

**INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
JUNE 14, 2023**

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1	RECOGNITION OF ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF REGISTRATION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS	Action Item

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SUBJECT

Recognition of Accreditation Organizations for Purposes of Registration of Postsecondary Educational Institutions

APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

Section 33-2401(1), Idaho Code

Idaho Administrative Code, IDAPA 08.01.11.100, Recognition of Accreditation Organizations

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In order to be registered with the Board as required by Section 33-2402, Idaho Code, all postsecondary educational institutions in Idaho must be accredited by accreditation organizations that are recognized by the Board. IDAPA 08.01.11.100 was recently amended to remove “national” accreditation organizations from the description of accreditation organizations that are recognized by the Board.

Two institutions that have been registered with the Board for many years have accreditors that are no longer recognized by the Board due to this change. These institutions are Eagle Gate College, which is accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES), and Mercy in Action College of Midwifery, which is accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC). To continue operations in Idaho, the institutions’ registration as postsecondary educational institutions must be renewed by June 30, 2023.

IDAPA 08.01.11.100 provides that the Board may recognize accreditation organizations on a case-by-case basis and directs the Chief Academic Officer of the Board to work with the Council on Academic Affairs and Programs (CAAP) to review and evaluate accreditation organizations to inform the Board’s decision.

In order to prevent disruption of operations at Eagle Gate College and Mercy in Action College of Midwifery, the Board may approve ABHES and MEAC as recognized accrediting organizations, either ongoing or temporarily.

IMPACT

Recognition by the Board through June 30, 2024, would prevent disruption of operations at these two institutions and provide Board staff with sufficient time to develop its review process and more thoroughly evaluate ABHES and MEAC, as well as other accreditation organizations going forward. Prior to June 30, 2024, the Board could consider ABHES and MEAC for continued recognition as accreditation organizations for purposes of registration of postsecondary educational institutions.

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BOARD STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Board recognize the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools and the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council as accreditation organizations for purposes of registration of postsecondary educational institutions through June 30, 2024.

BOARD ACTION

I move to approve Board recognition of the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools and the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council as accreditation organizations for purposes of registration of postsecondary educational institutions through June 30, 2024.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Carried Yes _____ No _____