

**DATE:** November 20, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Approval of New Programs under the Postsecondary Authorization Act

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Approval

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Commission, under the Postsecondary Authorization Act, has the “power and duty” to act upon applications for authorization of educational programs in the state. Applications have been reviewed and all necessary documentation for the institutions submitting new program applications is in accordance with the Act and postsecondary rules. The Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions, which is a review and advisory committee to the Commission, met on October 23, 2003, and affirmed staff recommendations for approval.

**NEW PROGRAMS**

**A. American Graduate School of Management Nashville TN**

American Graduate School of Management is seeking authorization for one new program, a Master of Finance. This school is a recruitment only institution and all classes are available online.

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| Program:             | Finance                    |
| Credential Awarded:  | Master of Finance          |
| Length of Program:   | 40 credit hours (70 weeks) |
| Tuition for Program: | \$16,200                   |

The school does not participate in Title IV funding.

**B. Covenant College Quest Program Chattanooga TN**

Covenant College is seeking authorization for one new program, a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education Program. The program will be taught by faculty from their authorized site in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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| Program:             | Early Childhood Education              |
| Credential Awarded:  | Bachelor of Science                    |
| Length of Program:   | 60 semester credit hours (20.5 months) |
| Tuition for Program: | \$17,750                               |

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**C. DeVry University**

**Alpharetta GA**

DeVry University – Alpharetta is seeking authorization for four new programs, two Bachelors of Science in Biomedical Engineering and Biomedical Informatics and two Associates of Applied Science in Health Information Technology and Network Systems Administration. The programs require 153, 141, 66, and 67 semester credit hours, respectively. This school is a recruitment only institution and all classes are available online.

Program: Biomedical Engineering Technology  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science  
Length of Program: 153 semester credit hours (135-weeks)  
Tuition for Program: \$44,955

Program: Biomedical Informatics  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science  
Length of Program: 141 semester credit hours (75-weeks)  
Tuition for Program: \$44,955

Program: Health Information Technology  
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science  
Length of Program: 66 semester credit hours (60 -weeks)  
Tuition for Program: \$19,980

Program: Network Systems Administrator  
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science  
Length of Program: 67 semester credit hours (75 - weeks)  
Tuition for Program: \$24,975

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**D. DeVry University**

**Decatur GA**

DeVry University – Decatur is seeking authorization for four new programs, two Bachelors of Science in Biomedical Engineering and Biomedical Informatics and two Associates of Applied Science in Health Information Technology and Network Systems Administration. The programs require 153, 141, 66, and 67 semester credit hours, respectively. This school is a recruitment only institution and all classes are available online.

Program: Biomedical Engineering Technology  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science  
Length of Program: 153 semester credit hours (135-weeks)  
Tuition for Program: \$44,955

Program: Biomedical Informatics  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science  
Length of Program: 141 semester credit hours (75-weeks)  
Tuition for Program: \$44,955

Program: Health Information Technology  
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science  
Length of Program: 66 semester credit hours (60 -weeks)  
Tuition for Program: \$19,980

Program: Network Systems Administrator  
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science  
Length of Program: 67 semester credit hours (75 - weeks)  
Tuition for Program: \$24,975

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**E. Fountainhead College of Technology Knoxville TN**

Fountainhead College of Technology is seeking authorization for one new program, a Cisco CCNA On Line Certificate Program. The program will be offered at their approved site in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Program: Cisco CCNA On-Line  
Credential Awarded: Certificate  
Length of Program: 14 semester credit hours (8 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$4,900

The school participates in Title IV funding.

**F. High Tech Institute Nashville TN**

High-Tech Institute – Nashville is seeking authorization for two new programs, an Associate of Applied Science in Dental Assisting and a Diploma in Dental Assisting. The programs will be taught at their authorized site in Nashville, Tennessee.

Program: Dental Assisting  
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science  
Length of Program: 63 semester credit hours (16-months)  
Tuition for Program: \$18,046

Program: Dental Assisting  
Credential Awarded: Diploma  
Length of Program: 32 semester credit hours (9-months)  
Tuition for Program: \$8,785

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**G. ITT Technical Institute Indianapolis IN**

ITT Technical Institute is seeking authorization for one new program, a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Information Systems Security. The institution is a

recruitment only school. The on-line program will be taught by staff at their authorized site in Indianapolis, IN.

Program: Information Systems Security On-Line  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Applied Science Degree  
Length of Program: 180 quarter credit hours (45 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$31,680

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**H. ITT Technical Institute**

**Knoxville TN**

ITT Technical Institute - Knoxville is seeking authorization for two new programs: a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Digital Entertainment and Game Design and a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Software Engineering Technology. Additionally, they are seeking approval for on-line general education courses. The programs will be taught at their authorized site in Knoxville, TN.

Program: Digital Entertainment and Game Design  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Applied Science Degree  
Length of Program: 180 quarter credit hours (45 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$62,460

Program: Software Engineering Technology  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Applied Science Degree  
Length of Program: 180 quarter credit hours (45 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$62,460

Program: General Education Courses On-Line  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Applied Science Degree  
Length of Program: 56 quarter credit hours (45 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$347 per quarter credit hour

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**I. ITT Technical Institute**

**Memphis TN**

ITT Technical Institute - Memphis is seeking authorization for two new programs: a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Digital Entertainment and Game Design and a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Software Engineering Technology. Additionally, they are seeking approval for on-line general education courses. The programs will be taught at their authorized site in Memphis, TN.

Program: Digital Entertainment and Game Design  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Applied Science Degree  
Length of Program: 180 quarter credit hours (45 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$62,460

Program: Software Engineering Technology

Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Applied Science Degree  
Length of Program: 180 quarter credit hours (45 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$62,460

Program: General Education Courses On-Line  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Applied Science Degree  
Length of Program: 56 quarter credit hours (45 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$347 per quarter credit hour

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**J. ITT Technical Institute Nashville TN**

ITT Technical Institute - Nashville is seeking authorization for two new programs: a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Digital Entertainment and Game Design and a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Software Engineering Technology. Additionally, they are seeking approval for on-line general education courses. The programs will be taught at their authorized site in Nashville, TN.

Program: Digital Entertainment and Game Design  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Applied Science Degree  
Length of Program: 180 quarter credit hours (45 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$62,460

Program: Software Engineering Technology  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Applied Science Degree  
Length of Program: 180 quarter credit hours (45 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$62,460

Program: General Education Courses On-Line  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Applied Science Degree  
Length of Program: 56 quarter credit hours (45 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$347 per quarter credit hour

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**K. Memphis School of Allied Health & Commerce Memphis TN**

Memphis School of Allied Health and Commerce is seeking authorization for two new Certificate of Completion programs in Nursing Assistant and Unit Secretary. The programs will be taught by faculty from their authorized site in Memphis, Tennessee.

Program: Nursing Assistant  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 160 contact hours (8 weeks)  
Tuition for Program: \$3,500

Program: Unit Secretary  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

Length of Program: 120 contact hours (6 weeks)  
Tuition for Program: \$3,300

The school does not participate in Title IV funding.

**L. Nashville Auto Diesel College**

**Nashville TN**

Nashville Auto Diesel College (NADC) is seeking authorization for On-Line General Education Courses. The courses will be taught by faculty at their authorized site in Nashville, TN.

Program: General Education Courses On-Line  
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science Degree  
Length of Program: 23 semester credit hours (9 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$4,340

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**M. New Horizons Computer Learning Center**

**Chattanooga TN**

New Horizons Computer Learning Center - Chattanooga is seeking authorization for three new certificates of completion programs in A+ Certification, IT Comprehensive Series and Microsoft Programming Series. New Horizons – Chattanooga is also seeking two revisions, certificates of completion in Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator and Microsoft Network Engineering Series. The programs will be taught by faculty from their authorized site in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Program: A+ Certification  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 526 contact hours (6 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$3,000

Program: IT Comprehensive Series  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 936 contact hours (1 year)  
Tuition for Program: \$12,995

Program: Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 734 contact hours (9 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$5,000

Program: Microsoft Network Engineering Series  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 936 contact hours (1 year)  
Tuition for Program: \$11,995

Program: Microsoft Programming Series  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

Length of Program: 936 contact hours (1 year)  
Tuition for Program: \$12,995

The school does not participate in Title IV funding.

**N. New Horizons Computer Learning Center Kingsport TN**

New Horizons Computer Learning Center – Kingsport is seeking authorization for two new certificate of completion programs in Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator for Windows Server 2003 and Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer for Windows Server 2003. The programs will be taught by faculty from their authorized site in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Program: Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA) for  
Microsoft Windows Server 2003  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 224 contact hours (6 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$7,235

Program: Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) for  
Microsoft Windows Server 2003  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 259 contact hours (1 year)  
Tuition for Program: \$9,435

The school does not participate in Title IV funding.

**O. New Horizons Computer Learning Center Knoxville TN**

New Horizons Computer Learning Center – Knoxville is seeking authorization for two new certificates of completion programs in Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator for Windows Server 2003 and Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer for Windows Server 2003. The programs will be taught by faculty from their authorized site in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Program: Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA) for  
Microsoft Windows Server 2003  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 224 contact hours (6 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$7,235

Program: Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) for  
Microsoft Windows Server 2003  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 259 contact hours (1 year)  
Tuition for Program: \$9,435

The school does not participate in Title IV funding.

**P. South College**

**Knoxville TN**

South College is seeking authorization for one new program, a Bachelor of Science in Health Science with a concentration in Radiography. The program will be taught by faculty from their authorized site in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Program: Health Science with concentration in Radiography  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science  
Length of Program: 194 quarter credit hours (3.5 years)  
Tuition for Program: \$47,600

The school participates in Title IV funding.

**Q. Southern Massage Institute**

**Memphis TN**

Southern Massage Institute is seeking authorization for one new program in Massage Therapy. The program will be taught by faculty from their authorized site in Collierville, Tennessee. A portion of the program is distance education and will be taught by correspondence.

Program: Massage Therapy Distance Learning  
Credential Awarded: Diploma  
Length of Program: 550 contact hours (6 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$5,000

The school does not participate in Title IV funding.

**R. TechSkills**

**Memphis TN**

TechSkills - Memphis is seeking authorization for three new certificates of completion programs in Medical Administrative Specialist, Medical Coding Associate, and Medical Transcriptionist. The programs will be taught by faculty from their authorized site in Memphis, Tennessee.

Program: Medical Administrative Specialist (MAS)  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 320 contact hours (4 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$2,525

Program: Medical Coding Associate (MCA)  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 640 contact hours (9 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$3,550

Program: Medical Transcriptionist (MT)  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 440 contact hours (6 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$2,825



The school does not participate in Title IV funding.

**S. TechSkills**

**Nashville TN**

TechSkills - Nashville is seeking authorization for three new certificates of completion programs in Medical Administrative Specialist, Medical Coding Associate, and Medical Transcriptionist. The programs will be taught by faculty from their authorized site in Nashville, Tennessee.

Program: Medical Administrative Specialist (MAS)  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 320 contact hours (4 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$2,525

Program: Medical Coding Associate (MCA)  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 640 contact hours (9 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$3,550

Program: Medical Transcriptionist (MT)  
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion  
Length of Program: 440 contact hours (6 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$2,825

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**T. Tennessee Career College, LLC**

**Nashville TN**

Tennessee Career College, LLC is seeking authorization for one new program, a diploma in Medical Coding. The program will be taught by faculty from their authorized site in Nashville, Tennessee.

Program: Medical Coding  
Credential Awarded: Diploma  
Length of Program: 900 contact hours (9 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$6,300

The school participates in Title IV funding.

**U. University of Phoenix - On Line**

**Phoenix AZ**

University of Phoenix – On-line is seeking authorization for eight new programs, two Master of Arts degrees in Early Childhood Education and Special Education/Cross Categorical; a Master of Health Administration; three Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Finance, Human Services, and Human Services Management; and two Certificate programs in Human Resource Management and Project Management. The school is a recruitment only institution and all classes are available online.

Program: Early Childhood Education  
Credential Awarded: Master of Arts

Length of Program: 37 semester credit hours (19 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$15,170

Program: Special Education/Cross Categorical  
Credential Awarded: Master of Arts  
Length of Program: 43 semester credit hours (21 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$17,630

Program: Health Administration  
Credential Awarded: Master of Health Administration  
Length of Program: 40 semester credit hours (20 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$20,720

Program: Business Finance  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science  
Length of Program: 120 semester credit hours (4 years)  
Tuition for Program: \$50,640

Program: Human Services  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science  
Length of Program: 120 semester credit hours (4 years)  
Tuition for Program: \$50,640

Program: Human Services Management  
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science  
Length of Program: 120 semester credit hours (4 years)  
Tuition for Program: \$50,640

Program: Human Resource Management  
Credential Awarded: Certificate  
Length of Program: 18 semester credit hours (8 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$7,596

Program: Project Management  
Credential Awarded: Certificate  
Length of Program: 18 semester credit hours (8 months)  
Tuition for Program: \$7,596

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**V. Virginia College - Technical**

**Pelham AI**

Virginia College – Technical is seeking authorization for seven new programs: two occupational associate’s degrees in Automotive Collision/Refinishing Technology with Industry Management and Automotive/Light Diesel Technology with Industry Management and five diplomas in Automotive Collision/Refinishing Technology with Custom Hot Rod and Motorcycle Body Fabrication Technologies, Automotive Collision/Refinishing Technology with Custom Hot Rod and Motorcycle Chassis, Automotive Collision/Refinishing Technology with Upholstery Technologies,

Automotive/Light Diesel with Custom Hot Rod and Motorcycle Chassis Fabrication Technologies, and Automotive/Light Diesel with Custom Hot Rod and Motorcycle Body Fabrication Technologies. The school is a recruitment only institution. The program will be taught by faculty from their authorized site in Pelham, Alabama.

Program: Automotive Collision/Refinishing Technology with Industry Management  
Credential Awarded: Occupational Associate  
Length of Program: 106 quarter credit hours (1 year)  
Tuition for Program: \$26,000

Program: Automotive/Light Diesel Technology with Industry Management  
Credential Awarded: Occupational Associate  
Length of Program: 107 quarter credit hours (1 year)  
Tuition for Program: \$26,000

Program: Automotive Collision/Refinishing Technology with Custom Rod and Motorcycle Body Fabrication Technologies  
Credential Awarded: Diploma  
Length of Program: 97 quarter credit hours (1 year)  
Tuition for Program: \$26,000

Program: Automotive Collision/Refinishing Technology with Custom Hot Rod and Motorcycle Chassis Fabrication Technologies  
Credential Awarded: Diploma  
Length of Program: 97 quarter credit hours (1 year)  
Tuition for Program: \$26,000

Program: Automotive Collision/Refinishing Technology with Upholstery Technologies  
Credential Awarded: Diploma  
Length of Program: 97 quarter credit hours (1 year)  
Tuition for Program: \$26,000

Program: Automotive/Light Diesel with Custom Hot Rod and Motorcycle Chassis Fabrication Technologies  
Credential Awarded: Diploma  
Length of Program: 98 quarter credit hours (1 year)  
Tuition for Program: \$26,000

Program: Automotive/Light Diesel with Custom Hot Rod and Motorcycle Body Fabrication Technologies  
Credential Awarded: Diploma  
Length of Program: 98 quarter credit hours (1 year)  
Tuition for Program: \$26,000

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