NOTIFICATION FROM THE ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION (IBHE)
FOR PRIVATE BUSINESS AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS REGARDING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
IMPACTING INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS

IBHE has prepared the following information and resources in response to matters pertaining to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

For private business and vocational schools (PBVS) approved by the IBHE, all PBVS entities must obtain authorization prior to changing the mode of delivery for approved programs/courses as outlined in the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 ("PBVS Act") (105 ILCS 426 et seq.) and Illinois Administrative Rules (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1095). However, in the interest of public health and safety, the IBHE is temporarily (not to exceed May 31, 2020) allowing institutions to offer alternative instruction methods if an institution deems online instruction or temporary closure of the institution necessary. IBHE is requiring notification of any changes to the normal academic operations of PBVS entities including changes to modality, program/course cancellations, and temporary closure. To facilitate the notification process, please complete this online form.

Furthermore, institutions must make reasonable and necessary accommodations for students not able to access online resources or coursework and communicate all institutional response plans in a timely manner to their campus community.

For information and resources regarding the Coronavirus, refer to the following:

- U.S Department of Education: https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus
- Illinois Department of Public Health: http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus
- FAQ’s from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- COVID-19 Question and Answer from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- COVID-19: Guidance for SEVP Stakeholders

Should documentation be required by your accrediting body or the U.S. Department of Education, please use this IBHE notification.

If you have questions, email PBVS Apps@ibhe.org.

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