Academic Program Proposals

October 25, 2013

The following is a list of academic program proposals being considered for approval at the October 25, 2013, Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Meeting.

The Institution's Name, Program Title, and Program Summary are listed below. Contact ADHE for a copy of the proposals.

If you have concerns, objections, questions or comments concerning a specific proposal, please send them to **Cynthia Moten** (Cynthia.Moten@adhe.edu) at ADHE no later than **September 3, 2013**.

College of the Ouachitas
Associate of Applied Science in Apprenticeship Arts

This program will provide instruction in the installation, operation, and maintenance of the electrical distribution systems in commercial and industrial sites. Topics include safety training, AC and DC electrical theory, metering, electronics, use of electrical codes, raceways, conductors, grounding, motors, transformers, fire alarm systems, fiber optics, instrumentation, building automation and heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

To complement an individual's technical or on-the-job training, a component consisting of 15 hours of general education is included. This enables individuals who have completed the degree requirements to not only receive their journeyman's license, but an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Apprenticeship Arts. To be eligible for enrollment in the program, the student must be a Registered Electrical Residential Apprentice.

North Arkansas College
Associate of Arts offered by Distance Technology

The Associate of Arts is an existing degree offered at North Arkansas College that the institution plans to offer as its first online degree program.

Southeast Arkansas College
Associate of Arts offered by Distance Technology

Southeast Arkansas College is proposing the offering of the existing Associate of Arts by distance technology. The degree will be the first online degree program offered by the institution.

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Bachelor of Science in Health Information Administration

The College of Health Professions (CHP) of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is proposing a two-year education program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Health Information Administration. The proposed online 120 semester credit baccalaureate degree program in health information administration (HIA) extends opportunities to individuals beyond those afforded by the currently offered associate of science degree in medical records technology. Those with a baccalaureate degree in HIA are additionally skilled in the management and use of information and information systems for health care planning and provision, resource allocation, and executive decision-making.

The department currently has an online 77 semester credit hour Associate of Science degree program which qualifies the graduate to take Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) national certification exam. The proposed BS degree program will allow the graduate to be eligible to register for the national Registered Health Information Administrators (RHIA) credential examination.

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – Northwest Arkansas Campus
Doctor of Physical Therapy

The College of Health Professions of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) proposes the development of a three-year post-baccalaureate education program leading to a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), to be located at the UAMS Northwest campus in Fayetteville, Arkansas. As currently conceived, the program will serve the health care and education needs of the target region roughly within a 100-mile radius of Fayetteville that encompasses northwest Arkansas, southwest Missouri, and northeastern Oklahoma. Physical therapist workforce studies and projections, as well as an analysis of the number and distribution of physical therapists in the target region suggest that a physical therapy program at the UAMS Northwest campus would provide significant benefit to the region. Data from all sources – national, state, and regional – support the need for a physical therapist education program at the UAMS Northwest campus. In addition, there appears to be strong support for and potential commitment to a new program among health care facilities and physical therapists in the region.

Similar to most physical therapy (PT) education programs elsewhere, the proposed program will offer a 4+3 curriculum which requires the completion of a 4-year bachelor's degree before enrollment in the 3-year physical therapy program. The 3-year curriculum will be organized around core content including biology, anatomy, cellular histology, physiology, exercise physiology, biomechanics, kinesiology, neuroscience, pharmacology, pathology, and behavioral sciences as well as content specific to physical therapy practice. On average, didactic (classroom) instruction constitutes approximately two-thirds of the PT curriculum, with the remaining one-third is dedicated to clinical education.

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Department of Physical Therapy

The purpose of the proposed Department of Physical Therapy located within the UAMS College of Health Professions (CHP) is to house the proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy program at UAMS Northwest in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The mission of the CHP is achieved through the varied offerings of its departments. The College currently houses eleven academic departments including Audiology and Speech Pathology; Dental Hygiene; Dietetics and Nutrition; Emergency Medical Sciences; Genetic Counseling; Health Information Management; Imaging and Radiation Sciences (Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Medical Dosimetry, Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences, Radiologic Imaging Sciences); Laboratory Sciences (Cytotechnology, Medical Technology); Ophthalmic Technology; Physician Assistant Studies, and Respiratory and Surgical Technologies.

Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC)
The following applications for initial certification may be reviewed by ADHE for possible consideration at the AHECB meeting in October 2013.

American InterContinental University, Schaumburg, Illinois
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Bachelor of Healthcare Management
Master of Healthcare Administration

Argosy University, Orange, California
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Associate of Science in Information Technology
Master of Arts in Education in Curriculum and Instruction
Doctor of Education in Counseling Psychology

Arizona State University, Scottsdale, Arizona
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Doctor of Behavioral Health

Boise State University, Boise, Idaho
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Degree Completion

Chamberlain College of Nursing, Addison, Illinois
Initial Certification– Distance Technology
Doctor of Nursing Practice

Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Bachelor of Arts in English
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Master of Professional Studies in Emergency and Disaster Management
Master of Professional Studies in Real Estate
Master of Professional Studies in Technology Management

Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Master of Science in Addiction Counseling
Master of Science in Professional Counseling

Independence University, Salt Lake City, Utah
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Associate of Science in Respiratory Therapy
Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care

ITT Technical Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

Jefferson Regional Medical Center School of Nursing, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Initial Certification – Institutional Planning and Development to offer Associate Degrees
Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Associate of Arts in Education
Bachelor of Science in Early Education in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Special Education in Interdisciplinary Studies

Master of Arts in Counseling (Marriage and Family)
Master of Arts in Professional Counseling
Master of Arts in Teaching
Master of Education
Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership Curriculum and Instruction
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership Curriculum and Instruction
Doctor of Philosophy in Professional Counseling

Mid-America Christian University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Associate in Arts and Ethics, General Education
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Ethics
Bachelor of Business Administration in Ethics
Bachelor of Science in Christian Ministries
Bachelor of Science in Communication, Public Relations and Ethics
Bachelor of Science in Management and Ethics
Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Ethics
Master of Arts in Leadership
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Counseling

Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Science in Finance
Bachelor of Science in Business Degree Completion
Graduate Certificate in History for Teachers
Master of Arts in History
Master of Arts in Theatre
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Computer Information Systems
Master of Science in Criminology
Master of Science in Early Childhood and Family Development
Master of Science in Education Literacy
Master of Science in Education, Special Education
Master of Science in Elementary Education

National University, La Jolla, California
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Master of Arts in Teaching

National American University, Rapid City, South Dakota
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
Bachelor of Science in Management
Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership
RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The New School, New York, New York
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Master of Arts in Media Study
Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
Master of Science in Media Management

Master of Science in Strategic Design and Management

Post University, Waterbury, Connecticut
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Associate of Science in Accounting
Associate of Science in Early Childhood Studies
Associate of Science in Legal Studies
Associate of Science in Management
Associate of Science in Marketing
Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Bachelor of Science in Child Studies
Bachelor of Science in Management
Bachelor of Science in Marketing
Certificate in Forensic Accounting
Master of Education
Master of Science in Human Services

Saint Francis University, Loretto, Pennsylvania
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Master of Health Sciences

Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Georgia
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Master of Arts in Luxury and Fashion Management
Master of Arts in Photography
Master of Fine Arts in Painting
Master of Fine Arts in Photography
Master of Fine Arts in Writing

Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Master of Science in Nursing

South University, Savannah, Georgia
Initial Certification – Little Rock Campus
Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant
Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapy Assistant
Associate of Science in Accounting
Associate of Science in Criminal Justice
Associate of Science in Information Technology
Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Master of Public Health
Master of Science in Information Systems Technology
Master of Science in Leadership
Master of Science in Nursing
Doctor of Business Administration
Doctor of Nursing Practice

Strayer University, Washington, D.C.
Initial Certification – Distance Technology and at the Little Rock campus
Master of Science in Information Assurance

Trident University International, Cypress, California
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Master of Arts in Education

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Learning Community
Bachelor of Science in Education in Early Childhood
Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
Master of Education in Educational Leadership
Master of Education in Medical Education
Master of Education in Literacy and Second Language Studies
Master of Health Administration

University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
Initial Certification – Distance Technology,
Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management
RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Master of Arts in Information Science and Learning Technologies, emphasis in Library Science
Master of Education in Counseling Psychology
Master of Education in Gifted Education
Master of Education in Science or Math
Master of Education in Special Education with Early Childhood Education emphasis
Master of Education in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
Master of Health Services Management
Master of Public Affairs
Master of Science in Health Informatics

University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona
Initial Certification – Distance Delivery, and Rogers and Little Rock Campuses
Certificate in Bookkeeping
Certificate in Electronic Health Records
Certificate in Emergency Management
Certificate in Health and Wellness
Certificate in Health Management
Certificate in Long Term Care

University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Bachelor of Science in Addiction Studies
Master of Arts in Addiction Studies

University of West Alabama, Livingston, Alabama
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development
Master of Education in Library Media
Master of Education in School Counseling
Master of Science in Continuing Education in College Student Development
Master of Science in Continuing Education in Guidance and Counseling
Master of Science in Continuing Education in Library Media

Victory University, Memphis, Tennessee
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Bachelor of Science in Education
Master of Science in Professional Counseling

Vista College, Richardson, Texas
New Campus in Fort Smith, Arkansas
Associate of Applied Science in Business Management

Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Insurance Billing and Coding

<u>Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina</u>
Initial Certification - Distance Technology
Master of Arts in Counseling

<u>Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri</u>
Initial Certification – Little Rock campus
Master of Arts in Nonprofit Leadership

<u>Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah</u>
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education
Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics
Bachelor of Arts in Special Education
Master of Arts in English Language Learning
Master of Arts in Teaching, Mathematics
Master of Arts in Teaching, Science
Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education
Master of Science in Educational Leadership
Master of Science in Special Education

<u>Western New Mexico University, Silver City, New Mexico</u>
Initial Certification – Distance Technology
Master of Occupational Therapy