

**Report on Closed Institutions and Teach-out Locations in Illinois**

**Submitted for:** Information

**Summary:** This agenda item presents a report of institutions that have closed or commenced teach-out from 2016 to 2018.

**Action Requested:** None.



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The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) administers the Private College Act and the Academic Degree Act, two Illinois statutes regulating the operation and degree-granting activity of private colleges and universities in the state of Illinois. IBHE Academic Affairs staff maintain accurate records of institutional authorities and review institutions to ensure compliance with relevant administrative code. Institutions must show evidence of financial health, accreditation/regulatory compliance, and integrity of program implementation. There are a variety of reasons why an institution may close including compliance issues, accreditation/regulatory actions, financial problems, and corporate/institutional restructuring. Through each scenario, IBHE Academic Affairs staff work with institutions to coordinate teach-out plans and manage the disposition of records, all in a manner to protect Illinois students and ensure compliance with administrative code. IBHE Academic Affairs staff maintain an institutional closure website to provide information to current and former students, as well as other interested parties, regarding student transcripts, federal aid resources, transfer/portability issues, and complaint procedures.

**Institutional Closures, Branch Campus Closures, or Institutional Teach Outs (2016 to 2018)**

- Argosy University (Schaumburg Campus)

- *Anticipated Closure Date: December 28, 2018*

After a change of ownership from Education Management Corporation to the Dream Center Education Holdings, LLC and change from proprietary to non-profit status in January 2018, this institution is currently under process to teach out students in the North Suburban region and subsequently close by December 31, 2018.

Note: After Argosy University located in Schaumburg, Illinois, completes its teach out of students, the central services office, located in Phoenix, Arizona, will remain open along with campus locations in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, and Virginia. Argosy University's campus in Chicago, Illinois, remains open and will process student transcript requests who attended Argosy University Schaumburg.

- Benedictine University (Springfield Campus)

- *Closure Date: May 31, 2018*

This not-for-profit institution has closed its Springfield, Illinois, campus in the Central region. Benedictine University will continue to maintain instructional locations throughout the Central region. Of the programs delivered on the Springfield campus, students are able to continue with their program of study at alternative locations in Springfield (Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation, 228 West Miller Street, Springfield, Illinois and Lincoln Land Community College, 1 Lincoln Land Drive, Litchfield, Illinois).

Note: Benedictine University's Lisle main campus remains open and processes student transcript requests.

- Cardinal Stritch University
  - *Date of relinquishment: August 10, 2017*

This not-for-profit institution, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the Chicago region.

Note: Cardinal Stritch University's main campus in Wisconsin remains open and processes student transcript requests.
  
- Chicago ORT Technical Institute
  - *Closure Date: August 15, 2017*

This not-for-profit institution located in Skokie, Illinois, ceased operations abruptly as a Private Business and Vocational School and degree-granting institution in 2017 in the North Suburban region. IBHE retains stewardship of the student transcript records.
  
- DeVry University (Elgin Campus)
  - *Closure Date: October 31, 2018*

This for-profit institution underwent a process to teach out its students and subsequently closed its Elgin campus in the Fox Valley region.

Note: DeVry University's additional eight campus locations in four regions and one administrative office in Illinois will remain open. The student transcripts will continue to be processed by the central administrative office in Naperville, Illinois.
  
- Ellis University (also known as Cardean University and NY IT/Ellis College)
  - *Closure Date: December 1, 2016*

This proprietary institution submitted new operating and degree-granting authority applications due to a planned change of ownership. Substantial issues of non-compliance arose during the application review, and the institution elected to cease operations in the West Suburban region. An agreed upon third-party vendor, Parchment, processes student transcript requests and employment verification.
  
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Rockford Campus)
  - *Closure Date: February 1, 2018*

This not-for-profit institution underwent a process to teach out students, including options for students to transfer to the main campus in Florida, and subsequently closed its Rockford, Illinois, campus location in the Fox Valley region.

Note: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's main campus in Daytona Beach, Florida, remains open and processes student transcript requests.
  
- Harrington College of Design
  - *Closure Date: August 11, 2018*

This proprietary institution underwent a process to teach out students and subsequently closed as planned by its owner, Career Education Corporation, in the Chicago region. An agreed upon third-party vendor, Parchment, processes student transcript requests.

- ITT Technical Institute (Campus Locations: Arlington Heights, Oak Brook, Orland Park, and Springfield)
  - *Closure Date: September 14, 2016*

This proprietary educational corporation, ITT Educational Services, Inc., closed all 136 U.S. campus locations, including four in Illinois (Central, North Suburban, South Metro, and West Suburban regions). Due to the sudden national closure and related bankruptcy, IBHE staff have been actively engaged in issues related to student records, responding to student complaints, and working to resolve issues related to eligibility for licensure. An agreed upon third-party vendor, Parchment, processes transcript requests for students who attended ITT Technical Institutes from 1994 to 2016.
- Jewish University of America
  - *Closure Date: December 2, 2016*

This grandfathered, not-for-profit institution in Skokie, Illinois, voluntarily relinquished operating authority in the North Suburban region. Student transcripts requests will be maintained and processed at 6243 North Lawndale, Chicago, Illinois.
- Kendall College
  - *Closure Date: August 6, 2018*

This for-profit institution owned by Laureate Education since 2008 voluntarily relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the Chicago and North Suburban regions from IBHE. National Louis University acquired certain assets owned by Kendall College, LCC on August 6, 2018, and Kendall College closed. National Louis University processes student transcript requests for Kendall College.
- Knowledge Systems Institute
  - *Closure Date: May 15, 2017*

This not-for-profit institution voluntarily withdrew its accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission and became non-compliant with IBHE requirements. Operating and degree authorities in the North Suburban region were withdrawn from the institution due to these compliance issues. Student transcripts remain with the non-for-profit organization's office in Skokie, Illinois.
- Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Chicago
  - *Closure Date: September 29, 2017*

This proprietary institution underwent a process to teach out students and subsequently closed after a decision by its owner, Career Education Corporation, in the Chicago region. An agreed upon third-party vendor, Parchment, processes student transcript requests.
- Les Roches International School of Hotel Management Chicago
  - *Closure Date: May 25, 2018*

This proprietary institution, based in Bluche, Switzerland, transitioned students to one of its other international campus locations and subsequently closed its campus in the Chicago region.

Note: Les Roches International School of Hotel Management's main campus in Bluche, Switzerland remains open, along with two other international locations in Marbella, Spain and Shanghai, China. Les Roches International Global Hospitality Education processes the student transcript requests.

- Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary
  - *Date of relinquishment: September 28, 2016*

This not-for-profit institution, located in Cordova, Tennessee, relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the Central region.

Note: Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary main campus in Tennessee remains open and processes the student transcript requests.
- Morthland College
  - *Closure Date: July 31, 2018*

On September 11, 2017, IBHE launched an official investigation for Morthland College. Prior to the closure of the investigation, this not-for-profit institution voluntarily withdrew its accreditation from Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) and relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the Southern region from IBHE. IBHE retains stewardship of the student transcript records.
- Northwestern College-Chicago
  - *Closure Date: April 23, 2018*

This proprietary institution underwent a process to teach out students and subsequently closed in the Chicago region, as planned by its owner.

Note: Northwestern College's main campus in Bridgeview, Illinois, remains open and processes student transcript requests.
- Northwood University
  - *Date of relinquishment: November 29, 2016*

This not-for-profit institution, located in Midland, Michigan, relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the West Suburban region.

Note: Northwood University's main campus in Michigan remains open and processes student transcript requests.
- Quiroga College
  - *Date of relinquishment: September 13, 2017*

This not-for-profit institution relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the Chicago region to allow for additional planning for accreditation.

Note: In 2017, Quiroga College resubmitted applications and was approved by the Board for operating authority on June 5, 2018 and degree-granting approval on August 2, 2018.
- Sanford Brown (Chicago campus, also known as International Academy of Design and Technology –IADT)
  - *Closure Date: June 30, 2017*

This proprietary institution underwent a process to teach out students and subsequently closed in the Chicago region, as planned by its owner, Career Education Corporation. An agreed upon third-party vendor, Parchment, processes student transcript requests.

- Shimer College
  - *Closure Date: June 1, 2017*

This not-for-profit institution, most recently of Chicago and previously located in Waukegan and Mount Carroll, Illinois, ceased operation as an independent institution of higher education in the Chicago and North Suburban regions. Upon acquisition by North Central College, Shimer College, previously called Mount Carroll Seminary, is now operating as the Shimer Great Books School at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. North Central College processes Shimer College's student transcript requests.
  
- Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
  - *Date of relinquishment: April 6, 2017*

This not-for-profit institution, located in Louisville, Kentucky, relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the Chicago and West Suburban regions.

Note: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's main campus in Louisville, Kentucky, remains open and processes the student transcript requests.
  
- Strayer University
  - *Date of relinquishment: November 30, 2018*

This for-profit institution, located in Herndon, Virginia, plans to relinquish its operating and degree-granting authority in the North Suburban region.

Note: Strayer University continues to offer administrative and support services for Verizon Wireless employees at a Verizon Wireless location in the Fox Valley region. Additionally, Strayer University's main campus located in Washington, D.C., remains open and processes student transcript requests. The University's corporate location is located in Herndon, Virginia.
  
- The Illinois Institute of Art – Chicago
  - *Anticipated Closure Date: December 31, 2018*

After a change of ownership from Education Management Corporation to the Dream Center Education Holdings, LLC; change in accreditation from Accredited to Candidacy status from the Higher Learning Commission; and change from proprietary to non-profit status in January 2018, this institution is currently under process to teach out students in the Chicago region and subsequently close by December 31, 2018.

Note: After the Illinois Institute of Art campuses located in Illinois and Michigan complete teach out of students, the central service office, located in Phoenix, Arizona, will remain open along with campus locations in California, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. Upon closure, the student transcript records will be housed and processed at The Art Institute of Atlanta.
  
- The Illinois Institute of Art – Schaumburg
  - *Anticipated Closure Date: December 28, 2018*

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Note: After the Illinois Institute of Art campuses located in Illinois and Michigan complete teach out of students, the central service office, located in Phoenix, Arizona, will remain open along with campus locations in California, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

- The Illinois Institute of Art – Tinley Park

- *Closure Date: September 30, 2017*

This proprietary institution underwent a process to teach out students in the South Metro region and subsequently closed as planned by its owner, Education Management Corporation. Until closure, The Illinois Institute of Art – Chicago will continue to process student transcript requests; after closure of this Chicago location in December 2018, the Art Institute of Atlanta will be the repository.

- Valparaiso University

- *Date of relinquishment: July 1, 2017*

This not-for-profit institution, located in Valparaiso, Indiana, relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority for its Hyde Park campus in the Chicago region.

Note: Valparaiso University's main campus in Valparaiso, Indiana, remains open and processes student transcript requests.

- Vatterott College (Quincy Campus)

- *Closure Date: October 30, 2018*

This proprietary institution underwent a process to teach out students in the Western region and subsequently closed as planned by its owner.

*Note:* Vatterott College – Fairview Heights campus in the Southwestern region will remain open. Vatterott College – Sunset Hills will process student transcript requests.

- Webster University

- *Date of relinquishment: June 26, 2017*

This not-for-profit institution located in Saint Louis, Missouri, relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the Fox Valley region.

Note: Webster University continues to operate in the North Suburban and Southwestern regions. Webster University's main campus in Saint Louis remains open and processes student transcript requests.

- Westwood College (Chicago Loop, DuPage, O'Hare Airport, and River Oaks Campuses)

- *Closure Date: March 8, 2016*

Due to declining enrollments, this proprietary institution underwent a process to teach out students in the Chicago, South Metro, and West Suburban regions and subsequently closed as planned by its owner, Alta Colleges. An agreed upon third-party vendor, Parchment, processes student transcript requests.

- University of Phoenix (Schaumburg)
  - *Closure Date: March 29, 2018*

The Board of Higher Education approved the University of Phoenix's (proprietary institution) authority to operate and grant degrees in the Chicago and North Suburban regions on June 13, 2017 after the institution's parent company, Apollo Education Group, underwent a change of ownership. Prior to this change, the University of Phoenix's Schaumburg campus was in teach out and subsequently closed in the North Suburban region. The University of Phoenix will continue to process student transcript requests.

Note: The University of Phoenix's Chicago campus is currently under process to teach out students and subsequently plans to close in the Chicago region with an anticipated closure date of August 2020. After University of Phoenix completes its teach out of students at its Chicago location, the main campus, located in Phoenix, Arizona, will remain open along with locations in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Virginia, and Texas. The University of Phoenix will continue to process student transcript requests.

**Institutions that voluntarily relinquished operating authority and degree-granting authority, but maintain approval as a Private Business and Vocational School (2016-2018)**

- BIR Training Center in the Chicago Region
  - *Date of relinquishment: December 13, 2017*
- Gem City College in the Western Region
  - *Date of relinquishment: August 12, 2017*
- J' Reneé Career Facilitation in the Fox Valley Region
  - *Date of relinquishment: August 23, 2017*
- New Leaders in the Chicago Region
  - *Date of relinquishment: July 25, 2018*
- SOLEX College in the Chicago and North Suburban Regions
  - *Date of relinquishment: August 18, 2017*

**Institutions from which the Illinois Board of Higher Education revoked operating authority and degree-granting authority, but maintain approval as a Private Business and Vocational School (2016-2018)**

- Northwest Suburban College of Basic and Allied Health Sciences in the North Suburban Region
  - *Date of revocation: August 2, 2018*

