspen University	Tampa
ATA College	Ft. Myers
Atlantic Institute of Oriental Medicine, Inc.	Ft. Lauderdale
Aveda Institute – Brandon	Brandon
Babson College	Miami
Baptist Health Clinical School	Jacksonville
Barbara Brennan School of Healing	Deerfield Beach
Barber & Beauty Institute, Inc	Maitland
Barber Academy of Orlando	Orlando
Bartram Dental Assisting School	St. John
Beauty Academy of South Florida	Miami
Beauty and Health Institute	Tampa
Beauty on Fleck School LLC	Orange City
Birchwood University	Orlando
Bloom Beauty Academy LLC	Orlando
Bly's School of Cosmetology	Gainesville
Bonita Beauty & Wellness Academy	Estero
BrainStation Education	Miami
Bridgeway School of Nursing	Casselberry
Bright Education Institute	Dania Beach
Brilliant Academy Health Center	Orlando
Broward Beauty Institute LLC	Coral Springs

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Broward International University	Miami
Broward-Miami Health Institute	Miramar
Calypso Pro Dive Academy	Tampa
Cambridge College of Healthcare & Technology	Altamonte Springs
Capscore Academy for Healthcare Education	Lake Worth
Care Hope College	Jupiter
Career Tech	Lakeland
Career Training Institute	Brandon
Carrick Institute	Cape Canaveral
CBT Technology Institute	Miami
CBT Technology Institute	Hialeah
CBT Technology Institute	Cutler Bay
Center for Professional Training and Development, Inc.	North Miami
Center for Technology Training	Tampa
Central Christian University	Orlando
Central Florida Institute of Training, Inc	Lakewood Ranch
Central Florida School of Massage Therapy, Inc.	Winter Park
Centureon Institute	Miami
Cesar Vallejo College	Miami
Chaim Yakov Shlomo College of Jewish Studies	Surfside
Champion Truck Driving School, Inc.	Largo
Chancellor Institute	Ft. Lauderdale
Charles F. Chapman School of Seamanship, Inc.	Stuart
Chi University	Reddick
Chic Image Academy	Tampa
Child Development Education Alliance, Inc.	Winter Haven
Childhood Development Services Education & Training Center	Ocala
Chris P. Barber Academy	Sarasota
City College - Altamonte Springs	Altamonte Springs
City College - Hollywood	Hollywood
CMR Medical Training Services	West Palm Beach
CodeBoxx Academy	St. Petersburg
Commercial Diving Technologies Institute	Hudson
Commonsense Childbirth School of Midwifery	Winter Garden
Concorde Career Institute	Jacksonville
Continental University of Florida	Miami
Cruz Institute	Kissimmee
Custom Made Barber School	Jacksonville
Decolovers Institute	Doral
Dental Assisting Academy of the Palm Beaches	West Palm Beach
Dental Assisting Institute of Melbourne, LLC	Palm Bay
Dental Careers of Central Florida	Sanford

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Diver's Paradise Professional Institute	Key Biscayne
Diverse Training Center	Hialeah Gardens
Dog Groomer Academy	Orlando
Dolly Monroe Beauty Academy	Tampa
Dominium Institute	Ft. Myers
Donatello School of Nursing and Healthcare	Apopka
Doxa Academy	Melbourne
Dragon Rises College of Oriental Medicine	Gainesville
DrupalEasy Academy	Cocoa
East West College of Natural Medicine	Sarasota
Eastern Academy of Scuba Education	Vero Beach
Edouard Health Institute & Training Center	Lauderhill
Educare Envision College of Nursing	Melbourne
Education Institute of Tampa Family	Tampa
Electrolysis, Laser & Beauty Institute	Orlando
Elevate Salon Institute - Miami Beach	Miami Beach
Elle's Beauty Academy	Lakeland
Emergency Education Institute, LLC	Coral Springs
Emergency Training Academy	Miami
Emiraza College	Ft. Pierce
Empire Beauty School	Tampa
Empire Beauty School	Lakeland
ESS Academy	Tarpon Springs
European Beauty Academy	Tampa
Evidentia University of Behavioral and Forensic Sciences	Kissimmee
Evolution Health Academy	Miami Gardens
Evolve Beauty Institute Inc.	Palm Coast
Excel Institute	North Miami
Faith Academy Nursing School	Tampa
Faith Christian Fellowship Training Institute	Lauderdale Lakes
Family Central Training Academy	Ft. Lauderdale
Fashion Cuts Hair & Beauty Academy, LLC	Ocala
Fashion Focus Academy	Sarasota
Fashion Institute of Florida	North Miami
Finlay Institute of Nursing	Tampa
First Coast Nursing Assistant Training Center	Jacksonville
Flavia Leal Beauty School	Orlando
FleetForce Truck Driver Training	Bradenton
Fleetforce Truck Driving School	Winter Haven
Fleetforce Truck Driving School	Palm City
Fleetforce Truck Driving School	Venice
Fleetforce Truck Driving School	Ft. Myers

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Florida Bartending School	Pinellas Park
Florida Career College	Orlando
Florida Career College - Boynton Beach	Boynton Beach
Florida Career College - Hialeah	Hialeah
Florida Career College - Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Florida Career College - Lauderdale Lakes	Lauderdale Lakes
Florida Career College - Margate	Margate
Florida Career College - Miami	Miami
Florida Career College - Pembroke Pines	Pembroke Pines
Florida Career College - Tampa	Tampa
Florida Career College - West Palm Beach	West Palm Beach
Florida Christian University	Orlando
Florida College of Integrative Medicine	Orlando
Florida Dermal Institute	Longwood
Florida Global University	Doral
Florida Health Institute	Ft. Lauderdale
Florida Institute of Dental Assisting, LLC	Jacksonville
Florida League of Christian Schools	Lakeland
Florida Massage and Beauty Institute	Tampa
Florida Medical & Aesthetic International School	Miami
Florida School of Advanced Bodywork	Jacksonville
Florida Truckers Institute	New Port Richey
Florida University Southeast	Boynton Beach
Fmor Skin Care Institute	Orlando
Fortis College	Orange Park
Fortis College	Cutler Bay
Fortis Institute	Pensacola
Fortis Institute	Port St. Lucie
FVI School of Nursing and Technology	Miramar
Gannon University	Ruskin
Genesis Barber Institute	Fort Walton
Genesis Vocational Institute, Corp.	Miami
Global Institute of Sport Americas LLC	Fort Lauderdale
Grace Community Institute	Boca Raton
Gulf Coast Academy	Ft. Myers
Gwinnett Institute	Orlando
Hair in Motion Beauty Academy	Orlando
Hajgden International College	Orlando
HCA Florida Mercy Hospital School of Practical Nursing	Miami
HCI College	West Palm Beach
Healing Arts Institute of South Florida International, Inc.	Tamarac
Health Care Training Corp	Lehigh Acres

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Hearts Associates Institute	Boynton Beach
Helping Hearts Training Center	Orange Park
Heritage School of Midwifery and Natural Health Sciences	North Port
Hollywood Career Institute	Hollywood
Humboldt International University	Miami
ICR Florida Education	North Miami Beach
Inspirit School of Healing Arts	Orlando
Institute of Health Careers, Inc.	Lehigh Acres
Institute of Interpersonal Hypnotherapy	Tampa
Instituto Embelleze Beauty School	Pompano Beach
Instituto Politecnico De Tampa Corp.	Tampa
Instituto Politecnico, IPT - Orlando Campus, LLC	Orlando
International College of Health Sciences	Boynton Beach
International Institute For Health Care Professionals, Inc.	Boca Raton
International Institute of Clinical Sexology	Miami Shores
International Institute of Education	Margate
International Institute of Orthotics and Prosthetics	Tampa
International University of Leadership	Orlando
Interstate Commercial Driving School	Crystal River
Investigative Training, LLC	North Palm Beach
Istituto Marangoni Miami	Miami
ITI Technical Training	Stuart
J&J Healthcare Institute	Orlando
Jacksonville Electrology, Laser & Skincare Academy	St. Johns
James International Academy of Health	North Lauderdale
Jetmapp School of Nursing	Miami Gardens
Jose Maria Vargas University	Pembroke Pines
JT's Cuts Academy	Ft. Lauderdale
K & E Medical Training Center	Ft. Myers
Kepler Space University	Bradenton
Key West University	Jacksonville
La Esperanza Educational Services, Inc.	Hialeah
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	Bradenton
Lamont Technical Academy	Winter Haven
Landes Emergency Training Services	Sarasota
Larkin School of Nursing	Miami
LaSalle Tech	Plant City
Latin Beauty Academy	Greenacres
Learning Alliance Corporation	Tampa
LECOM Bradenton School of Pharmacy	Bradenton
LECOM School of Dental Medicine	Bradenton
LECOM School of Health Services Administration	Bradenton

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Life Choice Institute	New Port Richey
Life-Line Institute	Miami
Life-Line Institute Ocala	Ocala
LJ Dental Assisting School	Kissimmee
Los Angeles Film School	Winter Park
Luxurious Looks Beauty Academy	Oakland Park
ManCave Barbering School	Boca Raton
Margate Medical Training Center	Margate
Master Career Institute	Orlando
Med Teach Academy	Pembroke Park
Medcap Health & Beauty Institute	Orlando
Medical and Health Sciences Institute	Miramar
Medical Career Healthcare Training	Jacksonville
Medical Training Institute Inc.	Lake Worth
Medical University of the Americas	Orlando
Mercy Hospital College of Nursing, a Program of Plantation General Hospital	Miami
Meridian West Central College	Sarasota
Metropolitan International University	Pembroke Pines
Metropolitan Technical Career Institute	New Port Richey
Miami Business Technological University	Doral
Miami Regional University	Miami Springs
Miami Technology & Arts University	Coral Gables
Military Transition Academy	Indialantic
MIU City University Miami	Miami
Modern Sex Therapy Institutes	West Palm Beach
MUST University	Boca Raton
My IT Future Institute	Orlando
My IT Future Institute	Tampa
Naples Nursing Academy LLC	Naples
National Investigative Training Academy	Lake Mary
National Training, Inc.	Green Cove Springs
Neo Aesthetics & Medical International Academy	Hallandale Beach
New York Film Academy	Miami
Nicolas G. Hayek Watchmaking School	Miami
Northeastern University	Miami
Northwest Lineman Center	Edgewater
Nurse Resource Training Center LLC	Tallahassee
OIC Workforce Academy	Fort Lauderdale
OIC Workforce Academy	Miami
OneStop Institute LLC	Lakeland
Oriental Beauty School	Hialeah
Orlando Health Sciences University	Winter Garden

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Orlando Institute of Electrolysis, Inc.	Orlando
Orlando Medical Institute	Orlando
Orlando Nails & Barber Institute, Inc.	Orlando
Palm Beach University	West Palm Beach
Palmetto Training Services, Inc.	Palmetto Bay
Paul Mitchell The School Fort Lauderdale	Plantation
PBCMSS Institute for Learning	West Palm Beach
PC Professor	Boca Raton
PC Professor	West Palm Beach
PiBerry Institute, Inc.	Homestead
Polished Nail Academy, LLC	Ocala
Premiere International College	Ft. Myers
Pro-Nails & Beauty School, Inc.	Orlando
Professional Academy of Health	Kissimmee
Professional Career School	Miami
Pura Vida Divers	Singer Island
Quest Nursing Education Center	Tampa
RADEX Institute	Plantation
Real Vision Barber Academy	Bradenton
Recreational Vehicle Service Academy	Trenton
Riggs College	Longwood
Roadmaster Drivers School of Jacksonville, Inc.	Jacksonville
Roadmaster Drivers School of Orlando	Apopka
Roadmaster Drivers School, Inc.	Tampa
Robert Fiance Beauty Schools	Boynton Beach
Rockledge Institute: School of Health & Beauty	Rockledge
Rophem School of Nursing	St. Petersburg
Ross University School of Medicine	Miramar
Royal Lotus Beauty Institute	Pompano Beach
Saba University School of Medicine	Orlando
Sage Truck Driving Schools	Plant City
Sage Truck Driving Schools	Ft. Pierce
Saint Kolbe University	Weston
San Ignacio University	Doral
San Ignacio University Graduate School	Doral
Sarasota University	Sarasota
Schiller International University	Tampa
School of EMS	Palm Harbor
Sea Experience Diving Schools	Ft. Lauderdale
Skin 360 Beauty Institute	Brandon
Smart Horizons Institute	Pensacola
Soler & Soler CDL School Corp	Miami

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Soothing Arts-Healing Therapies School of Massage	Santa Rosa Beach
South Beach Beauty Academy	Sebring
South College Orlando Learning Site	Orlando
South Florida Academy of Air Conditioning	Fort Lauderdale
South Florida Barber Schools	Homestead
South Florida Dental Assisting School	Oakland Park
South Florida Dental Assisting School	Hialeah
South Florida Healthcare Institute	Boca Raton
South Florida International College	Doral
South Florida Literacy Institute	Miami
Southeastern College	West Palm Beach
Southeastern College	Miami Lakes
Southeastern Medical Academy	Marathon
Southern Technical College	Tampa
Southern Technical College	Orlando
Southern Technical College	Port Charlotte
Southern Technical College, Auburndale	Auburndale
Southern Technical College, Brandon	Brandon
Southern Technical College, Sanford	Sanford
Southern Technical Institute, Orlando	Orlando
Southern Technical Institute, Pinellas Park	Pinellas Park
Southern Technical Institute, Tavares	Tavares
Sovereign School of Nursing	North Miami
Space Coast Education Center	West Melbourne
St. George's University School of Medicine	Miami
St. Matthew's University School of Medicine	Orlando
St. Petersburg Seminary and Yeshiva	Clearwater
Star V Learning Centers	Jacksonville
Suncoast Career Academy	Brandon
Suncoast Trucking Academy, Inc.	Arcadia
Sunlight Healthcare Academy	Longwood
Tampa Medical College	Tampa
Taylor College	Ocala
The Academy	Miami
The Academy	Ft. Lauderdale
The Barbering Academy	Doral
The Cassady Academy	Pensacola
The Dental Assisting and Team Institute	Palm Beach Gardens
The Institute of FILMS	Orlando
The Salon Professional Academy	Ft. Myers
The Skin Care Academy of Florida	Bonita Springs
Total Beauty Institute	Jacksonville

Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Total Nails & Hair Academy	West Palm Beach
Touze Health Institute	Miramar
Treasure Coast Medical Institute	Ft. Pierce
Trinity Global Institute	Orlando
Truck Driver Institute	Sanford
UNIBE School of Medicine	Miami
Universal Technical Institute South Florida, LLC	Miramar
Universal Training Center	Wilton Manors
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Carolina Campus	Orlando
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Carolina Campus	Miami Lakes
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Carolina Campus	Tampa
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Cupey Campus	Orlando
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Cupey Campus	Miami Lakes
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Cupey Campus	Tampa
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus	Orlando
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus	Miami Lakes
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus	Tampa
University of Medicine and Health Sciences	West Palm Beach
University of Mid Florida	Orlando
University of St. Augustine For Health Sciences	St. Augustine
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	Coral Gables
UTH Florida University	Miami
Utica University	St. Petersburg
Vanguard School of Professional Health	Lauderhill
Victory College of Nursing	Fort Lauderdale
Vocational Academy of Makeup and Prosthetics	Orlando
Vocational Training Institute, Inc.	Greenacres
Westcliff University	Miami
Westfield Business School	Miami
Wonderful Beauty Academy	Orlando
Wood Hygienic Institute, Inc.	Kissimmee
Word of Life Bible Institute	Hudson
World of Beauty Academy	Orlando
World Trichology Academy	Jacksonville
Xanadu Beauty Academy	Hollywood
Yechanlaz Instituto Vocacional, Inc.	Miami

Extensions of Annual License

The Commission has the authority, under s.1005.31(7), F.S., to extend an Annual License for an additional year for those institutions that meet certain conditions.

The following institutions received an Extension of Annual License during the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

Extension of Annual Licenses Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Albizu University	Miami
American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine	Miramar
Emerald Coast Scuba	Destin
Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, Inc.	Orlando
Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, Inc.	Miami
Truck Driver Institute	Milton

License by Means of Accreditation

License by Means of Accreditation (LBMA) is a license status that allows an institution to comply with an accreditor's standards, rather than the Commission's, when the accreditor is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and has standards that meet or exceed the Commission's. This license status must be requested by an institution and is granted when an institution provides evidence that it has been licensed for five consecutive years, holds institutional accreditation by a Commission recognized accrediting agency, meets minimum requirements for financial responsibility, has consistently followed fair consumer practices, and has no unresolved complaints or other actions in the prior twelve-month period.

During fiscal year 2023-2024, the Commission has evaluated a number of accrediting agencies for recognition and approved 17 accrediting agencies for purposes of licensure by means of accreditation:

- ABHE – Association for Biblical Higher Education
- ABA – American Bar Association
- ABHES – Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools
- ACCET – Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training
- ACCSC – Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges
- COA – Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
- COE – Council on Occupational Education
- COMTA – Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation
- DEAC – Distance Education Accrediting Commission
- HLC – The Higher Learning Commission
- MSA-CSS - Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools
- MSCHE – Middle States Commission on Higher Education
- NACCAS – National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences
- NECHE – New England Commission of Higher Education
- SACSCOC – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
- TRACS – Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools
- WSCUC - WASC Senior College and University Commission

The process of moving from an Annual License to a License by Means of Accreditation normally takes three months from receipt of the Application for License by Means of Accreditation. During this period, the applicant is notified of any apparent omissions or deficiencies contained within the application, the Commission staff works with the applicant to finalize all materials, and the completed application is presented at one of the Commission's bi-monthly meetings for action. There are circumstances where the process may take longer than the normal three-month period, such as when applicants are not able to timely submit all the necessary materials required for approval of a License by Means of Accreditation.

While the License by Means of Accreditation is valid for the same period as the grant of accreditation, institutions are required to be reviewed annually. In order to maintain the License by Means of Accreditation for each remaining year of their grant of accreditation, these institutions must submit an application for annual review to the Commission.

The following institutions were issued their first License by Means of Accreditation status by the Commission during the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

First LBMA Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Aviation Institute of Maintenance	Casselberry
Emetseei Institute, Inc	Rockledge
Larkin University	Miami
Medical Career Academy	Palm Beach Gardens
Neurodiagnostic Technology Institute	Clermont
Sabal College	Tampa
South Florida College of Nursing	Doral
Strayer University	Tampa
Strayer University	Jacksonville
Strayer University	Miramar
Strayer University	Tallahassee
Strayer University	Orlando
URBE University	Sweetwater
Wayman College of Aeronautics	Pembroke Pines

The following institutions received a renewal of their License by Means of Accreditation status from the Commission during the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

LBMA Renewal Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Academy for Nursing and Health Occupations	West Palm Beach
Academy of Career Training	Kissimmee
Academy of Cosmetology	Merritt Island
Acupuncture and Massage College	Miami
Advance Science International College	Miami Lakes
American Academy of Cosmetology	Orange Park
American Beauty Schools	Miami
American Institute of Beauty	Largo
American Institute of Beauty	St. Petersburg
American Medical Academy	Miami
Arc Educates	Sunrise
Artistic Nails & Beauty Academy	Tampa
Artistic Nails & Beauty Academy	Lakeland
Asbury Theological Seminary	Orlando
Asbury Theological Seminary	Lutz
ATA Career Education	Spring Hill
Atlantis University	Miami
Ave Maria School of Law	Naples
Aveda Institute - Fort Myers	Ft. Myers

LBMA Renewal Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Aveda Institute - Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Aveda Institute - Orlando	Winter Park
Aveda Institute - South Florida	Davie
Aveda Institute - Tallahassee	Tallahassee
Aveda Institute - Tampa Bay	Clearwater
Aviator College of Aeronautical Science & Technology	Ft. Pierce
Beauty Academy of South Florida	Hialeah Gardens
Beauty Academy of South Florida	Miami
Beauty and Massage Institute	Vero Beach
Bellasa Professional Institute	Miami Springs
Bene's Career Academy	New Port Richey
Bene's Career Academy	Brooksville
Braxton College	Ft. Myers
Cambridge College of Health Care & Technology	Delray Beach
Cambridge College of Healthcare & Technology	Altamonte Springs
Cambridge College of Healthcare & Technology	Miami Gardens
Camsen Career Institute	Jacksonville
Capella University	Minneapolis
Celebrity School of Beauty	Miami
Celebrity School of Beauty	Hialeah
Center For Neurosomatic Studies	Clearwater
Columbia College	Tavares
Columbia College - NAS Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Columbia College - Orlando	Orlando
Compu-Med Vocational Careers, Corp.	Hialeah
Compu-Med Vocational Careers, Corp.	Miami
Concorde Career Institute	Jacksonville
Concorde Career Institute	Tampa
Concorde Career Institute	Miramar
Concorde Career Institute	Orlando
Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety	Coral Springs
Cortiva Institute	Maitland
Cortiva Institute	Pompano Beach
Cosmix School of Makeup Artistry	Oakland Park
Cozmo Beauty School	Bonita Springs
Daytona College	Ormond Beach
DeVry University, Orlando	Orlando
Digital Animation & Visual Effects School	Orlando
Doral College	Doral
ECPI University	Lake Mary
Elite School of Cosmetology	Panama City
Empire Beauty School	West Palm Beach

LBMA Renewal Sent	
Name of Institution	City
F.I.R.S.T. Institute	Orlando
First Response Training Group, LLC.	Orlando
Florida Academy	Ft. Myers
Florida Academy of Health & Beauty	Oakland Park
Florida Barber Academy	Plantation
Florida Education Institute, Inc.	Miami
Florida International Training Institute, Inc.	Miami
Florida National University	Hialeah
Florida National University	Miami
Florida National University	Hialeah
Florida National University Online Learning Campus	Hialeah
Florida Professional Institute, Inc.	Miami
Fort Pierce Beauty Academy	Ft. Pierce
Futura Career Institute	Hialeah
FVI School of Nursing and Technology	Miami
Galen College of Nursing	St. Petersburg
Galen College of Nursing	Pembroke Pines
Galen College of Nursing	Sarasota
Galen College of Nursing	Gainesville
HCI College	Ft. Lauderdale
Herzing University	Winter Park
Herzing University	Tampa
Hobe Sound Bible College	Hobe Sound
Hollywood Institute	Margate
Hollywood Institute of Beauty Careers	Hollywood
Hollywood Institute of Beauty Careers	West Palm Beach
Inter American University of Puerto Rico	Orlando
InterAmerican Technical Institute	Miami
International Academy	South Daytona
Jones Technical Institute	Jacksonville
KCK Beauty & Barber Academy	Jacksonville
La Belle Beauty Academy	Miami
La Belle Beauty School	Hialeah
Lee Professional Institute	Ft. Myers
Loraines Academy & Spa	St. Petersburg
Mariano Moreno Culinary Institute	Miami
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science	Jacksonville
Med College	Hialeah
Medical Institute of Palm Beach, Inc.	Greenacres
Meridian College	Sarasota
Merryfield Academy	Oakland Park
Miami Media School	Doral

LBMA Renewal Sent	
Name of Institution	City
Millennia Atlantic University	Doral
National Aviation Academy	Clearwater
National Louis University - Florida Regional Center	Tampa
National Personal Training Institute of Tampa	Tampa
National Personal Training Institute, Inc.	Orlando
National University of Health Sciences	St. Petersburg
New Concept Massage & Beauty School	Miami
New Concept Massage and Beauty School West Campus	Miami
New Concept Massage and Beauty School, Cutler Bay	Miami
New Professions Technical Institute, Inc.	Miami
North Florida Cosmetology Institute	Tallahassee
Nouvelle Institute	Miami
Nouvelle Institute	Hialeah
NRI Institute of Health Sciences	Royal Palm Beach
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Deland
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Lakeland
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Orlando
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Tampa
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Kissimmee
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Pembroke Pines
NUC University - Florida Technical College	Cutler Bay
NUC University - South Florida Campus	Pembroke Pines
Palmer College of Chiropractic Florida	Port Orange
Parisian Spa Institute	Jacksonville
Paul Mitchell The School Fort Myers	Ft. Myers
Paul Mitchell The School Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Paul Mitchell The School Miami	Miami
Paul Mitchell The School Orlando	Oviedo
Paul Mitchell The School Tampa	Tampa
Pensacola School of Massage Therapy & Health Careers, LLC.	Pensacola
Pets Playground Grooming School, Inc.	Pompano Beach
Port St. Lucie Beauty Academy	Port St. Lucie
QM Career Institute	West Palm Beach
Reformed Theological Seminary of Florida, Inc.	Oviedo
Ruben's Five Star Academy	Lake Wales
SABER College	Miami
Sarasota School of Massage Therapy	Sarasota
Shear Excellence Hair Academy	Tampa
Shear Excellence Hair Academy	Valrico
Shear Finesse Beauty Academy	Jacksonville
South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary	Deerfield Beach
South Florida Institute of Technology	Miami

LBMA Renewal Sent	
Name of Institution	City
South Florida Institute of Technology	Hialeah
Southern Illinois University - Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Summit Salon Academy	Tampa
Summit Salon Academy-Gainesville	Gainesville
Tenaj Salon Institute	The Villages
The Adrian H. Wallace Barber Academy	Pensacola
The Praxis Institute	Miami
The Praxis Institute	Hialeah
The Salon Professional Academy - Melbourne	Melbourne
The Salon Professional Academy- Delray Beach	Delray Beach
Thomas M. Cooley Law School	Riverview
Trendsetters of FL. School of Beauty & Barbering	Jacksonville
Trinity Baptist College	Jacksonville
Trinity College of Florida	Trinity
Trinity International University Corporation	North Lauderdale
Trinity International University Corporation	Miami
Troy University	Ft. Walton Beach
Troy University	Pensacola
Troy University	Panama City
Troy University	Tampa
Tulsa Welding School	Jacksonville
Ultimate Medical Academy	Clearwater
Ultimate Medical Academy Online	Tampa
Universal Technical Institute	Orlando
University of Fort Lauderdale	Lauderhill
UR Beauty & Barber Academy	Sebring
Vincennes University	St. Augustine
West Coast University	Doral
World Class Academy of Beauty Careers	Tallahassee

Institutional Name Changes Reported

The following institutions were approved for a name change during the 2023-2024 fiscal year

Name Changes	
Old Name	New Name
Academy of Mid Florida, Orlando	University of Mid Florida, Orlando
Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy, Tampa	Accelerated Academy, Tampa
Cindy Cassady School of Electrology, Health and Beauty, Pensacola	The Cassady Academy, Pensacola
CodeBoxx Technology School, St. Petersburg	CodeBoxx Academy, St. Petersburg
ESS Global Executive Protection School, Tarpon Springs	ESS Academy, Tarpon Springs
Faith Academy, Tampa	Faith Academy Nursing School, Tampa
Healing Arts Institute of Clinical Sexology, Tamarac	Healing Arts Institute of South Florida International, Inc., Tamarac
Instituto Politecnico De Tampa, IPT, Orlando Campus, LLC, Orlando	Instituto Politecnico, IPT - Orlando Campus, LLC, Orlando
Kepler Space Institute, Bradenton	Kepler Space University, Bradenton
Med Academy, Hialeah	Med College, Hialeah
Mercy Hospital School of Practical Nursing, a Program of Plantation General Hospital, Miami	HCA Florida Mercy Hospital School of Practical Nursing, Miami
Neo Beauty School, Hallandale Beach	Neo Aesthetics & Medical International Academy, Hallandale Beach
New Horizons Computer Learning Center, Orlando	My IT Future Institute, Orlando
New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Gulf Coast Florida, Tampa	My IT Future Institute, Tampa
New Horizons Computer Learning Centers of Northeast FL, Jacksonville	Star V Learning Centers, Jacksonville
New York Film Academy South Beach, Miami	New York Film Academy, Miami
Southern Technical College, Ft. Myers	ATA College, Ft. Myers
Spa Professionals Academy, Bonita Springs	The Skin Care Academy of Florida, Bonita Springs
The Fashion Institute of South Florida, North Miami	Fashion Institute of Florida, North Miami
The Spot Barber Academy, Doral	The Barbering Academy, Doral
Wayman Aviation Academy, Pembroke Pines	Wayman College of Aeronautics, Pembroke Pines
Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Riverview	Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Riverview

On-site Visit Reports Submitted

The Commission staff conduct on-site visits to institutions under the jurisdiction of the Commission and at the Commission’s direction. An institution may be visited more than one time for any of the following conditions: to assist an institution in complying with the rules and statutes; as a criterion for annual licensure; to determine if any of the provisions of the rules and statutes are being violated; for the purpose of securing such other evidence as may be needed for prosecution pursuant to Section 1005.38, F.S.; by the order of the Commission; or upon receiving an application containing information that may cause an investigation to be made of the institution. Site visits are carried out to evaluate the institution’s compliance with the Commission’s 12 standards (6E-2.004, F.A.C.). These standards include physical facilities, student records storage, on-site equipment and supplies, instructional and administrative personnel, current catalog, student contracts, class schedules and program offerings, tuition charges, placement and counseling services, licensing of agents, faculty qualifications, and advertising policies.

The institutions that received on-site visits during 2023-2024 are as follows:

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
160 Driving Academy	Orlando
160 Driving Academy	Tampa
5 Star Training Center	North Miami Beach
A Beauty School of Tampa, Inc.	Tampa
AAA School of Dental Assisting, Inc.	Sanford
AAA School of Dental Assisting, Inc.	Pompano Beach
AB Academy	Orlando
Abundant Life Nursing School	Mount Dora
Academy of Beauty and Business	St. Petersburg
Ace of Spades Casino Training, Inc.	Hialeah
Aden University	Coral Gables
Agape Academy of Sciences	Delray Beach
Agape University	Pompano Beach
Aguilas International Technical Institute	Tampa
ALEN South Lake University	Clermont
Altierus Career College	Tampa
Altruistic Beauty Academy	Clearwater
Ambra University	Orlando
American Business College	Miami
American Global Tech University	Orlando
American Meridian University	Miami
American Technical Institute	Jacksonville
Ana G. Mendez University	Miami Lakes
Angel Technical Institute Nursing School LLC	Bradenton
Anshellay Health Spa and Fitness Institute	Orlando
Antigua College International, Inc.	Miami Lakes

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
Apex Training Center, Inc.	North Miami
Arizona College of Nursing	Tampa
Arizona College of Nursing	Fort Lauderdale
Arizona College of Nursing	University Park
Arizona College of Nursing	Orlando
Arizona College of Nursing	Melbourne
Armenia Pharmacy Solutions School	Tampa
Art House Academy & Abbey Road Institute Miami	Miami
Art of Hair Academy & Studio	West Palm Beach
ASA College	Hialeah
Aspatria Institute	Jacksonville
Astute Health Learning Academy	Tamarac
ATA College	Ft. Myers
Azure College	Ft. Lauderdale
Babson College	Miami
Baptist Health Clinical School	Jacksonville
Beauty Academy of South Florida	Miami
Beauty and Health Institute	Tampa
Beauty on Fleek School LLC	Orange City
Bethesda College of Health Sciences	Boynton Beach
Beyond Institute and Career Center	Kissimmee
BICSI Learning Academy	Tampa
Birchwood University	Orlando
Blackwell Global University	Orlando
Bloom Beauty Academy LLC	Orlando
Blue Soleil Nursing Assistant Training School	Lauderhill
BrainStation Education	Miami
BrainStation Education	West Palm Beach
Bridgeway School of Nursing	Casselberry
Bright Education Institute	Dania Beach
Brightmed Health Institute	Davie
Brilliant Academy Health Center	Orlando
Broward Beauty Institute LLC	Coral Springs
Broward International University	Miami
Calypso Pro Dive Academy	Tampa
Cambridge College of Healthcare & Technology	Altamonte Springs
Capscore Academy for Healthcare Education	Lake Worth
Care Hope College	Jupiter
Career Training Institute	Brandon
Carleen Health Institute of South Florida	Plantation
CBT Technology Institute	Hialeah

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
CBT Technology Institute	Cutler Bay
CDA Technical Institute	Jacksonville
CDL School Tara	Davie
CDL Training Center	Opa Locka
Center for Career Training	Lauderdale Lakes
Center for Professional Training and Development, Inc.	Orlando
Central Christian University	Orlando
Central Texas College	Eglin AFB
Chaim Yakov Shlomo College of Jewish Studies	Surfside
Chic Image Academy	Tampa
City College - Gainesville	Gainesville
City College - Hollywood	Hollywood
Clarks Cosmetology School	Lakeland
Cloud Nine Beauty School	Avon Park
CodeBoxx Academy	St. Petersburg
Columbia College	Tavares
Columbia College - Orlando	Orlando
Community Kitchen Training Academy	Orlando
Connecticut School of Broadcasting	North Palm Beach
Continental University of Florida	Miami
Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety at Lauderhill	Lauderhill
Custom Made Barber School	Jacksonville
Decolovers Institute	Doral
Dental Assistant Pioneers Academy	Orlando
Dental Assisting Academy of the Palm Beaches	West Palm Beach
Dental Assisting Institute	Orlando
Dental Careers Academy	Ponte Vedra Beach
Dental Careers School of Tampa Bay	Tampa
Dentrilogy Academy	Royal Palm Beach
DigitalCrafts Academy	Tampa
Dive Professionals Instructor Institute	Key Largo
Diver's Paradise Professional Institute	Key Biscayne
Diverse Training Center	Hialeah Gardens
Dominium Institute	Ft. Myers
Donatello School of Nursing and Healthcare	Apopka
Dragon Rises College of Oriental Medicine	Bradenton
Dynamic Phlebotomy Training	Jacksonville
Edouard Health Institute & Training Center	Lauderhill
Education Institute of Tampa Family	Tampa
Elevate Salon Institute - Miami Beach	Miami Beach
Elite Bartending School and Event Staffing Ft. Lauderdale	Ft. Lauderdale

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
Elle's Beauty Academy	Lakeland
eMerge Career Education	Tampa
Emergency Training Academy	Miami
Empire Beauty School	Lakeland
EMS Phlebotomy and Clinical Training Inc.	Tampa
Essence Medical Aesthetics Training	Coral Springs
Essentials School of Massage	Sarasota
Evidentia University of Behavioral and Forensic Sciences	Kissimmee
Excel Institute	North Miami
Excelsior Ultrasound Institute LLC	Orlando
Faith Academy Nursing School	Tampa
Faith Christian Fellowship Training Institute	Lauderdale Lakes
Fashion Institute of Florida	North Miami
Finlay Institute of Nursing	Tampa
Flavia Leal Beauty School	Orlando
FleetForce Truck Driver Training	Bradenton
Fleetforce Truck Driving School	Winter Haven
Fleetforce Truck Driving School	Palm City
Fleetforce Truck Driving School	Venice
Fleetforce Truck Driving School	Ft. Myers
Fleetforce Truck Driving School	Sunrise
Florida Academy of Beauty, Inc.	Orlando
Florida Academy of Medical Aesthetics	Pembroke Pines
Florida Academy of Nursing	Miramar
Florida Academy of Pet Grooming	Pace
Florida Career College - Boynton Beach	Boynton Beach
Florida Career College - Hialeah	Hialeah
Florida Career College - Lauderdale Lakes	Lauderdale Lakes
Florida Career College - Margate	Margate
Florida Career College - Miami	Miami
Florida Career College - Pembroke Pines	Pembroke Pines
Florida Career College - Tampa	Tampa
Florida Christian University	Orlando
Florida Dental Assisting Academy	Altamonte Springs
Florida Dermal Institute	Longwood
Florida Global University	Doral
Florida Health Institute	Ft. Lauderdale
Florida Healthcare Academy	Miami
Florida International College	Kissimmee
Florida League of Christian Schools	Lakeland
Florida Massage and Beauty Institute	Tampa

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
Florida Medical & Aesthetic International School	Miami
Florida Palms University	Miami
Florida South Coast University	Ft. Pierce
Florida Tattoo Academy	Tarpon Springs
Florida Training Center	Oakland Park
Florida Truckers Institute	New Port Richey
Fmor Skin Care Institute	Orlando
Fortis College	Orange Park
FVI School of Nursing and Technology	Miramar
Gainesville School of Medical Massage	Gainesville
Genesis Barber Institute	Fort Walton
Genesis Vocational Institute, Corp.	Miami
Genuine Healthcare Institute, LLC	St. Petersburg
Gladstone College of Nursing	Davie
Global Institute of Sport Americas LLC	Fort Lauderdale
Global Medical & Technical Training Institute	Miami
Golden Paws Pet Styling Academy	North Miami
Grace Community Institute	Boca Raton
Grace School of Nursing Inc.	West Palm Beach
Green Cross School of Nursing	Miami
Hair in Motion Beauty Academy	Orlando
Harson University	Miami
HCA Florida Mercy Hospital School of Practical Nursing	Miami
HCI College	West Palm Beach
Health Care Training Corp	Lehigh Acres
Hearts Associates Institute	Boynton Beach
Hebron International College	Kissimmee
Helping Hearts Training Center	Orange Park
Heritage Educational Services	Miami
Hollywood Beauty Academy, Inc.	Orlando
Hollywood Career Institute	Hollywood
Hope College of Arts and Sciences	Pompano Beach
Horizon Healthcare Institute	Ft. Myers
Humboldt International University	Miami
i2 Labs Academy	Coral Gables
ICR Florida Education	North Miami Beach
Ideal Professional Institute	Miami Gardens
Installer Institute, Inc.	Holly Hill
Institute of Medical & Dental Technology FL	Ft. Myers
Instituto Embelleze Beauty School	Pompano Beach
Instituto Embelleze Beauty School	North Miami Beach

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
International Institute For Health Care Professionals, Inc.	Boca Raton
International Institute of Clinical Sexology	Miami Shores
International Institute of Education	Margate
International Training Careers, Inc.	Miami
Ironhack Coding Academy	Miami
Istituto Marangoni Miami	Miami
iteachFLORIDA	Miami Lakes
J&J Healthcare Institute	Orlando
Jacksonville Health & Beauty School	Jacksonville
James International Academy of Health	North Lauderdale
Jose Maria Vargas University	Pembroke Pines
JT's Cuts Academy	Ft. Lauderdale
Justee College	Ft. Pierce
KairInstructors Healthcare Training Center	Palm City
Kellogg School of Management	Coral Gables
Key West University	Jacksonville
KOE Barber Academy	Tampa
La Esperanza Educational Services, Inc.	Hialeah
Landes Emergency Training Services	Sarasota
LaSalle Tech	Plant City
Le Plush Pet Grooming School	Pembroke Pines
Learning Alliance Corporation	Tampa
LECOM School of Dental Medicine	Bradenton
LECOM School of Health Services Administration	Bradenton
Life-Line Institute	Miami
LifePoint Career Institute	Jacksonville
Lighthouse Christian College	Pensacola
LJ Dental Assisting School	Kissimmee
Luxemore Beauty Academy	Tampa
ManCave Barbering School	Boca Raton
Margate Medical Training Center	Margate
Marino Campus	Ft. Lauderdale
Master Tattoo Institute	Miami Beach
McDougle Technical Institute	Pompano Beach
Medcap Health & Beauty Institute	Orlando
Medical and Health Sciences Institute	Miramar
Medical Career Healthcare Training	Jacksonville
Medical Training Institute Inc.	Lake Worth
Medworld Academy	West Palm Beach
Mercy Hospital College of Nursing, a Program of Plantation General Hospital	Miami
Metropolitan International University	Pembroke Pines

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
Metropolitan Trucking & Technical Institute	Miami
Metropolitan Trucking and Technical Institute	West Palm Beach
Miami Barber Institute	Miami
Miami Business Technological University	Doral
Miami Jewelry School	Miami
Miami Regional University	Miami Springs
MIU City University Miami	Miami
Modern Sex Therapy Institutes	West Palm Beach
More Tech Institute Corp.	Hialeah
MUST University	Boca Raton
National Nursing Institute	Tampa
National Training, Inc.	Green Cove Springs
Neo Aesthetics & Medical International Academy	Hallandale Beach
Nexus University	Dania Beach
North Palm College of Nursing	Altamonte Springs
Northeastern University	Miami
Nouveau Contour Academy	Orlando
NUC University - South Florida Campus	Pembroke Pines
Nurse Resource Training Center LLC	Tallahassee
Nursing Bridges Institute	Pensacola
Nursing Network Christian School	Lauderhill
OneStop Institute LLC	Lakeland
Orlando Health Sciences University	Winter Garden
Orlando Institute of Electrolysis, Inc.	Orlando
Palm Beach Academy of Health & Beauty	West Palm Beach
Palm Beach Health Care Academy	Boca Raton
Palm Beach International College	Lake Worth
Palm Beach University	West Palm Beach
Palmetto Medical Institute	Palmetto Bay
Palmetto Training Services, Inc.	Palmetto Bay
Paradis HS Institute	Wellington
Paramount Training Services	Riviera Beach
Paul Mitchell The School Fort Lauderdale	Plantation
Paul Mitchell The School Sarasota	Sarasota
PBCMSS Institute for Learning	West Palm Beach
PC Professor	Boca Raton
PC Professor	West Palm Beach
Per Scholas Orlando Tech Training	Orlando
Pharm-Tech Technical Institute	North Miami Beach
Phlebotomy Learning Center of Orlando, Inc.	Winter Park
PiBerry Institute	Orlando

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
Pristine Beauty Academy	Orlando
Pro-Nails & Beauty School, Inc.	Orlando
Professional Career School	Miami
Progressive College of Florida	Port St. Lucie
Psicosalud Academy	Kissimmee
Pura Vida Divers	Singer Island
Quality Nursing Training Center, Inc.	Margate
Quest Nursing Education Center	Tampa
RADEX Institute	Plantation
Ricky Rescue Training Academy	Ft. Myers
Rophem School of Nursing	St. Petersburg
Rossie Nail Tech School	Hialeah
Royal Advanced Institute	Miami
Royal Lotus Beauty Institute	Pompano Beach
SAE Institute of Technology	North Miami Beach
Sage Truck Driving Schools	Plant City
Sage Truck Driving Schools	Ft. Pierce
Saint Kolbe University	Weston
San Ignacio University	Doral
San Ignacio University Graduate School	Doral
Saylor Academy	Ft. Lauderdale
Sea Experience Diving Schools	Ft. Lauderdale
Seed-Time Academy and School for Higher Learning	Lauderhill
Setanta College	Juno Beach
Skin 360 Beauty Institute	Brandon
Smart Business Solution Beauty School	Hialeah
Smile Smart Dental Assisting School	Bradenton
Soler & Soler CDL School Corp	Miami
South Florida Barber Schools	Homestead
South Florida Dental Assisting School	Oakland Park
South Florida Dental Assisting School	Hialeah
South Florida Healthcare Institute	Boca Raton
South Florida International College	Doral
South Florida Literacy Institute	Miami
South Florida Technical Training LLC	Medley
Southeastern College	Miami Lakes
Starlen College of Nursing	Lauderhill
STRAC Institute	Ocala
STRAC Institute	Orlando
Strayer University	Maitland
Strayer University	Orlando

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
STS Training Services	Orange Park
Summa University	Doral
Suncoast Career Academy	Brandon
Sunlight Healthcare Academy	Longwood
Sunshine Training Center	North Miami Beach
Tampa Bay Esthetics Academy	Tampa
Tampa Beauty School	Tampa
Tampa Truck Driving School	Tampa
Team Eagle Barber Academy Inc.	Tallahassee
TechLaunch Academy	Plantation
TechLaunch Academy	Miami
TechLaunch Academy	West Palm Beach
The Academy	Ft. Lauderdale
The Academy of Medical Sales	Tampa
The Academy of Nail Careers	Sanford
The Barbering Academy	Doral
The Code Academy	Miami
The Commercial Driver's License School	Miami
The Dental Assisting and Team Institute	Palm Beach Gardens
The Masgutova Graduate School of Neurodevelopmental Sciences	Orlando
The Salon Professional Academy- Delray Beach	Delray Beach
The Skin Care Academy of Florida	Bonita Springs
The Vibe Recording Institute	Ft. Myers
TI Institute	Orlando
Touze Health Institute	Miramar
Trinity Global Institute	Orlando
Trinity Vocational School, Inc.	Miramar
Truth Health Academy	Sunrise
Union Institute & University	Hollywood
United International College	Miramar
Unity Gain Recording Institute	Ft. Myers
Universal Technical Institute South Florida, LLC	Miramar
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Carolina Campus	Miami Lakes
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Cupey Campus	Miami Lakes
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus	Miami Lakes
University of Mid Florida	Orlando
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	Coral Gables
Victory College of Nursing	Fort Lauderdale
Vision Nail Academy, Inc.	St. Petersburg
Vocational Academy of Makeup and Prosthetics	Orlando
Webster University, Inc. - Jacksonville - Navy Campus	Jacksonville

On-Site Visits	
Name of Institution	City
Well Groomed Gentleman Academy	Coral Gables
Westfield Business School	Miami
Wonderful Beauty Academy	Orlando
World of Beauty Academy	Orlando
World Trichology Academy	Jacksonville
Zeal Technical Institute	North Fort Myers

Institutions Reported as Closed

The following institutions were reported as closed during the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

Closed Schools	
Name of Institution	City
Altierus Career College	Tampa
Armenia Pharmacy Solutions School	Tampa
Azure College	Ft. Lauderdale
Bene's Career Academy	Spring Hill
BrainStation Education	West Palm Beach
City College - Hollywood	Hollywood
Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety at Lauderhill	Lauderhill
Dynamic Phlebotomy Training	Jacksonville
EMS Phlebotomy and Clinical Training Inc.	Tampa
Florida Palms University	Miami
Gainesville School of Medical Massage	Gainesville
KOE Barber Academy	Tampa
Marino Campus	Ft. Lauderdale
Palm Beach Health Care Academy	Boca Raton
Phlebotomy Learning Center of Orlando, Inc.	Winter Park
Pop Pop Vocational School LLC	Palm Springs
Rasmussen University	Ocala
Rophem School of Nursing	St. Petersburg
Strayer University	Maitland
Strayer University	Orlando
Strayer University	Palm Beach Gardens
Team Eagle Barber Academy Inc.	Tallahassee
The Vibe Recording Institute	Ft. Myers
Webster University, Inc. - Jacksonville - Navy Campus	Jacksonville
Well Groomed Gentleman Academy	Coral Gables

Religious Affidavits

The Commission for Independent Education is responsible for the regulation and licensure of independent postsecondary educational institutions in Florida. Every university, college or postsecondary school operating in Florida must be licensed by the Commission unless the institution is deemed not under the jurisdiction or purview of the Commission pursuant to section 1005.06, F.S.

Postsecondary institutions not under the Commission's jurisdiction and not required to obtain licensure include religious institutions, provided that they meet all of the following criteria:

1. The name of the institution includes a religious modifier or the name of a religious patriarch, saint, person, or symbol of the church.
2. The institution offers only educational programs that prepare students for religious vocations as ministers, professionals, or laypersons in the categories of ministry, counseling, theology, education, administration, music, fine arts, media communications, or social work.
3. The titles of degrees issued by the institution cannot be confused with secular degree titles. For this purpose, each degree title must include a religious modifier that immediately precedes, or is included within, any of the following degrees: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Education. The religious modifier must be placed on the title line of the degree, on the transcript, and whenever the title of the degree appears in official school documents or publications.
4. The duration of all degree programs offered by the institution is consistent with the standards of the commission.
5. The institution's consumer practices are consistent with those required by section 1005.04, F.S.

Private religious educational institutions desiring to operate without government oversight in Florida must submit Commission Form 113, Application for Religious Institution Letter of Exemption. The sworn affidavit portion of the form must be executed by an officer, director or person holding a similar office with the religious institution. Commission staff review the submitted affidavits to ensure that they are complete, comply with statutory requirements, and are notarized. Affidavits found to be in compliance with statutory requirements are submitted to the Commission at its bi-monthly Commission meeting for consideration of acceptance. Once an affidavit is accepted, the Commission issues a letter of exemption, which is valid for one year from the date reflected on the letter.

The Commission received approximately 450 religious affidavits during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Student Records Retained by the Commission

Each year, the Commission for Independent Education receives student records from schools, colleges, and universities that have ceased operations. These student records are optically scanned and placed on the DOE network’s hard drives for permanent storage. Those records are then maintained for the future servicing of student records requests. During fiscal year 2023-2024, Commission staff processed 7,070 records for former students from closed institutions. Hard copy and/or digital student records from the following institutions were received by the Commission during this fiscal year:

Student Records Received	
Name of Institution	City
Altierus Career College Tampa	Tampa
Armenia Pharmacy Solutions School Tampa	Tampa
Azure College Ft. Lauderdale	Ft. Lauderdale
Dental Careers Academy Ponte Vedra Beach	Ponte Vedra Beach
Dynamic Phlebotomy Training Jacksonville	Jacksonville
EMS Phlebotomy and Clinical Training Inc. Tampa	Tampa
Gainesville School of Medical Massage Gainesville	Gainesville
Marino Campus Ft. Lauderdale	Ft. Lauderdale
Palm Beach Health Care Academy Boca Raton	Boca Raton
Phlebotomy Learning Center of Orlando, Inc. Winter Park	Winter Park
Pop Pop Vocational School LLC Palm Springs	Palm Springs
Rophem School of Nursing St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg
Team Eagle Barber Academy Inc. Tallahassee	Tallahassee
The Vibe Recording Institute Ft. Myers	Ft. Myers

Disciplinary Actions

Citations

During Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the Commission for Independent Education issued seven citations for issuance of worthless bank checks to the Commission.

Probable Cause

On June 28, 2024, the Commission’s Probable Cause Panel approved the filing of an administrative complaint against Vocational Training Institute, located in Greenacres, Florida. The administrative complaint alleged and detailed five counts of attempt by the institution to obtain action from the Commission by means of fraudulent misrepresentation and recommended that the Commission revoke the institution’s license, assess fines in the amount of \$25,000, and assess costs for investigation and prosecution of the matter.

Legislative Summary

The table below lists the bills that passed during the 2024 regular legislative session that impacted the Commission for Independent Education and/or schools under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Bill and Chapter Law Number	Title of Bill	Bill Sponsor	Effective Date
House Bill 197 Chapter 2024-148 Laws of Florida	Health Care Practitioners and Massage Therapy	Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee, Representative V. Lopez and others	July 1, 2024
House Bill 917 Chapter 2024-125 Laws of Florida	Career and Technical Education	Choice & Innovation Subcommittee, Representative Snyder and others	July 1, 2024
House Bill 1291 Chapter 2024-141 Laws of Florida	Educator Preparation Programs	Education & Employment Committee, Representative Snyder and others	July 1, 2024

House Bill 197 Summary

Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to report specified data; authorizes DOH to suspend the license of certain health care practitioners and massage establishments in certain circumstances; revises advertising requirements for massage therapists and massage establishments; prohibits establishments from sheltering or harboring, or being used as sleeping quarters for any person; requires DOH investigators to request government identification from all employees while in a massage establishment; specifies additional documents which a person operating a massage establishment must present, upon request, to DOH investigators and law enforcement officers; requires DOH to notify a federal immigration office if specified persons fail to provide government identification.

House Bill 917 Summary

Revises the duties of the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH Office) to require coordination of an annual statewide report on the supply and demand of nursing occupations; repeals 1004.015, F.S., relating to the Florida Talent Development Council, and provides for the annual reporting of nursing data by the Commission for Independent Education through the REACH Office.

House Bill 1291 Summary

Prohibits state-approved educator preparation programs from distorting historical events or teaching curriculum that asserts systemic racism, sexism, oppression, and privilege are inherent in U.S. institutions to maintain inequities; requires teacher preparation programs to avoid teaching identity politics or content that violates s. 1000.05, F.S.; mandates that these programs provide opportunities for teacher candidates to critically think, master content, learn instructional strategies, and demonstrate competence.

More detailed information about these laws can be found on the Florida Legislature's website at <http://leg.state.fl.us>.

The Commission for Independent Education's publicly available Annual Report for fiscal year 2023-2024 is accessible on the Florida Department of Education's website at:

<http://fldoe.org/policy/cie>

Previous years' Annual Reports are available and can be obtained by contacting the Commission using the information below.

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