

DATE: January 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Temporary Authorization of New Institutions under the
Postsecondary Authorization Act

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Temporary Authorization

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Commission, under the Postsecondary Authorization Act, has the “power and duty” to act upon applications for authorization to operate an educational institution in the state. For the institutions listed below, applications have been reviewed, site visits have been performed, and staff has determined that all necessary documentation and bonds have been secured. The Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions met on January 8, 2009 and endorsed staff recommendations for Temporary Authorization of these institutions.

A. Arkansas State University-Jonesboro State University, AR

Arkansas State University – Jonesboro is located at 2105 Aggie Road in Jonesboro, AR. The institution is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The institution will offer three programs:

- 1. The Master of Science in Educational Theory and Practice Degree Program** is designed to assist those individuals, currently employed and licensed as public and private P-12 teachers, who wish to enhance their understanding of curriculum and instruction. The program also enables teachers to cultivate a richer understanding of learner-centered teaching and evaluate obstacles to administrative change and ways to overcome them. The degree is aligned with the National Board Certification proposition.

Program:	Educational Theory and Practice
Credential Awarded:	Master of Science
Length of Program:	30 credit hours (18 months)

- 2. The Master of Science in Educational Leadership/Principalship** is designed for those individuals currently employed and licensed as public and private P-12 teachers, who wish to improve their educational and professional competencies as leaders in the public school systems. The program will prepare students for principalship at the secondary or elementary level based on the student’s background and professional experience. It is specifically designed based on standards of the Educational Leadership Constituency Council (ELCC) and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Program: Educational Leadership/Principalship
Credential Awarded: Master of Science
Length of Program: 36 credit hours (18 months)

3. The Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction Degree Program is designed to assist those individuals, currently employed and licensed as public and private P-12 teachers, who wish to obtain an advanced knowledge of curriculum design and implementation from a leadership perspective. The degree is based on standards of the Educational Leadership Constituency Council (ELCC) and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Program: Curriculum and Instruction
Credential Awarded: Master of Science
Length of Program: 36 credit hours (18 months)

The institution participates in Title IV funding.

B. John Casablancas Modeling & Career Center Memphis, TN

Change of Ownership:

John Casablancas Modeling and Career Center is located at 5028 Park Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee. The institution is a Limited Liability Corporation and has been authorized by THEC since February, 1989.

The institution was sold to Memphis Talent Enterprise, LLC on September 30, 2008.

The institution will offer seven programs that are already approved by THEC:

Program: Advance Female Modeling
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion
Length of Program: 30 contact hours (10 weeks)

Program: Female Modeling
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion
Length of Program: 60 contact hours (20 weeks)

Program: Industry Basics
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion
Length of Program: 15 contact hours (10 weeks)

Program: Personal Development
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion
Length of Program: 30 contact hours (10 weeks)

Program: Select Modeling
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

Length of Program: 30 contact hours (10 weeks)
Program: Select TV/Print
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion
Length of Program: 30 contact hours (10 weeks)

Program: TV/Print
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion
Length of Program: 60 contact hours (20 weeks)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

C. Nashville Film Institute

Nashville, TN

The Nashville Film Institute is located at 230 Franklin Road, Unit 202, Franklin, TN 37065. The institution is a for-profit corporation.

The institution will offer one program:

- 1. The Film Production Diploma Program** is designed to teach students every aspect of the film production industry. During the course of the program student will complete four modules, Craft, Creative, Career, and Capstone. Within the course of the craft module students will study in depth on items such as screenplay writing, video production, storytelling structure, cinema history, basic camera operation, basic lighting and audio techniques. The Creative Module focuses the students time on the art and production of film, specifically focused on directing, producing, and cinematography. The career module prepares the student by looking at the video production industry with special interest paid to the production of television commercials and corporate videos. The capstone module focuses the students efforts towards writing, creating, and directing short films. The specific goal of this module is to help the student create demonstration videos to assist them in gaining employment within the field.

Program: Film Production
Credential Awarded: Diploma
Length of Program: 900 Contact hours (9 months)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

D. Tennessee School of Religion

Memphis, TN

Tennessee School of Religion is located at 591 East McLemore Avenue, in Memphis, Tennessee. The institution is a not-for-profit corporation.

The institution will offer three programs:

- 1. The Master of Theology program** is designed to expose the student to the major divisions of theological studies. Students will study the Bible and biblical language in both Hebrew and Greek. Students will also become proficient in

forming criticism of the bible text and performing critical analysis and commentaries on the origin of the biblical text in regards to its writings, languages, and culture. Additionally, students will also engage in studying biblical exegesis and hermeneutics. Students are required to complete a thesis or an additional three hour course with a written project covering a facet of theology, which will illustrate the breadth of knowledge obtained throughout the program.

Program: Master of Theology
Credential Awarded: Master of Theology
Length of Program: 30 credit hours (24 months)

2. **The Bachelor of Theology program** is designed to teach students the foundation of the Bible. Students will be taught the fundamental principles used to study the origin of the Bible. Students will also study five important areas: new testament, old testament, christian education and church history, pastoral care and counseling, and systematic bible and christian theology. Students will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to obtain employment within the Christian ministry or secular positions.

Program: Bachelor of Theology
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Theology
Length of Program: 120 credit hours (60 months)

3. **The Diploma of Theology Program** is designed to offer students a fundamental education in the origin and critical study of the Bible. Students will gain a better understanding of the Christian ethics and doctrine. The curriculum consists of: introduction to old testament and new testament, english I and II, christian doctrine, computer science I and II, and introduction to church history. Students will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to obtain employment within the Christian ministry or secular positions.

Program: Diploma of Theology
Credential Awarded: Diploma of Theology
Length of Program: 96 credit hours (48 months)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.