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**NEW OPERATING AND/OR DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORITY
FOR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS**

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: New independent institutions, institutions planning to operate at a new location, including a location outside the higher education region of original operating authority, and out-of-state institutions planning to operate in Illinois for the first time are required to obtain authorization to operate. These institutions also are required to obtain authorization for each new degree program.

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the recommendations to grant degree-granting authority and/or operating authority to the following institutions:

Not-For-Profit

Resurrection University

- Operating Authority in the West Suburban Region
- Bachelor of Science in Imaging Technology in the West Suburban Region
- Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner in the West Suburban Region
- Master of Science in Nursing, Gerontology, in the West Suburban Region
- Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Educator, in the West Suburban Region
- Doctor of Nursing Practice in the West Suburban Region



STATE OF ILLINOIS
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) has responsibility for administration of The Private College Act (110 ILCS 1005) and The Academic Degree Act (110 ILCS 1010). Under these statutes, new independent institutions, institutions planning to operate at a new location, including a location outside the higher education region of original operating authority, and out-of-state institutions planning to operate in Illinois for the first time are required to obtain authorization to operate. These institutions also are required to obtain authorization for each new degree program.

Applications for new operating and degree-granting authority submitted by independent Illinois institutions and out-of-state institutions are reviewed by the staff. Recommendations are developed by applying criteria for operating and/or degree-granting authority, which are defined in the rules adopted for administration of the statutes and Board policies on assessment of student learning and specialized accreditation requirements for student licensure. These criteria encompass educational objectives, institution and degree titles, curricula, facilities, faculty and administrator qualifications, student policies, publications, records, compliance with pertinent laws, and fiscal stability. Staff recommendations are based on analyses of application materials, responses to questions, and site visits. Out-of-region sites are defined as sites located within an IBHE approval region other than the region within which an institution's original operating authority was granted. There are ten IBHE approval regions; each is coterminous with one or more community college districts. Approval to operate within a new approval region entitles an institution to operate throughout the region, and not solely at the site at which the institution initially applied.

Not-For-Profit Executive Summary

Resurrection University

- Operating Authority in the West Suburban Region

Resurrection University (Resurrection or the University) requests authorization to operate in the West Suburban Region. Resurrection is an upper-division, private institution accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and focused on health care education. Founded in 1914 as West Suburban School of Nursing and later renamed West Suburban College of Nursing, the Catholic institution became Resurrection University in 2010 in coordination with a change of control. The University moved its main campus to Chicago in 2013, and in 2020 ceased its religious affiliation with the Catholic Church. With this application, the University seeks to expand its operations with a new campus in Oak Brook, Illinois. The University submitted the required application to the HLC to add this additional location in October 2020 and anticipates approval in April 2021, pending approval from IBHE. At its Chicago campus, Resurrection offers several bachelor and master's level nursing and health-related degrees and one doctoral degree. Concurrently with this application, Resurrection has submitted applications for five degree programs. There are policies in place to ensure faculty members possess the training, credentials, and qualifications to provide instruction in

the proposed programs. The University has sufficient library, technology, staff, and financial resources in place to support the proposed programs.

- Bachelor of Science in Imaging Technology in the West Suburban Region

Resurrection University requests authorization to grant the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Imaging Technology in the West Suburban Region. The BS in Imaging Technology, already approved in the Chicago Region, includes pre-licensure and post-licensure certification tracks. The post-certification program is offered entirely online while the pre-certification program is delivered in a blended format. The BS in Imaging Technology is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology and prepares pre-certification students to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists exam. There are policies in place to ensure faculty members possess the training, credentials, and qualifications to provide instruction in the proposed program. The University has sufficient library, technology, staff, and financial resources in place to support the proposed program.

- Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner in the West Suburban Region

Resurrection University requests authorization to grant the Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP) in the West Suburban Region. The MSN in Family Nurse Practitioner with two degree tracks is already approved in the Chicago Region. Students in this program are prepared as advanced generalists who will care for patients throughout the full spectrum of healthcare delivery settings. The MSN in Family Nurse Practitioner pre-licensure certification track is designed for students that hold a BSN and seek to be trained as a primary care provider. The post-licensure certification track (RN to MSN) is designed for licensed nurses with an associate degree in nursing or nursing diploma who are eligible to pursue advanced study leading to an MSN degree. Both tracks are offered entirely online and are already accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, to which Resurrection will submit a substantive change application in March 2021 to add the new location to its scope of approval. Graduates of both tracks are eligible to sit for certification with the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and American Nurses Credentialing Center and must hold an RN license for certification. There are policies in place to ensure faculty members possess the training, credentials, and qualifications to provide instruction in the proposed program. The University has sufficient library, technology, staff, and financial resources in place to support the proposed program.

- Master of Science in Nursing, Gerontology in the West Suburban Region

Resurrection University requests authorization to grant the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Gerontology in the West Suburban Region. The MSN, Gerontology, already approved in the Chicago Region, prepares students who hold a BSN as adult-gerontology specialists in this area of growing occupational need. This program will be offered online. The MSN, Gerontology is already accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and Resurrection will submit a substantive change application to CCNE in March 2021 to add the new location to its scope of approval. Graduates are eligible to sit for certification with the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and American Nurses Credentialing Center and must hold an RN license for certification. There are policies in place to ensure faculty members possess the training, credentials, and qualifications to provide instruction in the proposed program. The University has sufficient library, technology, staff, and financial resources in place to support the proposed program.

- Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Educator in the West Suburban Region

Resurrection University requests authorization to grant the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Nurse Educator in the West Suburban Region. The MSN, Nurse Educator, already approved in the Chicago Region, prepares students who hold a BSN to specialize in the education of patients, community members, staff nurses, and nursing students in academic settings. This program will be offered online. The MSN, Nurse Educator is already accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and RU will submit a substantive change application to CCNE in March 2021 to add the new location to its scope of approval. There are policies in place to ensure faculty members possess the training, credentials, and qualifications to provide instruction in the proposed program. The University has sufficient library, technology, staff, and financial resources in place to support the proposed program.

- Doctor of Nursing Practice in the West Suburban Region

Resurrection University requests authorization to grant the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in the West Suburban Region. The DNP, already approved in the Chicago Region, provides students who hold an MSN with the opportunity to earn a terminal degree. As such, it prepares them to influence healthcare outcomes including management and administration of nursing and health care and the development and implementation of health policy. This online program requires the completion of 32 semester credit hours including a three-credit practicum and a 3.5 credit research project. The DNP program is already accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and Resurrection will submit a substantive change application to CCNE in March 2021 to add the new location to its scope of approval. There are policies in place to ensure faculty members possess the training, credentials, and qualifications to provide instruction in the proposed program. The University has sufficient library, technology, staff, and financial resources in place to support the proposed program.

Approval request summary, including staff conclusion, follows in Attachment A.

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolutions:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby grants authorization to Resurrection University to operate in the West Suburban Region and to grant the Bachelor of Science in Imaging Technology; Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner; Master of Science in Nursing, Gerontology; Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Educator; and Doctor of Nursing Practice in the West Suburban Region subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.

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Seeking Operating Authority: West Suburban Region

Proposed Program Title in the Region of Authorization: Bachelor of Science in Imaging Technology in the West Suburban Region

Projected Enrollments and Degrees

First Year Enrollment	Fifth Year Enrollment	Degrees Awarded Fifth Year
75	93	50

Proposed Program Title in the Region of Authorization: Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner in the West Suburban Region

Projected Enrollments and Degrees

First Year Enrollment	Fifth Year Enrollment	Degrees Awarded Fifth Year
40	48	30

Proposed Program Title in the Region of Authorization: Master of Science in Nursing, Gerontology in the West Suburban Region

Projected Enrollments and Degrees

First Year Enrollment	Fifth Year Enrollment	Degrees Awarded Fifth Year
5	5	5

Proposed Program Title in the Region of Authorization: Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Educator in the West Suburban Region

Projected Enrollments and Degrees

First Year Enrollment	Fifth Year Enrollment	Degrees Awarded Fifth Year
5	5	5

Proposed Program Title in the Region of Authorization: Doctor of Nursing Practice in the West Suburban Region

Projected Enrollments and Degrees

First Year Enrollment	Fifth Year Enrollment	Degrees Awarded Fifth Year
12	16	8



Institutional Accreditation: Resurrection University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The University submitted an application for the additional location to HLC in October 2020 and initial approval is anticipated by April 2021, pending approval by IBHE.

Background and History

Resurrection University

Resurrection University (Resurrection or the University) is an upper-division, private institution accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and focused on providing health care education to non-traditional commuter students who transfer general education courses from associate or bachelor's degree programs. Founded in 1914 as West Suburban School of Nursing and later renamed West Suburban College of Nursing, the Catholic institution became Resurrection University in 2010 in coordination with a change of control. The University moved its main campus to Chicago in 2013, and in 2020 ceased its religious affiliation with the Catholic Church. With this application, the University seeks to expand its operations with a new campus in Oak Brook, IL. The University submitted the required application to HLC to add this additional location in October 2020 and anticipates approval in April 2021, pending approval from IBHE. At its Chicago campus, Resurrection offers several bachelor and master's level nursing and health-related degrees and one doctoral degree, including all of the requested programs. With these applications, Resurrection requests authorization to operate and grant the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Imaging Technology, Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Family Practitioner, Master of Science in Nursing, Gerontology, Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Educator, and Doctor of Nursing Practice in the West Suburban Region. The University is also in the process of submitting applications for two additional new degrees.

Institutional Data

1030.30(a)(3)(F): Success in student progression and graduation across all existing approved programs, and success rates in programs preparing students for certification and licensure, shall be consistent with expectations in higher education and the appropriate related field of study. At a minimum, the Board shall consider the following factors, based on results for similar institutions: (i) Graduation rates, certificate and degree completion rates, retention rates, and pass rates for licensure and certification aligned with thresholds set by State or national regulatory bodies; and (ii) Success rate, which shall be, at a minimum, higher than that of the lowest quartile of these measures for similar Illinois institutions defined as open versus competitive enrollment institutions and primarily associate versus primarily baccalaureate granting institutions. Exceptions may be made to the lowest quartile if an institution is above the national average for these measures using the same comparison categories of institutions.

1030.30(a)(3)(G): Additional student success measures shall be considered in the review of applications for authorization. The Board shall establish minimum rates of success based on results for similar institutions or thresholds set by State or federal regulatory bodies. i) At a minimum these data shall include student loan default rates, student indebtedness rates, job placement rates, student learning measures and other success indicators. ii) Institutions that participate in Federal Student Loan programs shall have 3-year Official Cohort Default rates no higher than 25 percent. Institutions with Federal Financial Responsibility Composite Scores shall have a score that is no lower than 1.0. Institutions that fail to meet these thresholds may be restricted from implementing new certificate or degree programs.

iii) The success rate shall be, at a minimum, higher than that of the lowest quartile of these measures for similar Illinois institutions defined as open versus competitive enrollment institutions and primarily associate versus primarily baccalaureate granting institutions. Exceptions may be made to the lowest quartile if an institution is above the national average for these measures using the same comparison categories of institutions.

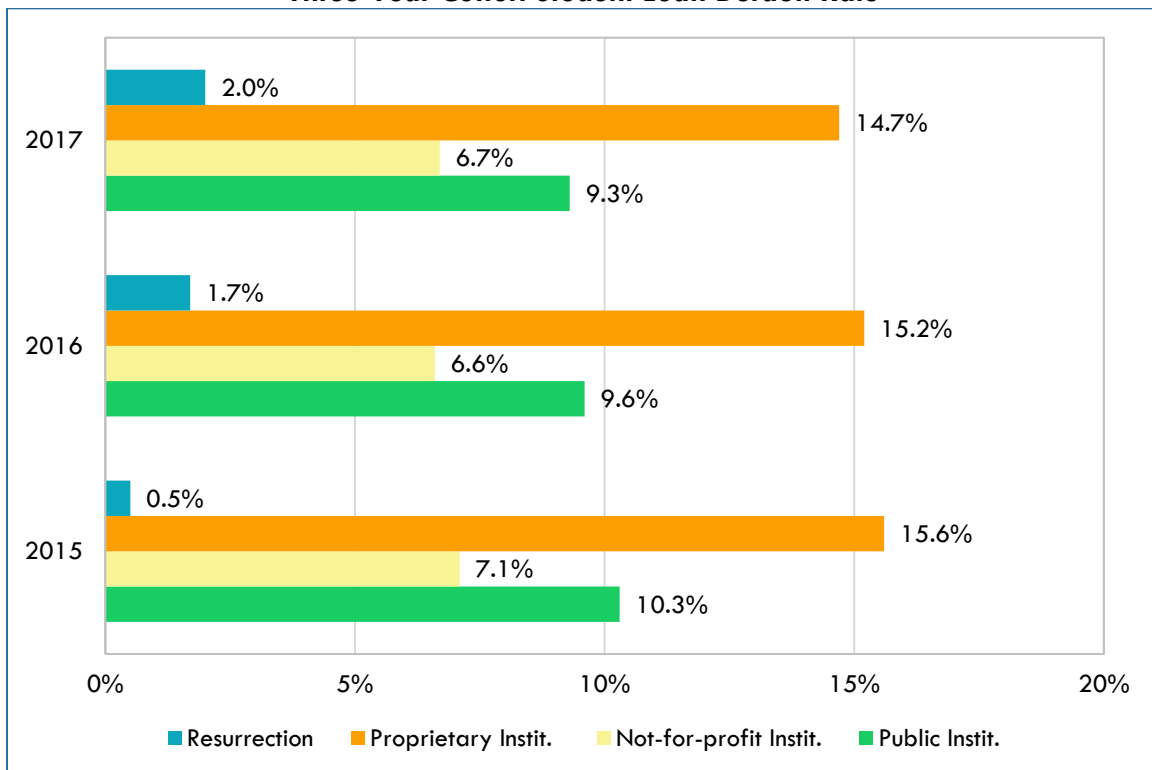
Graduation and retention rates are not provided because the University is an upper-division institution, and these indicators are based on freshmen cohorts.

Undergraduate Completions per 100 FTE

Academic Year 2017-18	Resurrection University	Comparable Illinois Institutions
	47	31.8

The full-time equivalent (FTE) data is a unit of measurement intended to represent one student enrolled full-time for one academic year. The calculation is based upon credit/contact hours offered at an institution divided by a standard minimum (12 credit hour) full-time course load. The completions per 100 FTE data are included to provide a holistic view of completions across different student populations.

Three-Year Cohort Student Loan Default Rate



Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), U.S. Department of Education

Note: The national cohort default rate for fiscal year 2017 is 9.7%.

A lower number is a positive indicator.

Student Loan Default Rate

The three-year cohort student loan default rate is the percentage of a school's borrowers who enter repayment on certain Federal Family Education Loan Program or William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program loans during a particular federal fiscal year, October 1 to September 30, and default or meet other specified conditions prior to the end of the second following fiscal year.

Mission and Objectives

1030.60(a)(2): The objectives of the certificate or degree program must be consistent with what the degree program title implies.

1030.60(a)(3): The requested certificate or degree program shall be congruent with the purpose, goals, objectives and mission of the institution.

The proposed programs are consistent with the purpose, goals, objectives, and mission of the institution. The requested degree titles are in alignment with the corresponding degree program objectives and curriculum.

Curriculum / Assessment

1030.30(a)(3): The caliber and content of each course or program of instruction, training or study shall be reasonable and adequate for achieving the stated objectives for which the course or program is offered. An undergraduate curriculum shall include general education in alignment with the degree level and objectives.

1030.60(a)(4): The caliber and content of the curriculum shall assure that the stated certificate or degree objectives for which the program is offered will be achieved.

Admission

All programs require that applicants be in good standing at previous colleges and universities attended. In addition, the proposed bachelor-level programs and the RN to MSN track for the MSN in Family Nurse Practitioner require successful completion of all general education requirements and relevant program prerequisite coursework from an accredited institution. Furthermore, the master's-level pre-licensure programs require the successful completion of a BSN from an accredited institution. Additional program-level requirements are listed below.

Bachelor of Science in Imaging Technology

- A minimum cumulative college grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Pre-certification option: successful completion of the Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) Exam with a minimum score of 70 percent required overall as well as in Science, Math, English, and Reading Comprehension
- Post-certification option: current valid and unrestricted certification by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists

Master of Science in Nursing
(Family Nurse Practitioner, Gerontology, and Nurse Educator)

- A minimum cumulative college GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- A minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in all previous undergraduate nursing coursework
- MSN, Gerontology, MSN, Nurse Educator, and MSN, Post-licensure (RN to MSN) only: a valid and unrestricted RN license

Doctor of Nursing Practice

- Successful completion of an MSN from an accredited institution
- A minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.00 scale in all graduate nursing coursework
- A valid and unrestricted RN license

Curriculum

Bachelor of Science in Imaging Technology

The BS in Imaging Technology is designed with two tracks for Pre- and Post-Licensure Certification, which requires a total of 123.5 semester credit hours including transferred General Education and core Imaging Technology courses. The program is designed to prepare students to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists exam.

- General Education and support courses (both Pre- and Post- Licensure Certification) – 53 hours
- Imaging Technology core courses) – 70.5 hours
 - The Pre-Licensure Certification Track requires all core courses to be completed at Resurrection (includes 18 hours of clinical education). The program is delivered in a blended format with clinical courses offered on ground at clinical sites.
 - The Post-Licensure Certification Track requires 23 hours to be completed at Resurrection (delivered online). An additional 47.5 hours of “banked” basic radiological technician hours are awarded upon successful completion of the first required Imaging Technology core course.

Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner

The MSN, Family Nurse Practitioner is designed with two tracks for Pre- and Post-Licensure Certification. The Pre-Licensure Certification Track requires a total of 48 semester credit hours. The Pre-Certification Track is designed for students that hold a BSN and seek to be trained as a primary care provider. All instruction is online except for the clinical hours which are completed on ground at clinical sites. Graduates of both tracks are eligible to sit for certification with the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and American Nurses Credentialing Center.

- Core courses – 11 hours
- Clinical core courses – 11 hours
- Specialty courses – 26 hours

The MSN, Family Nurse Practitioner, RN to MSN (Post-Licensure Certification) track requires a total of 66 semester credit hours at Resurrection and 38 “banked” credit hours. The Post-Certification Track (RN to MSN) is designed for licensed nurses with an associate degree in nursing or nursing diploma who are eligible to pursue advanced study leading to an MSN degree. All instruction is online except for the clinical hours which are completed on ground at clinical sites.

- Core courses – 11 hours
- Clinical core courses – 11 hours
- Specialty courses – 26 hours
- BSN for RN bridge courses – 18 hours
- “Banked” courses (awarded upon successful completion of first BSN for RN bridge course) – 38 hours

Master of Science in Nursing, Gerontology

The MSN, Gerontology requires a total of 48 semester credit hours in Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner courses and prepares students who hold a BSN as adult-gerontology specialists in this area of growing occupational need. All instruction is online except for the clinical hours which are completed on ground at clinical sites. Graduates are eligible to sit for certification with the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and American Nurses Credentialing Center.

- Core courses – 11 hours
- Clinical core courses – 11 hours
- Specialty courses – 26 hours

Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Educator

The MSN, Nurse Educator requires a total of 40 semester credit hours and prepares students who hold a BSN to specialize in the education of patients, community members, staff nurses, and nursing students in academic settings. All instruction is online except for the clinical hours which are completed on ground at clinical sites.

- Core courses – 11 hours
- Clinical core courses – 11 hours
- Specialty courses – 18 hours

Doctor of Nursing Practice

The online DNP requires a total of 32 semester credit hours and provides students who hold an MSN with the opportunity to earn a terminal degree, thus preparing them to influence healthcare outcomes including management and administration of nursing and health care and the development and implementation of health policy. All courses are delivered online.

- Core courses – 25.5 hours
- Practicum – 3 hours
- Research project – 3.5 hours

Assessment of Student Learning

Resurrection University has an evaluation system in place to assess student learning using direct and indirect methods. These include exams, writing assignments, course pass rates and grades, end-of-course student evaluations, clinical evaluation tools, integrated standardized exams, pre- and post-test opportunities, simulation and lab evaluations, and performance on comprehensive predictor exams. Undergraduate students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 and graduate students 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to be considered in good academic standing. Program-level outcomes are mapped to competencies required by the specialized accrediting body (CCNE or Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiological Technology) and are assessed on a cyclical schedule to ensure appropriate alignment of expected student learning outcomes and course material. The Student Learning Assessment subcommittee of the University Curriculum Committee is responsible for these practices.

Program Assessment

At Resurrection University, the Institution Effectiveness Committee uses a three-year assessment cycle to maintain continuous assessment and quality improvement across all departments and academic divisions of the University. The committee is currently updating its assessment tools to integrate information from institutional-level assessment, program assessment, and student learning assessment. In addition to student academic performance, the committee uses information from alumni surveys and student focus groups to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of its programs.

Facilities (space, equipment, instructional materials)

1030(a)(4) and 1030.60(a)(5): The institution shall have adequate and suitable space, equipment and instructional materials to support institutional programs.

Resurrection University's new Oak Brook campus at 2122 York Road was selected based on market potential, accessibility to existing students and faculty/staff, clinical partnership opportunities, and student amenities and safety. The University has contracted an architecture firm to build out the 53,463 square foot space. Amenities will include an inter-professional education simulation lab and 11 additional classrooms with space designed to accommodate active-learning teaching methodologies, spaces dedicated to faculty and student support services, and additional library space. Technology and instructional resources will include widespread Wi-Fi access, presentation monitors with audio and video capabilities in all labs and classrooms, simulation labs, conference rooms, a skill lab and debriefing rooms, an orientation room, and a recording studio.

Resurrection's library holdings are mostly provided via online databases such as EBSCO, Ovid, UpToDate, and Elsevier Clinical Skills, and will be equally accessible to students at the Oak Brook and Chicago locations. Librarians will be available to assist students in accessing electronic resources, completing interlibrary loan requests, and conducting research. The library also maintains a collection of required and supportive textbooks and course materials for students to use in-house and online.

Faculty and Staff

1030.30(a)(5) and 1030.60(a)(6): The education, experience and other qualifications of directors, administrators, supervisors and instructors shall ensure that the students will receive education consistent with the objectives of the program.

Resurrection University has established policies to ensure that faculty members possess the training, credentials, and other required qualifications to provide instruction to students. The University also has established policies to evaluate faculty and provide feedback on student learning outcomes.

Fiscal / Personnel Resources

1030.30(a)(11): The institution should be financially stable and capable of assuring the revenues needed for meeting stated objectives and fulfilling commitments to students; and

1030.60(a)(8): Fiscal and personnel resources shall be sufficient to permit the institution to meet obligations to continuing programs while assuming additional resource responsibilities for the new certificate or degree program.

The University has submitted fiscal plans indicating tuition revenue will exceed operating expenditures beginning in the second year of operation of the new campus.

Accreditation / Licensure

Resurrection University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and has already submitted its Additional Location Application with approval anticipated in April 2021, pending approval by IBHE. All Resurrection nursing programs hold specialized accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. In adherence with CCNE rules, Resurrection University will submit its substantive change application to CCNE in March 2021 to add the new location to its scope of approval. Additionally, the BS in Imaging Technology program holds specialized accreditation with the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiological Technology (JRCERT). In adherence with JRCERT rules, Resurrection will notify of its new location in April 2021, as approval is not required.

Program Information

1030.30(e): Publications and Information. Institutions shall be scrupulously ethical in all communication with the public and with prospective students. School publications, advertisements and statements shall be wholly accurate and in no way misleading; and

1030.60(a)(7): The information the institution provides for students and the public shall accurately describe the programs offered, program objectives, length of program, schedule of tuition, fees, and all other charges and expenses necessary for completion of the course of study, cancellation and refund policies, and such other material facts concerning the institution and the program or course of instruction as are likely to affect the decision of the student to enroll. This information, including any enrollment agreements or similar agreements, shall be available to prospective students prior to enrollment.

The University submitted detailed and adequate information on its academic policies, tuition, fees, and refund policies, admissions procedures, and other relevant information necessary for prospective students to make informed decisions on enrollments.

Staff Conclusion. The staff concludes Resurrection University meets the criteria in Sections 1030.30 and 1030.60 of the rules to implement The Private College Act (110 ILCS 1005) and The Academic Degree Act (110 ILCS 1010) and the relating Illinois Administrative Code (Title 23 Section 1030) pertaining to the assessment and licensure of a post-secondary institution.