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CITATION: ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND ORDER OF ABATEMENT

To: Edmund Currasco
Career Care Institute
43770 15th St. W., Ste. 120
Lancaster, CA 93534

INSTITUTION CODE: 1937081
CITATION NUMBER: 1617022
CITATION ISSUANCE/SERVICE DATE: August 30, 2016
DUE DATE: September 29, 2016
FINE AMOUNT: \$ 2,500.00
ORDER OF ABATEMENT INCLUDED: YES

Elainea Shotwell issues this Citation: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement (Citation) in her official capacity as Enforcement Manager of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) of the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

CITATION

A Citation is hereby issued to Edmund Currasco, Owner of Career Care Institute (CCI) located at 43770 15th St. W., Ste. 120, Lancaster, CA 93534 and CCI located at 2151 Alessandro Drive, Suite 150, Ventura, CA 93001, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 148; California Education Code (CEC) Section 94944; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5, CCR) Section 75020 for the violation(s) described below.

BACKGROUND

On September, 9, 2013, and August 26, 2014, the Bureau received complaints from two former CCI students named L.B and M.N. The complaints allege that CCI did not provide the advertised instruction, did not meet educational objectives, changed its Vocational Nursing curriculum during the course, charged students inappropriate fees, employed unqualified instructors, and failed to provide student records. The complaints allege violations of California Education Code (CEC) 94885(a)(1), CEC 94885(a)(5), CEC 94885(8), CEC 94897(J), and California Code of Regulations (CCR) 71710(a). Bureau Staff did not find any evidence to support the allegations of violations of CEC 94885(a)(1), CEC 94885(a)(5), CEC 94885(8), and CEC 94897(J).

Bureau Staff discovered that CCI changed its Vocational Nursing (VN) course curriculum while the course was in progress. Furthermore, the school's Dean changed the standardized exams without synchronizing them to the curriculum. As a result, a majority of the students in the VN

course failed a quiz and were threatened with academic probation. Due to these issues, CCI did not meet its educational objectives, which is a violation of 5, CCR 71710(a).

VIOLATION

#	The California Education Code (CEC) and the California Code of Regulations (CCR). Below you will find the code section(s) of law you are charged with violating.
1.	<p><u>Violation:</u> 5, CCR 71710(a), (e) - Educational Program <i>"In order to meet its mission and objectives, the educational program defined in section 94837 of the Code shall be comprised of a curriculum that includes:</i> <i>(a) those subject areas that are necessary for a student to achieve the educational objectives of the educational program in which the student is enrolled;</i> <i>(e) specific learning outcomes tied to the sequence of the presentation of the material to measure the students' learning of the material;"</i></p> <p style="color: red;">Instructor M.H. changed her course's curriculum while students were enrolled and actively taking classes. M.H. made the changes to her curriculum without notifying students and without prior approval from the Dean of Academics. The change negatively affected students and led to low exam scores. Furthermore, the school's Dean changed the standardized exams without synchronizing them to the curriculum. This change also negatively affected students and lowered quiz scores. The unapproved change to the curriculum and the change to the standardized exams without synchronizing them to the curriculum impeded the students' achievement of the educational objectives of the program in which they were enrolled.</p> <p><u>Order of Abatement:</u> The Bureau orders CCI to synchronize its course's curriculum and exams to the course objectives and syllabus. The Bureau further orders that CCI amend its Academic Freedom Policy to demonstrate that each instructor is teaching to objectives and there is good communication among instructors and administration to ensure consistency.</p> <p><u>Assessment of Fine</u> The fine for this violation is <u>\$2,500.00</u></p>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$2,500.00	

ASSESSMENT OF A FINE

In accordance with CEC section 94944; and 5, CCR section 75020(b), the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of a fine in the amount of **\$2,500.00** for the violations described above. **Payment must be made, to the Bureau, within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation.**

ORDER OF ABATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of CEC Section 94936 and 5, CCR Section 75020 the Bureau hereby issues the order(s) of abatement described above. **Evidence of compliance with the**

order(s) of abatement must be submitted, to the Bureau, within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation.

APPEAL OF CITATION

You have the right to contest this Citation through an informal conference with the Bureau; and/or through an administrative hearing in accordance with Chapter 5 (Commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

If you wish to contest this Citation, you must submit the 'Notice of Appeal of Citation – Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing' form (enclosed) within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation. *If you do not request an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing within 30 days from the service of the Citation, you will not be able to request one at a later time.*

Unless a written request for an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing is signed by you and delivered to the Bureau by **September 29, 2016**, you will be deemed to have waived or forfeited your right to appeal this matter.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CITATION

If you do not request an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing, this Citation shall become effective on **August 30, 2016**. Payment of the administrative fine and evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement shall be due by **September 29, 2016**. Your payment of the administrative fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation(s) charged.

If a hearing is requested, you will not be required to comply with this Citation until 30 days after a final order is entered against you.

Payment of the administrative fine and/or written request for appeal must be mailed to:

Ben Graber, Discipline Citation Program
Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95833

Failure for an applicant or institution to abate the violation(s) listed above or to pay the administrative fine within the time allowed may result in denial of an application for an approval or renewal to operate; disciplinary action, and/or collection action. The Bureau will promptly take all appropriate action to enforce this Citation and recover the civil penalties prescribed therein or found to be due after a hearing.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this Citation, or desire further information, please contact Ben Graber, Enforcement Analyst, at 916-576-2409 or Benjamin.Grabner@dca.ca.gov.



Elainea Shotwell
Enforcement Manager

8/29/14

Date

Enclosures

- Applicable Laws Violated
- Statement of Rights: Appeal Process Information Sheet
- Notice of Appeal of Citation: Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing
- Payment of Fine – Waiver of Appeal
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First Class Mail