

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4.**

#### **INSTITUTIONAL APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ISAC GIFT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS CHAMBERLAIN COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**Submitted for:** Action

**Summary:** Agency rules set forth eligibility requirements and application procedures for institutions to obtain approval to participate in the Monetary Award Program (MAP) and other ISAC-administered gift assistance programs for which the institution is eligible. Pursuant to ISAC's Administrative Rules, applications for participation in gift assistance programs must be reviewed and approved by the Commission.

Chamberlain College of Nursing which is owned by Devry Group, has its main campus and satellite campuses in Illinois as well as campuses in other states. Pursuant to Illinois law, only Illinois campuses are eligible to participate in ISAC gift assistance programs. Therefore, in relation to the Illinois campuses only, Chamberlain College of Nursing has met the criteria and submitted the required documentation for participation in MAP and certain other ISAC gift assistance programs. Once approved by the Commission, an institution is accorded eligibility to participate in the agency's gift assistance programs on a provisional basis for a minimum of five years. After the five-year period has ended, an institution may petition the Commission for full eligibility.

**Action:** That the Commission approve the following resolution:

**"BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission approves the application of Chamberlain College of Nursing to participate, on a provisional basis, in relation to its Illinois campuses only, in ISAC-administered gift assistance programs for which it is eligible effective for the fall term of the 2015-2016 academic year, with payment of awards to be subject to available funding."

**ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

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Agency rules set forth eligibility requirements and application procedures for institutions to obtain approval to participate in ISAC-administered gift assistance programs for which the institution is eligible. Applications for participation in gift assistance programs must be reviewed and approved by the Commission.

Requirements for eligibility, in addition to general indicators of administrative capability and financial responsibility, include accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Schools, legal authority to operate a postsecondary institution in Illinois, and possession of a valid Program Participation Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education (ED). In addition, an institution which is operated on a for-profit basis must offer degree programs which have been approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) for a minimum of three years and must enroll a majority of its students in such programs.

DeVry acquired Chamberlain College of Nursing in March 2005. Founded as Deaconess College of Nursing in 1889, Chamberlain offers programs in nursing education leading to one of four degrees: Associate Degree in Nursing (“ADN”) – (available at Columbus, Ohio campus), Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (“BSN”) (including both the on-site three year BSN and the online RN to BSN Degree Completion Option), Master of Science in Nursing degree (“MSN”) which is offered online, or the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree (“DNP”) which is also offered online. Twelve of Chamberlain’s thirteen campuses are co-located with DeVry University locations, which allows for efficiencies in shared resources. Chamberlain had 13,953 students enrolled in the May 2013 term, an increase of 24.4% over the prior year.

All degree programs are approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The Chamberlain College of Nursing is regionally accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Chamberlain’s pre-licensure BSN degree is a traditional on-site baccalaureate program. The BSN program enables students to complete their BSN degree in three years of full-time study as opposed to typical four year BSN programs containing summer breaks. Students who already have achieved Registered Nurse (“RN”) designation through a diploma or associate degree can complete their BSN online through Chamberlain’s “fast track” RN to BSN completion program in as few as three semesters. The ADN program is a six-semester year-round program offered onsite or online only from the Columbus, Ohio location. In addition, Licensed Practical Nurses (“LPNs”) may receive up to 10 hours of credit for their previous work and can complete an ADN degree through either the onsite or online programs in Ohio. Liberal arts and science courses are taught through DeVry University.

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Having concluded that the institution has met the criteria and submitted the required documentation, staff is recommending that the Commission approves the application of Chamberlain College of Nursing to participate, on a provisional basis, in relation to its Illinois campuses only, in ISAC-administered gift assistance programs for which it is eligible effective for the fall term of the 2015-2016 academic year, with payment of awards to be subject to available funding.