

Staff Report and Recommendation
Johnson and Wales University

Background

Johnson and Wales University – Charlotte, OPEID 000340410, (Johnson and Wales), an existing licensee in good standing, is a private, not-for-profit institution with a main campus located in Providence, Rhode Island, and a large residential campus located in Charlotte. Johnson and Wales is regionally accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education and seeks licensure to expand its program offerings to include a Bachelor's in Exercise and Sports Science and a Bachelor's in Healthcare Administration. Staff most recently conducted a site visit in May 2018.

This program is already offered at Johnson and Wales main campus and are similar in CIP code and faculty composition to successful existing programs at the Charlotte campus. Staff and external examiners conducted a review of the Johnson and Wales application and believe that the proposed programs will operate in compliance with the rules and standards.

Institutional Metrics and Consumer Protection Information

Metric				
8-year outcomes ⁱ	Graduated	58%		
	Transferred Out	21%		
	Withdrew	20%		
Employment Placement Rate ⁱⁱ		Does not report – not required by accreditor.		
Federal Financial Composite Score (3.0 is highest, -1.0 is lowest) ⁱⁱⁱ		2020	2019	2018
		2.2	2.4	2.9
Three-year cohort default rate ^{iv}		Class of 2018	Class of 2017	Class of 2016
		6.5	9.4	7.0

UNC System Office staff received one complaint from a Johnson and Wales student in the 2021-2022 academic year. The institution quickly resolved the issue.

Recommendation

Issue Johnson and Wales a license to conduct the postsecondary degree activity described in this recommendation.

ⁱ Unless otherwise noted, this is data reported by the institution to the U.S. Department of Education, and includes both full and part time students and first-time and transfer-in students.

ⁱⁱ Unless otherwise noted, this data is reported by the institution to its accreditor according to its accreditor's

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standards and definitions. It is the most recent data available for the program under consideration.

ⁱⁱⁱ This is a general measure of the institution's financial solvency. A score of 1.5 or greater means the institution does not face additional federal restrictions on operating because of financial solvency concerns.

^{iv} Three-year cohort default rate ("CDR") is the percentage of graduates who borrowed federal loans and who defaulted on those loans within three years of graduating. For example, a CDR for a cohort graduating in 2018 can be calculated three years later, in 2021.

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Northeastern University

Background

Northeastern University, OPEID 00219900, (Northeastern), an existing licensee in good standing, is a private, not-for-profit institution with a main campus located in Boston, Massachusetts, and a campus in Charlotte. Northeastern is regionally accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education and seeks licensure to expand its program offerings to include Doctor of Law and Policy, Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis, Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology, Master of Public Health, and Master of Science Speech-Language Pathology degrees. The Doctor of Law and Policy is not a Juris Doctor (J.D.) program degree and graduates are not eligible to sit for the bar examination. Staff most recently visited Northeastern in May 2018.

Each of these programs have been offered successfully at Northeastern's main campus. Staff and external examiners conducted a review of Northeastern's application and believe that the proposed programs will operate in compliance with the rules and standards.

Institutional Metrics and Consumer Protection Information

Metric			
8-year outcomes ⁱ	Graduated	88%	
	Transferred Out	8%	
	Withdrew	4%	
Employment Placement Rate ⁱⁱ		Does not report – not required by accreditor.	
Federal Financial Composite Score (3.0 is highest, -1.0 is lowest) ⁱⁱⁱ	2020	2019	2018
	3.0	3.0	3.0
Three-year cohort default rate ^{iv}	Class of 2018	Class of 2017	Class of 2016
	1.5	2.2	2.0

UNC System Office staff did not receive any complaints regarding Northeastern in the preceding year.

Recommendation

Issue Northeastern a license to conduct the postsecondary degree activity as described in this recommendation.

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Thales College

Background

Thales College (Thales), an existing licensee in good standing, is a private, not-for-profit institution with a main campus located in Wake Forest. Staff and an outside subject matter expert conducted a site visit in July 2022. Thales seeks to expand its program offerings to offer a Bachelor's of Mechanical Engineering, which will be accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET. No student will enter the program core this year, and state authorization staff will monitor Thales progress towards ABET accreditation and conduct a follow up site visit to the institution before a student enrolls in the program core.

Institutional Metrics and Consumer Protection Information

Thales has not enrolled students and has no institutional metrics to report. Thales anticipates enrolling students in the fall of 2022.

Recommendation

Issue a license to Thales to conduct the postsecondary degree activity described in this recommendation.

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Staff Report and Recommendation
University of Southern California

Background

The University of Southern California, OPEID 00132800, (USC), an existing licensee in good standing, is a private, not-for-profit institution with a main campus located in Los Angeles, California. The university does not have a permanent physical location in North Carolina and seeks to be allowed to conduct clinical rotations in the state. USC is regionally accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and seeks licensure to expand its program offerings to include a Master of Arts in Foodservice Management and Dietetics, a Master of Science in Lifespan, Nutrition, and Dietetics, and a Master of Science in Applied Technology and Aging. Staff most recently visited USC in May 2019.

Staff and external examiners conducted a review of USC's application and believe that the proposed programs will operate in compliance with the Rules and Standards.

Institutional Metrics and Consumer Protection Information

Metric			
8-year outcomes ⁱ	Graduated	93%	
	Transferred Out	5%	
	Withdrew	2%	
Employment Placement Rate ⁱⁱ		Does not report – not required by accreditor.	
Federal Financial Composite Score (3.0 is highest, -1.0 is lowest) ⁱⁱⁱ	2020	2019	2018
	2.7	2.5	2.9
Three-year cohort default rate ^{iv}	Class of 2018	Class of 2017	Class of 2016
	1.3	1.2	1.6

System Office staff did not receive any complaints regarding USC in the preceding year.

Recommendation

Issue USC a license to conduct the postsecondary degree activity described in this recommendation.

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Staff Report and Recommendation for Limited Licenses

Mount Saint Mary's University (OPEID 00124300), a regionally accredited nonprofit institution, seeks a limited license to allow a single student who has relocated to North Carolina to complete a Master of Fine Arts in North Carolina, with an expiration date of August 31, 2024.

California State University - Sacramento (OPEID 00115000), a regionally accredited, public institution seeks a limited license to allow a single student who lives in North Carolina to complete the experiential learning portion of its Doctor of Physical Therapy program in North Carolina, with an expiration date of August 31, 2023.