

Recommendation for Licensure
ECPI University

Background

ECPI University, OPEID 01019800, (ECPI), an existing licensee in good standing, is a private, for-profit institution with a main campus located in Virginia Beach, Virginia and four satellite campuses in North Carolina. ECPI is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and seeks licensure to expand its program offerings to include a Bachelor of Science in Cyber and Information Security Technology.

These programs are already offered at some of ECPI's other campuses. Staff and external examiners conducted a review of ECPI's application and made findings related to course compositions and ensuring that course content remains updated. Based on the institution's response to the findings, staff 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	52%	
	Transferred Out	4%	
	Withdrew	43%	
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 2017	Class of 2016	Class of 2015
	14.2	13.7	12.3

System Office staff did not receive any formal student complaints regarding ECPI related to licensed programs during the current academic year. We also searched the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Sentinel database for any matters pertaining to ECPI and did not find any matters that we believe call into question the appropriateness of granting the license.

Recommendation

Issue a license to ECPI 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 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

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defaulted on those loans within three years of graduating. For example, a CDR for a cohort graduating in 2015 can be calculated three years later, in 2018.

Recommendation for Licensure
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 of Science in Hospitality Management and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Entrepreneurship.

These programs are already offered at Johnson and Wales’ main campus and, 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 Johnson and Wales’ application. With respect to the Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management, the reviewer made findings related to the division of teaching responsibilities among faculty and on certain course syllabi. With respect to the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Entrepreneurship, the reviewer made findings with respect to the course objectives, syllabi, and faculty qualifications. Based on the institution’s response to the findings, staff 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	62%	
	Transferred Out	18%	
	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	2017	2016	2015
	3.0	2.4	2.9
Three-year cohort default rate ^{iv}	Class of 2017	Class of 2016	Class of 2015
	9.4	7.0	6.9

System Office staff have not received any student complaints regarding Johnson and Wales during the current academic year. We also searched the Federal Trade Commission’s Consumer Sentinel database for any matters pertaining to Johnson and Wales and did not find any matters that we believe call into question the appropriateness of granting the license.

Recommendation

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

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