



Board for Proprietary Education and Harrison College Closure

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Agency Responsibilities for Authorizing Postsecondary Institutions To Offer Instruction in Indiana

Pre- 2012/13

	Indiana Institution	Out-of-State Institution	
		Physical Presence	Distance Education
Public	CHE	(COPE)	(COPE)
Not-for-Profit Private	CHE	COPE	COPE
Private For-Profit Proprietary	COPE	COPE	COPE

Changes 2012/13

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After 2012/13

	Indiana Institution	Out-of-State Institution	
		Physical Presence	Distance Education
Public	CHE	CHE	CHE
Not-for-Profit Private	CHE	CHE	CHE
Private For-Profit Proprietary	BPE	BPE	CHE

Division of Responsibilities between BPE and DWD

Commission on Proprietary Education (COPE) responsibilities for private, for-profit institutions were divided between BPE and DWD.

- BPE:
 - Credit-bearing, degree-granting, accredited institutions
- DWD:
 - All other institutions



Board for Proprietary Education Overview

Composition of BPE Board

BPE has seven members:

- Commissioner or Designee
- State Superintendent or Designee
- Five gubernatorial appointees:
 - One with a for-profit background
 - One with industry training background
 - Three at large appointees



CHE Responsibilities Related to BPE

- CHE staffs and administers BPE
- By statute, an Associate Commissioner is the Executive Director of BPE
- BPE meets quarterly
- CHE oversees two funds:
 - Student Assurance Fund
 - Postsecondary Credit-Bearing Fund



Essential BPE Responsibilities

BPE action required for:

- Initial authorization for institutions to operate with a physical presence in Indiana
- Initial authorization for institutions to offer programs in Indiana

BPE routine staff action required for:

- Annual renewal of institutional and programmatic authorization



BPE Authorized Institutions

Number of Institutions and Campuses by Type of Accreditation

Number of Institutions with:

- Regional accreditation: 11
 - National accreditation: 15
 - Specialized accreditation: 2
- Total 28

Number of Campuses: 35



Examples of For-Profit Institutions

- American College of Education (Indianapolis)
- International Business College (Ft. Wayne and Indianapolis)
- Lincoln College of Technology (Indianapolis)
- National American University (Indianapolis)
- Ross Medical Education Centers (Evansville, Ft. Wayne, Granger, Kokomo, Lafayette, Muncie)
- College of Court Reporting (Valparaiso)



Harrison College Closure

Background

- Harrison College founded in 1902 (as Indiana Business College)
- At one point, Harrison had more than 15 campuses in Indiana
- In 2017, Harrison changed its accreditation from ACICS to ABHES (Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools to Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools)



Notable Achievements

- Developed a social media-like platform to foster student engagement
- Agreed to pilot the college cost calculator
- Was the first institution to submit unit record data to CHEDSS
- Had NCLEX pass rate of 95% for first-time RN test takers



Immediate Events Preceding Closure

- 2017-18 changes in administrative staff, including two presidential changes
- September 11, 2018 – CHE informed, hours after a BPE meeting, of a possible Harrison closure
- September 12, 2018 – CHE informed at COB that Harrison will officially close over the weekend



Selected Institutions Providing Assistance to Former Harrison Students

- Ivy Tech Community College
- Indiana Wesleyan University
- National American University
- Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College
- Western Governors University Indiana





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