

**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 2019.

**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 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 2019)**

- Argosy University (Chicago Campus)
  - *Closure Date: March 8, 2019*

As of January 18, 2019, Argosy University – Chicago entered into Federal Receivership based on the inability of its current owner, Dream Center Education Holdings, LLC, to meet its outstanding financial obligations. Immediately following, the U.S. Department of Education (ED or the Department) placed Argosy University on Heightened Cash Monitoring Level 2 (HCM2) and then issued a letter which ended Argosy’s participation in federal student aid programs. Additionally, WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), the institution’s regional accreditor, placed Argosy on Show Cause for noncompliance with Standard 3 of the *2013 Handbook of Accreditation Revised*. Based on all of these actions, the Illinois Board of Higher Education also launched an investigation on January 24, 2019, conducted two site visits; issued a memo on February 26, 2019, to all students; and on March 5, 2019, voted to appoint a hearing officer. After three months of instability, Argosy University Chicago closed abruptly on March 8, 2019 in the Chicago region. The closure occurred at the mid-point of the semester.

All Argosy campuses closed across the United States: California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, and Virginia, including the central services office located in Phoenix, Arizona. An agreed upon third-party vendor, Parchment, processes student transcript requests. However, IBHE has discovered that transcripts for some graduates from 1990-2001 were destroyed.

- Argosy University (Schaumburg Campus)
  - *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 underwent a process to teach out students in the North Suburban region and subsequently closed by December 28, 2018.
- Benedictine University (Springfield Campus)
  - *Closure Date: May 31, 2018*

This not-for-profit institution 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 were 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). Benedictine University's Lisle main campus remains open and processes student transcript requests.
- BIR Training Center
  - *Date of relinquishment: December 13, 2017*

This for-profit institution relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the Chicago region.
- 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. Cardinal Stritch University's main campus in Wisconsin remains open and processes student transcript requests.
- Center for Psychoanalytic Study
  - *Date of relinquishment: November 19, 2019*

The Center for Psychoanalytic Study (the Center) was established in 1985 and received authorization by the IBHE to operate in the Chicago region on November 6, 1985. The College was approved to offer the Certificate in Psychoanalysis and Doctor of Psychoanalysis. The Center failed to maintain the conditions under which the institution and/or its certificates and/or its degrees were authorized. More specifically, the Center was not in compliance with submitting data requests from 2016 to 2018, required for Annual Reporting, which provided confirmation that the institution had not operated for one continuous 12-month period as required by Sections 1030.70 and 1030.80. On November 5, 2019, Center personnel responded for the first time since 2015 to the annual IBHE request for fall enrollment data and, in an email message, reported that there were no students enrolled. Also, the Center did not submitted its current academic catalog from 2014 to 2019, an Annual Reporting requirement for maintenance of their Certificate of Approval.

Additionally, IBHE staff conducted two visits on May 26, 2017, and August 5, 2019, during normal business hours. The IBHE staff could not locate any signage, administrators, or students at the location of 307 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1812, Chicago, Illinois. IBHE staff further inquired with building security personnel if the Center was a current tenant and were advised that it was not. The institution had not filed a change of location with the IBHE. These efforts confirmed that the institution no longer operated

- at 307 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1812, Chicago, Illinois, and the institution was abandoned. Additionally, the Center for Psychanalytic Study does not have a website, and according to the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State, the Center for Psychoanalytic Study dissolved in 2008. This not-for-profit institution, located in Chicago, relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the Chicago region. IBHE staff have requested copies of student transcripts and will retain stewardship of the same.
- 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. 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 vender, 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. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's main campus in Daytona Beach, Florida, remains open and processes student transcript requests.
  - Franklin University
    - *Closure Date: April 23, 2019*

This not-for-profit institution, located in Columbus, Ohio, relinquished its operating authority in all regions, except the Southwestern region in order to continue its partnership with Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. Additionally, the institution also relinquished its degree-granting authority in all regions. Franklin University's main campus in Columbus, Ohio, 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 vender, Parchment, processes student transcript requests.

- Illinois Baptist College
  - *Anticipated Closure Date: May 2020*

This not-for-profit institution, located in Washington, Illinois, is currently undergoing a process to teach out students and subsequently close at the end of the spring 2020 term. Historically, the institution changed its name in July 11, 1999, from Illinois Missionary Baptist Institute to Illinois Baptist College. The church affiliated with the college, Beverly Manor Missionary Baptist Church, will process 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). 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 transcript requests will be maintained and processed at 6243 North Lawndale, Chicago, Illinois.
- John Marshall Law School
  - *Closure Date: August 16, 2019*

This grandfathered, not-for-profit institution in Chicago, Illinois, voluntarily relinquished operating and degree-granting authority in the Chicago region. Upon acquisition by the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), John Marshall Law School is now operating as the UIC John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois. The University of Illinois at Chicago processes John Marshall School of Law student and alumni transcript requests that can be made through the college-level registrar at the law school.
- Kaplan University
  - *Closure Date: March 19, 2018*

This for-profit institution owned by Kaplan, Inc., voluntarily relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the Chicago and North Suburban regions from IBHE. Upon acquisition by Purdue University, Kaplan University now operates as Purdue University Global, Inc. in the Chicago region. The transaction, which was approved by the Higher Learning Commission and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, recognizes Purdue Global as an Indiana public, nonprofit institution with its liabilities backed by Purdue University and subject to state law. Purdue Global will continue operations at the administrative office in Chicago under this new ownership structure. The University has no plans to offer coursework or degree programs at the Illinois location. Purdue University processes student transcript requests for Kaplan University.
- 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. National Louis University acquired certain assets owned by Kendall

College, LCC on August 6, 2018, and Kendall College closed. It remains as a named academic unit under the auspices of National Louis University. 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-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. 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. Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary's main campus in Tennessee remains open and processes the student transcript requests.
- Midstate College
  - *Date of relinquishment: August 16, 2019*

This family-owned, for-profit institution, located in Peoria, Illinois, announced closure on July 22, 2019, following completion of the summer 2019 term. Transfer options and teach-out agreements were provided to the current students, and Midstate College relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the Central region. An agreed upon third-party vender, Parchment, processes 2001-2019 student transcript requests. IBHE retains stewardship of student transcript records for the period preceding 2001 and processes pre-2001 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. 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. 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. 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.
  
- REALTOR University
  - *Anticipated closure date: January 2021*

This not-for-profit institution, located in Chicago, Illinois is undergoing a process to teach out students and subsequently close in the Chicago region. The National Association of REALTORS will serve as the agreed upon repository and process student transcript requests.
  
- Robert Morris University
  - *Date of relinquishment: July 6, 2019*

This not-for-profit institution operates in seven locations throughout the State of Illinois. Robert Morris has voluntarily relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority for its Springfield location in the Central region. Of the programs delivered, students were able to continue with their program of study through other Robert Morris University campus locations or via online education. Robert Morris' Chicago campus remains open and processes student transcript requests.

Note: On October 2, 2019, Roosevelt University announced its plans to acquire Robert Morris University in spring 2020.
  
- 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.
  
- SOLEX College
  - *Date of relinquishment: August 18, 2017*

This for-profit institution relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the Chicago and North Suburban regions. IBHE retains stewardship of the student transcript records.



- 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. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's main campus in Louisville, Kentucky, remains open and processes the student transcript requests.
- Strayer University
  - *Date of relinquishment: December 4, 2018*
  - *Date of relinquishment: August 26, 2019*

This for-profit institution, with a main campus in Washington, D.C., relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the North Suburban region on December 4, 2018, and relinquished its operating and degree-granting authority in the Fox Valley region on August 26, 2019. Strayer University no longer operates in the State of Illinois, but Strayer University's main campus located in Washington, D.C., remains open. Strayer's Registrar's Office in Virginia processes student transcript requests. The parent company of the University is located in Herndon, Virginia.
- The Illinois Institute of Art – Chicago
  - *Closure Date: December 28, 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 with the Higher Learning Commission; and change from proprietary to non-profit status in January 2018, this institution underwent a process to teach out students and subsequently close by December 28, 2018. The Arts Institutes International, LLC, is providing transcript services for the closed Art Institute campuses.
- The Illinois Institute of Art – Schaumburg
  - *Closure Date: December 28, 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 underwent a process to teach out students and subsequently close by December 28, 2018. The Arts Institutes International, LLC, is providing transcript services for the closed Art Institute campuses.
- 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. The Arts Institutes International, LLC, is providing transcript services for the closed Art Institute campuses.
- 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. Valparaiso University's main campus in Valparaiso, Indiana, remains open and processes student transcript requests.

- Vatterott College (Fairview Heights)
  - *Closure Date: December 17, 2018*

This proprietary institution, under state receivership in Missouri, closed abruptly on December 17, 2018 in the Southwestern region. Vatterott College located in Fairview Heights, Illinois, announced its immediate closure as part of a national closure of Vatterott Educational Centers, Inc. The closure occurred several weeks prior to the completion of the fall term. An agreed upon third-party vendor, Parchment, 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. At the time of closure, the Vatterott College Fairview Heights campus in the Southwestern region remained open and the main campus in Sunset Hills processed student transcript requests. Due to the abrupt closure of Vatterott College, an agreed upon third-party vendor, Parchment, now processes 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. 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 granted to the University of Phoenix, a 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 continues to maintain a physical presence in the Chicago region. 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 (2016-2019)**

- 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*

**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 (2016-2019)**

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