

# **Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission**

**Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020**

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## Commission at a Glance for FY20

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Established	1990
Governance	Title 20, Chapter 3, Article 7, Part 1A
Website	<a href="http://www.gnpec.georgia.gov">www.gnpec.georgia.gov</a>
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Total Authorized Institutions (Figures as of June 30, 2020)	312
Degree-Granting	146
Nondegree-Granting	166
Accredited	165
Non-accredited	147
On-ground in Georgia	205
Online Presence in Georgia	107
Number of Students Served	151,761
Tuition and Fees Collected (From students enrolled at authorized institutions)	\$927,894,664.17
Total Exempt Institutions	210+
Total GA-SARA Institutions	78
Out-of-State Students Attending GA-SARA Institutions (2018-2019 academic year)	47,785
In-State Students Attending NC-SARA (non-Georgia) Institutions (2018-2019 academic year)	67,439
Total Transcript Requests	708
Institution Site Visits Conducted	212
Total Full-Time Employees	10
Total Contracted Employees	4
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## Introduction

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The Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (NPEC/the Commission) was established by the passage of the Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions Act of 1990 by the Georgia General Assembly. The agency staff began operations on April 10, 1991, and the first Board of Commissioners were appointed by the Governor in 1992. Prior to the creation of NPEC, the Georgia Department of Education was responsible for regulating non-degree granting institutions (under the Proprietary School Act) and degree granting institutions (under the Postsecondary Educational Authorization Act). The Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions Act of 1990 repealed these earlier statutes and consolidated regulatory authority within the Commission.

As of 2015, NPEC is the agency that houses the Georgia Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (GA-SARA). This program is part of a national interstate compact that allows public and private colleges and universities the ability to offer online programming to students across the country without incurring additional authorization fees in other states.

The NPEC office is in Tucker in the Georgia Student Finance Commission building. The Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission is attached to the Georgia Student Finance Commission for ***administrative purposes only***.

## Board of Commissioners

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Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.4, the Board of Commissioners is comprised of eleven (11) members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Currently, there are ten sitting commissioners and one vacant commission seat. The members are appointed for three-year terms of office and may serve two terms consecutively. The 1990 Act specifies the Commission must include a member appointed to represent each of the following: a degree-granting institution, a nondegree-granting institution, and an exempt institution. The Commission is required to meet at least quarterly or at the call of the chair. During Fiscal Year 2020, the Commission met five (5) times.

### **Mollie Cohen**, *Chair, At-Large Post #2*

Cohen is a founding partner of Pecan Ridge Plantation, where she serves as the director of marketing and sales. She also has more than 10 years of experience as an educator. Cohen is a graduate of Leadership Georgia and previously served as a program chair. She is a member of the Grady County Historical Society, the Grady County Archway and the Whigham Volunteer Council. Cohen is a Grady County 4-H adult leader and volunteers with Brookwood School, South Georgia Ballet and Tired Creek Church. Cohen earned a bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Georgia. She and her husband, Eric, have two children and live in Whigham.

### **Karen Gilbert**, *Vice-Chair, Representing an Exempt Institution*

Gilbert is the associate vice president for human resources at Agnes Scott College. She has more than 35 years of experience in human resources as a human resources generalist and as an employment director in the retail and technology industries. Gilbert was previously the chapter secretary of the Georgia College and University Professional Association for Human Resources. She is a member of the National College and University Professional Association for Human Resources and the Society for Human Resources Management. Gilbert earned a bachelor's degree from Auburn University and holds a senior professional in Human Resources designation and a certified professional designation from the Society for Human Resources Managers. Gilbert has two children and resides in Jonesboro.

### **Toby R. Hinton**, *Secretary, Representing a Degree-Granting Institution*

Hinton is the vice president of financial services at Brenau University. He is a member of the National Association of College and University Business Officers and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Hinton earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Business Administration from Presbyterian College. He is licensed as a certified public accountant. Hinton and his wife, Suzanne, have two children and live in Suwanee.

### **Ryan Blythe**, *Representing a Nondegree-Granting/Certificate Institution*

Blythe is the founder of the Georgia Trade School. He was previously a member of the Go Build Georgia Advisory Council and sat on the boards of the Kennesaw Business Association and the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia. Blythe is a graduate of Oglethorpe University. He has one child and lives in Smyrna.

### **Victoria Agyekum**, *At-Large Post #1*

Agyekum is a co-founder of Dominion Health Care Solutions, a proprietary school that provides training in nurses' aide, patient care and phlebotomy. She was previously the director of the nursing program at Savannah Technical College. Agyekum earned a master's degree in Nursing from the Medical College of Georgia. She has three children and four grandchildren. Agyekum resides in Savannah.

**Robert Lee Todd IV, At-Large Post #3**

Todd is a general practice attorney in Greenville. He has more than 25 years of experience as local counsel to the Meriwether County School District. Todd is a member of the Meriwether County Department of Public Safety and a former adjunct instructor of Business Law at LaGrange College. He previously served as a station chief for the Meriwether County Volunteer Fire Department and as the chief of the City of Greenville Volunteer Fire Department. Todd earned a bachelor's degree from Emory University and a law degree from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. He and his wife, Martha Ann, have two children and two grandchildren. They live in Greenville.

**Amanda B. Shailendra, At-Large Post #4**

Shailendra is the local partner manager for Google Fiber in Atlanta. She previously worked in economic development for the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia, where she supported projects for Mercedes-Benz, KIA Motors, athenahealth and AT&T Mobility. Shailendra sits on the board of directors for the Georgia Department of Economic Development and Dad's Garage Theatre Company. She is also a member of the honorary board for the Atlanta Ballet. Shailendra earned a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University and a master's degree from Georgia Tech. She and her husband, Paul, have two children and reside in Atlanta.

**Holly C. Kirbo, At-Large Post #5**

Kirbo is an attorney. She previously worked as associate general counsel for Flowers Foods. Kirbo is a published author and a member of the State Bar of Georgia. She is also a member of the committee overseeing her local YMCA gymnastics team. Kirbo earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a law degree from the University of Georgia. She and her husband, Cliff, have three children and reside in Moultrie.

**Norma Nunez-Cortes, At-Large Post #6**

Nunez-Cortes is the Title I Federal Program Director for the Appling County Board of Education. She is a former president and current vice chair of the Baxley-Appling County Chamber of Commerce. Nunez-Cortes is a member of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, the Appling County Hospital Authority and the Appling County Family Connection Collaborative. She is also a member of the Lions Club International, Kiwanis International, the Appling County Board of Health and Telamon HSEAC. Nunez-Cortes earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a master's degree in School Counseling from Georgia Southern University. She also earned a specialist degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial University. Nunez-Cortes is a graduate of the Georgia Academy for Economic Development. She and her husband, Juan, have two children and live in Baxley.

**Dr. Arthur D. Vaughn, At-Large Post #7**

Vaughn is an associate vice president for business and finance at Morehouse College. He sits on the board for the March of Dimes of Atlanta and North Central Georgia. Vaughn also sits on the Northwest Atlanta advisory board for BB&T. He earned a bachelor's degree in Economics from Syracuse University, a master's degree in Public Administration from Clark Atlanta University, a master's degree in Accounting from Southern Polytechnic State University and a doctoral degree in Higher Education Management from the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Georgia. Vaughn and his wife, Octavia, have three children and reside in Marietta.

**VACANT, At-Large Post #8**

## Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund Board of Trustees

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Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.27(b)(2), the Board of Trustees, who administers the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund, is comprised of five (5) members of the commission designated by majority vote of the commission, where at least two members, by June 30, 2020, shall represent postsecondary educational institutions. The five members of the commission who are selected serve one-year terms. The commission appoints one of the members as chairman of the Board of Trustees. The executive director serves as executive director and secretary of the Board of Trustees. Three members of the board constitutes a quorum and meets quarterly or at the call of the chairman. During Fiscal Year 2020, the Board of Trustees met five (5) times, prior to each of the Quarterly Commission meetings and one Special Called meeting.

**Mollie Cohen**, *Chair*

**Karen Gilbert**, *Vice Chair*

**Toby R. Hinton**

**Ryan Blythe**

**Robert Lee Todd IV**

**Kirk Shook**, *Secretary (Non-Voting Member)*

## Commission Meetings

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O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.4(e) requires the Commission to meet at least four (4) times each fiscal year in order to administer its duties. Topics of discussion include:

- Commission budget
- Staff reports
- Legislation affecting the Commission
- Adverse actions taken by the Commission
- Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund updates
- Rules/Policy changes of the Commission
- Updates to Minimum Standards
- Relationships with public postsecondary education institutions
- Agency initiatives
- Commission approvals as required by Georgia Code



## Comments from the Executive Director

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The Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (NPEC) provides a service to Georgia's citizens by authorizing and regulating the operations of for-profit and not-for-profit private postsecondary institutions. Additionally, it is responsible for oversight of out-of-state public and private institutions that choose to operate in Georgia.

In Fiscal Year 2020, guided by a new Strategic Plan, NPEC focused on quality improvement initiatives through specialization of staff positions, particularly the creation of a Program Manager position that manages and answers all student complaints, institutional closures, and agency investigations. Previously, these roles were spread among six Regulatory Specialists and the Deputy Director. The agency also instituted an e-commerce initiative in November 2019, allowing NPEC to accept online payments from students for transcript requests, and, by April 2020, all institutional payments for the first time in the agency's history.

This year was also unique given the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. Most agency staff have worked remotely since March 2020. Even given these changes and obstacles, staff helped to achieve and even exceed many measurable objectives set forth in the agency's Strategic Plan, while at the same time providing exceptional customer service in a remote setting. Our agency helped Georgia to lead the nation during the pandemic as staff leveraged technology to conduct institutional site visits during the height of the pandemic to ensure that institutions could continue to operate and that bureaucratic red-tape would not stand in the way of economic opportunity.

NPEC is committed to ensuring that each nonpublic postsecondary educational institution in Georgia is satisfying its commitment to hardworking Georgians by offering sound academics and maintaining financial stability. NPEC is accomplishing this by working to improve the business environment in the state by streamlining the authorization process required of postsecondary institutions and reducing the regulatory burdens on institutions. Through process improvement efforts, NPEC is putting Georgians first by concentrating on quality improvement and working to be consistent, fair, and as effective as possible. The agency continues to work towards that goal by improving internal procedures, agency policies, and agency legislation to improve operations and provide better customer service. As such, agency leadership is further exploring the possibility of being a leader in state government by finding ways to make remote work permanent in an effort to save Georgia taxpayers money by reducing real estate expenses all the while maintaining high standards of customer service and interaction.

On behalf of the Commission, thank you for your support of our vision to promote excellence, efficiency, and systematic improvement in the regulation of nonpublic postsecondary institutions to ensure quality education for improving the workforce in Georgia and the lives of Georgia's citizens.

Kirk Shook



Executive Director

## Organization

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This agency administers the Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions Act of 1990 by providing ongoing assessment and evaluation of private postsecondary institutions operating in the state. Oversight is achieved through review and processing of institutional applications and inspection of in-state physical facilities, investigation of student complaints, and facilitation of institutional closures and the resulting surrendered student records. Additionally, staff regularly propose new or revised policies and procedures in the aim of enhancing Commission operation and effectiveness, reducing regulatory burdens on institutions while balancing student interests, and consumer advocacy.

### **Mission**

The agency's mission is to ensure that each authorized nonpublic postsecondary educational institution in Georgia is satisfying its commitments to hardworking Georgians through sound academics and financial stability.

### **Vision**

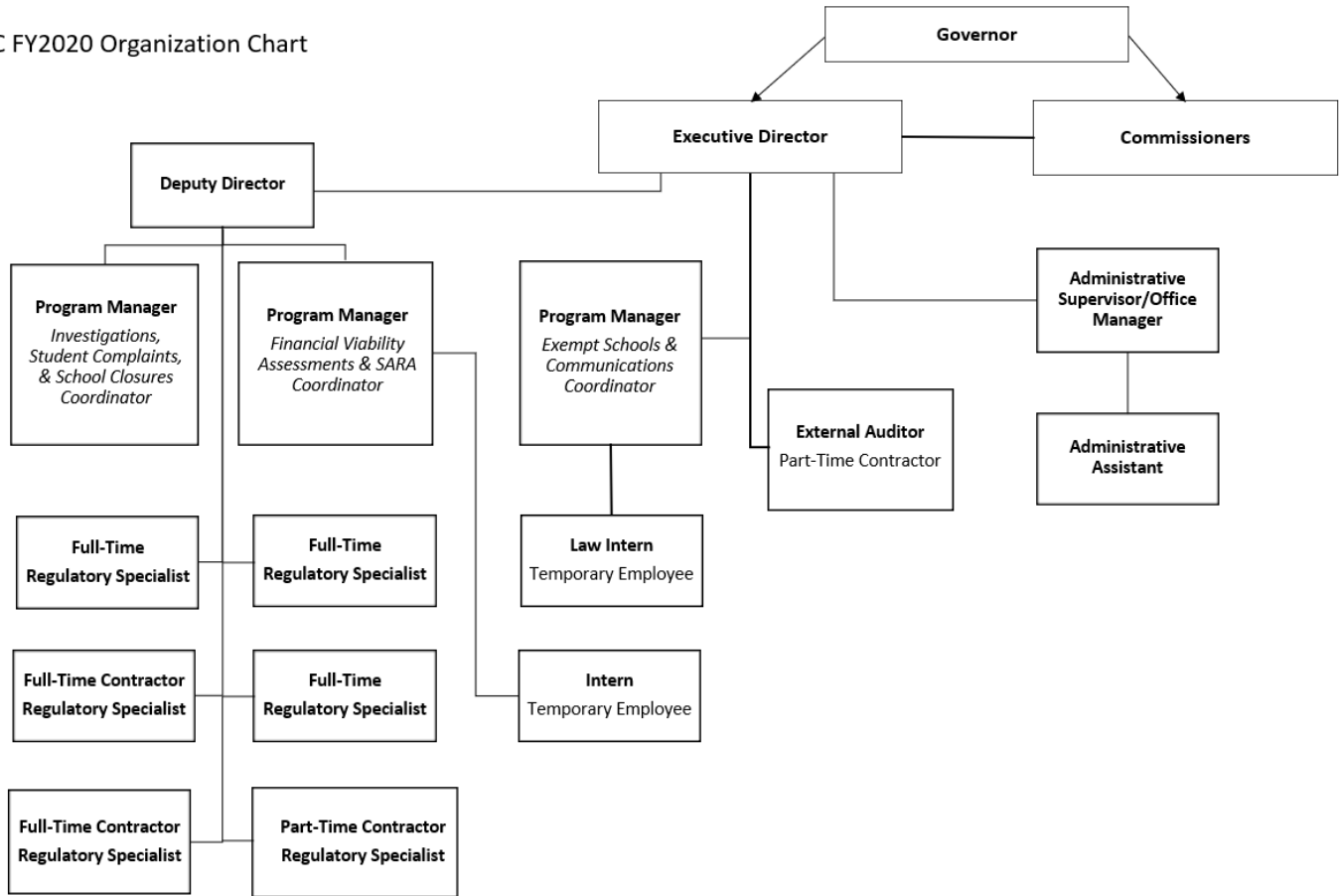
The vision of the agency is to promote excellence, efficiency, and systematic improvement in the regulation of nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions to ensure quality education for improving the workforce in Georgia and the lives of Georgia's citizens.

### **Core Values**

The agency provides the critical consumer protection functions of assuring prospective and enrolled students that the institutions regulated meet minimum standards and assuring prospective employers that graduates have acquired appropriate job skills while balancing the regulatory burdens that Georgia institutions face to provide educational programming to students.

# Organizational Structure

NPEC FY2020 Organization Chart



## FY20 Commission Leadership and Staff

<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	
Kirk Shook	
<b>Professional Staff</b>	
<b>Deputy Director</b>	<i>Laura Vieth, EdD</i>
<b>Program Manager – Compliance</b>	<i>Pat Neri</i>
<b>Program Manager - GA-SARA Coordinator</b>	<i>Adam Hawk</i>
<b>Program Manager - Communications Coordinator</b>	<i>Magda Rivers</i>
<b>Regulatory Specialist</b>	<i>Michael Kaiser</i>
<b>Regulatory Specialist</b>	<i>Kimberly Searcy (resigned August 2020)</i>
<b>Regulatory Specialist</b>	<i>Chad Woodard</i>
<b>Regulatory Specialist (FT Contractor)</b>	<i>James Cheek</i>
<b>Regulatory Specialist (FT Contractor)</b>	<i>Tara Gill (resigned November 2019)</i>
<b>Regulatory Specialist (FT Contractor)</b>	<i>Cheryl Leon (hired December 2019, resigned April 2020)</i>
<b>Regulatory Specialist (FT Contractor)</b>	<i>Tony Wallace (hired June 2020)</i>
<b>Regulatory Specialist (FT Contractor)</b>	<i>Alyssa Yuhouse (hired June 2020)</i>
<b>Regulatory Specialist (PT Contractor)</b>	<i>Greg Ward (retired June 30, 2020)</i>
<b>External Auditor (PT Contractor)</b>	<i>Phil Embry</i>
<b>Administrative Staff</b>	
<b>Administrative Supervisor/Office Manager</b>	<i>Shirlene Mitchell</i>
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<i>Carter Camann</i>

### **Regulatory Compliance**

O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.8 requires each nonpublic postsecondary educational institution desiring to operate or conduct postsecondary activities in Georgia to file an application for authorization. To ensure application of the law governing this agency and its associated institutions, regulatory compliance is central to NPEC operations. This is achieved through the authorization process, which includes application review and critique, curriculum evaluation, complaint mediation, and, for in-state institutions, annual campus visits. Curriculum evaluation occurs when an institution proposes a new or modified program. This process may require the formation of a committee, made up of an expert or team of experts who specialize in the field of instruction of the proposed program, who will offer a recommendation to NPEC as to its quality. All compliance activities are reviewed by multiple NPEC professional staff persons for accuracy, consistency, and adequacy and then are recorded electronically in a customized agency database. This permits easy and secure access to all relevant institutional documentation associated with NPEC oversight. Authorization differs from accreditation in that accreditation is a voluntary process in which educational institutions of higher learning are evaluated by a peer review board whose members include faculty from various accredited colleges and universities. Whereas NPEC is the state's arm in regulating postsecondary education, recognized accreditors are granted authority by the United States Department of Education to accredit institutions, which will in turn qualify to receive federal financial aid.

Additionally, certain institutions are exempted from seeking authorization; alternatively, those institutions seek a Notice of Exemption, the details about which are expanded upon in the section titled *Postsecondary Institutions Exempted from Authorization*.

### **Academic Record Keeping**

NPEC requires that authorized institutions maintain student academic records in a prescribed format. This not only allows for consistent student access but also supports the transfer of student records to the agency with a minimum of difficulty in the event the institution closes. O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.17 mandates such transfer to the state/NPEC, and institutions are required to provide a signed Record Agreement annually as part of the Renewal of Authorization Application. In addition to stipulations associated with closure, this document also provides requirements for ongoing record maintenance while the institution is in operation. With regards to academic records of closed institutions previously authorized by NPEC, the Commission is responsible for fielding transcript requests from students and/or approved representatives. While inquiries are made through an electronic form available on the NPEC website, 2,622 boxes of student records from closed institutions are stored at the State Records Center. As of June 30, 2020, through a new effort to digitize the stored records to reduce administrative costs and transcript response times, the number of boxes stored at the State Records Center has been reduced by 348 boxes since June 30, 2019. One NPEC staff member is assigned the responsibility of processing transcript requests, which number in the hundreds annually.

	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>
<b>Transcript Requests</b>	832	601	827	689	531	714	708

### **Institutional Closures**

In Fiscal Year 2020, twenty-three (23) NPEC authorized institutions closed. During closings, NPEC staff typically work with the institution’s representatives, students, and other institutions to provide students with the opportunity to complete their programs of study either at the closing institution or at another institution. Student academic records were sought upon receipt of notification of each closure. To provide student access, records were then either transferred to the State Records Center or to other active campuses of the closed institution. When an institution or campus ceases operations, it is considered to be an institutional closure and pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.17, institutions are required to provide academic records to NPEC.

### **Student Complaints**

To provide consumer protection, O.C.G.A. §§ 20-3-250.5(c)(5) & 20-3-250.3(a)(7), (10), (11), (14) provides NPEC with the lawful responsibility to investigate complaints filed against institutions. NPEC requires that complaint policies of authorized institutions include a student’s right to appeal an institution’s final determination with NPEC. Complaints are submitted electronically on the NPEC website, and a full investigation is completed by the NPEC staff person responsible for the compliance review of the institution. This process involves consultation with appropriate institution officials upon receipt of a complaint and visitation to institutions, as needed. NPEC regards the prompt resolution of complaints from students as a high priority of the agency. In addition to formal complaints, NPEC responds to all inquiries and concerns made by students regarding the institution at which they are enrolled. In Fiscal Year 2020, NPEC investigated seventy-five (75) student complaints.

<b>Type of Complaint</b>	<b>Number of Complaints</b>
School Resolved	15
Resolved by NPEC in Support of Student	0
Resolved by NPEC in Support of Institution	2
Pending	0
NPEC Has No Oversight	19
Student Withdrew Complaint	14
Inquiry/Referral	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

## **SARA State Portal Entity**

The State of Georgia became a member of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) in October 2015. As the state coordinating “portal” agency, NPEC assures that institutions which are SARA-approved in their own states follow NC-SARA policy in providing on-line programming to residents of Georgia. NPEC reviews applications from Georgia institutions wanting to become SARA-approved by the state so that those institutions may offer online programming to residents of other states. NPEC also serves as the agent for complaints filed relative to Georgia-SARA approved institutions and facilitates the resolution of complaints filed by Georgia residents relative to out-of-state institutions.

During Fiscal Year 2020, a total of seventy-eight (78) Georgia institutions were SARA-approved through NPEC action and became institutional members of NC-SARA. Of these, twenty-six (26) were University System of Georgia institutions, twenty-two (22) were Technical College System of Georgia institutions, and thirty (30) were Georgia nonpublic degree granting accredited institutions.

The most recent data available (2018-2019 school year) shows that 67,439 in-state students took online courses at an institution participating in SARA and an additional 47,785 out-of-state students took online courses at a Georgia institution participating in SARA.

In FY20, the Commission raised the participation fee for Georgia institutions participating in GA-SARA. Even with the increase in fees, GA-SARA institutions paid the lowest fees at all full-time equivalent (FTE) student counts of any state in the immediate states that border Georgia. Additionally, in 2018, the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems conducted a return-on-investment study that estimated that colleges and universities in Georgia saved \$7.7 million for initial authorization and save \$2.2 million annually on renewals. By contrast, in FY20, the seventy-four (74) Georgia institutions participating in GA-SARA paid a combined \$340,500 in fees to participate—\$98,500 to GA-SARA and \$242,000 to NC-SARA.

## Appropriations and Revenue Collections

NPEC is a revenue generating agency primarily resulting from fee collections required as part of institutional applications for annual authorization, which are based on tuition received by an institution during its most recently completed fiscal year or, in the case of initial authorizations, projections for the first year of authorization. In addition, other fees are based on specific services performed by NPEC such as approval of a change of ownership, evaluation of proposed new programs and updates to administrative records. Fees are also collected for transcript requests, as part of applications for exemption, as well as for financial viability assessments. Revenue collections for Fiscal Year 2020 were \$1,287,814. Additionally, NPEC collects funds from select institutions for the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund that are maintained by the agency for student's adversely affected by precipitous closures. These collections are detailed in another area of this report (starting on p. 31).

NPEC's state appropriation for its Fiscal Year 2020 annual operating budget was \$1,008,654. No federal funds are received. However, in August 2020, all state agencies were instructed to provide an Amended Fiscal Year 2020 budget request proposal reflecting cuts due to lower revenue projections. NPEC's state appropriation for its Amended Fiscal Year 2020 annual operating budget was \$938,893, a reduction of 6.92%.

<b>GEORGIA NONPUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION</b> <b>FISCAL YEAR 2020</b> <b>SCHEDULE OF GNPEC OPERATIONS</b> <b>TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2020</b> <b>(UNAUDITED)</b>				
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SPENDING</b>		<b>BUDGET*</b>	<b>% SPENT</b>
<b>Personal Services</b>	\$ 887,541	\$ 867,263		102.34%
<b>Regular Operating</b>	9,579	27,592		34.72%
<b>Equipment Purchase</b>	2,037	8,194		24.86%
<b>Real Estate Rental</b>	29,348	29,348		100.00%
<b>Contracts</b>	20,236	3,000		674.53%
<b>Computer Charges</b>	1,887	677		278.75%
<b>Telecommunications</b>	5,576	2,819		197.79%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 956,203</b>	<b>\$ 938,893</b>		<b>101.84%</b>
*Budget reflects the AFY20 approved by the General Assembly. The AFY20 budget reflects the 6.92% cuts requested by the Governor (\$69,761) that went into effect in March 2020. Total SPR receipts in FY20 were \$301,083.55. NPEC will surplus \$19,520.21 to the Office of the State Treasury.				



## Postsecondary Institutions Exempted from Authorization

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Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.3, certain postsecondary educational institutions are not subject to the Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions Act of 1990; therefore, they are excluded from NPEC authorization (i.e., “exempt”).

Under O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.3(a)(4), all state operated higher education institutions are exempt from NPEC authorization as are the thirty-seven (37) independent private colleges and universities [O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.3(a)(10), (11), (13) and (14)].

Under O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.3(a)(4), institutions that are regulated by other state agencies are exempt from authorization, such as those regulated by licensing boards under the Georgia Secretary of State or Board of Nursing. Some examples include cosmetology, select nursing programs, barbering, truck driving, and real estate institutions.

Under O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.3(a)(6), eighty (80) religious institutions are exempt from NPEC authorization. Annually, each religious institution must demonstrate to NPEC that the institution grants only religious degrees and/or certificates; does not receive federal or state funds; and does not accept students using federal or state loans to attend.

Additionally, as set forth by O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.3(a), NPEC exempts numerous “other” institutions that meet the exemption criteria that include education solely avocational or recreational in nature, flight training schools approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, test and tax preparation, institutions on military installments solely for the education of military personnel and their dependents, and education sponsored by a trade, business, or fraternal organization solely for that organization’s membership.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

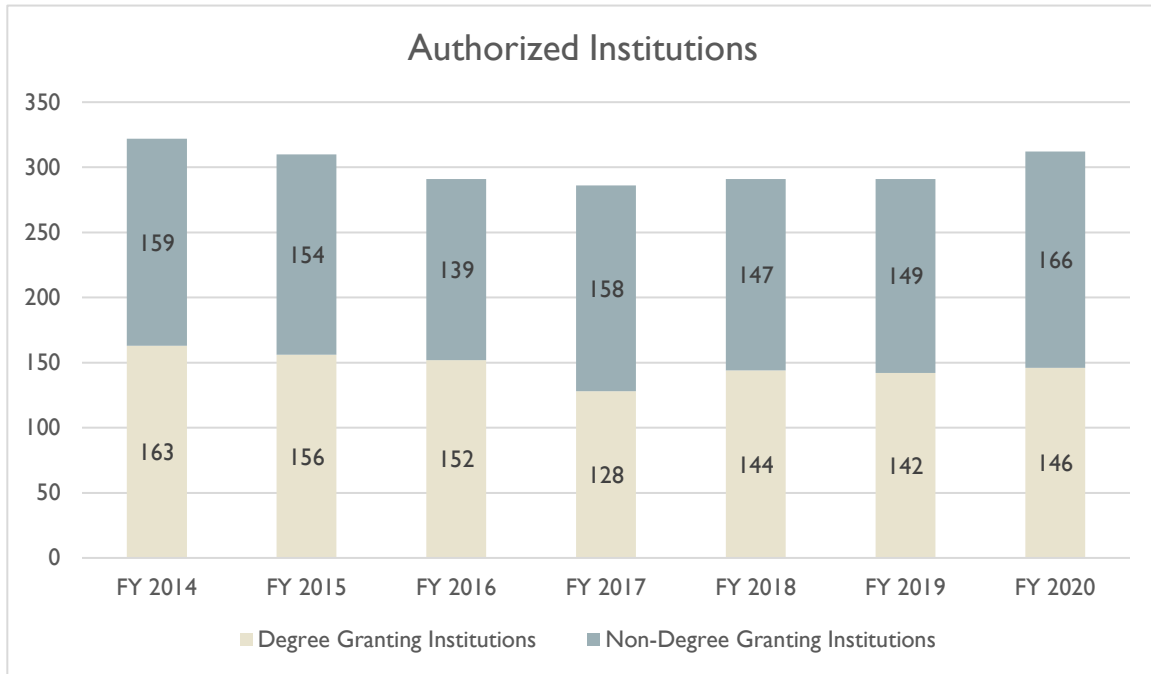
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The Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (NPEC) authorizes new institutions and processes renewal authorizations annually. This chart depicts other key functions delivered by NPEC such as providing transcripts to students of closed institutions, investigating student complaints, and facilitating institutional closures.

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>
Newly Authorized Institutions	32	24	21	23	34	33	44
Student Transcript Requests	832	601	827	689	531	714	708
Student Complaint Investigations	35	56	33	38	13	24	75
Institutional Closures	20	43	26	23	23	24	23

## Institutions Authorized in Georgia

This chart depicts the total number of degree-granting and non-degree granting (certificate-granting) institutions that were authorized in Georgia.



<b>AUTHORIZED INSTITUTIONS</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>
Degree Granting Institutions*	163	156	152	128	144	142	146
Non-degree Granting Institutions^	159	154	139	158	147	149	166
<b>Total</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>312</b>

\*Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.5(c)(3), a complete list of degree granting institutions can be found in Exhibit B on page 34 of this Annual Report

^ Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.5(c)(3), a complete list of non-degree granting institutions can be found in Exhibit C on page 39 of this Annual Report

## Site Visit Reports

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.8(c), NPEC is responsible for in-state “on-site inspections of the physical facility in which the institution will be operating.” In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.8(g), such on-site inspections are also required for Renewal of Authorization applications. Additionally, NPEC completes other visits as deemed necessary by staff for purposes of ensuring compliance with the Minimum Standards. In FY20, 212 site visits were conducted. Due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic in FY20, a special dispensation was given to NPEC from March 17 – June 15, 2020 to allow for virtual site visits. However, since June 16, 2020, NPEC employees have conducted all site visits in person.

Name	Status	Location	Type of Visit
ABC Bartending School	Authorized	Marietta, GA	Renewal
Accession Distribution Training and Staffing	Authorized	Riverdale, GA	Virtual Renewal
Altierus Career College/Norcross	Authorized	Norcross, GA	Renewal
America Evangelical University/Atlanta	Closed	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
American InterContinental University/Atlanta	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Arch Dental Assistant Academy/ Augusta	Authorized	Augusta, GA	Renewal
Arch Dental Assistant Academy/ Dalton	Authorized	Dalton, GA	Renewal
Arch Dental Assistant Academy/ Savannah	Authorized	Savannah, GA	Renewal
Arch Dental Assistant Academy/Albany	Authorized	Albany, GA	Initial
Arch Dental Assistant Academy-Macon	Authorized	Macon, GA	Initial
AS4U Career Center, LLC	Authorized	Cartersville, GA	Renewal
Ashworth College	Authorized	Norcross, GA	Renewal
Assisting 101- Georgia School of Dental Staffing	Authorized	Marietta, GA	Renewal
ATG Learning	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Athens College of Ministry	Authorized	Watkinsville, GA	Renewal
Atlanta Academy of Dental Assisting	Authorized	Marietta, GA	Renewal
Atlanta Career Institute	Authorized	Norcross, GA	Renewal
Atlanta Dental Assistant School (Buckhead)	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Atlanta Dental Assistant School/Marietta	Authorized	Marietta, GA	Renewal
Atlanta Dog Trainers School for Professional Dog Trainers	Authorized	Alpharetta, GA	Renewal
Atlanta General Education Center	Authorized	Norcross, GA	Renewal
Atlanta Institute of Music and Media	Authorized	Duluth, GA	Renewal
Atlanta Medical Assistant School	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Initial
Atlanta University of Health Sciences	Authorized	Duluth, GA	Renewal
Augusta School of Massage	Authorized	Evans, GA	Renewal
AV Enterprise Training Center	Authorized	Cumming, GA	Initial
Aviation Institute of Maintenance	Authorized	Duluth, GA	Renewal
Belhaven University/ Dalton	Authorized	Dalton, GA	Renewal
Bread for Life, Inc.	Authorized	Athens, GA	Renewal
Brighter Tomorrows Consulting Institute	Authorized	Griffin, GA	Initial
Brown College of Court Reporting	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
C.C.B. School of Atlanta	Authorized	Duluth, GA	Renewal
Cambridge College of Healthcare & Technology	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Careers in Dentistry	Authorized	Martinez, GA	Renewal
Casey & Son Horseshoeing School & Clinic LLC	Authorized	LaFayette, GA	Renewal
Central Michigan University/Atlanta	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal

Name	Status	Location	Type of Visit
Central Texas College/Fort Benning	Authorized	Fort Benning, GA	Renewal
CET Institute	Authorized	Warner Robins, GA	Virtual Renewal
Chamberlain University/Atlanta	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Clinical Skills Training Center	Authorized	College Park, GA	Virtual Initial
CNU Medical Institute	Authorized	Norcross, GA	Renewal
Cobb Medical Institute	Authorized	Mableton, GA	Renewal
Cohutta Healing Arts Institute, Inc	Authorized	Ellijay, GA	Renewal
COIN Education Services Center	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Columbia College/NSB Kings Bay	Authorized	NSB King Bay, GA	Renewal
Complete Game Broadcasting	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Virtual Renewal
CPR with Mickey, Inc.	Authorized	Dallas, GA	Renewal
Crane Safety Associates of America, Inc.	Authorized	McDonough, GA	Renewal
Creative Circus, The	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Cumberland Medical Institute	Authorized	Marietta, GA	Renewal
Cyber Institute of Atlanta	Authorized	Fayetteville, GA	Initial
Dental Assistant School of Atlanta	Authorized	Kennesaw, GA	Renewal
Dental Assisting School of Georgia, LLC	Authorized	Roswell, GA	Renewal
Dental Careers Institute, Inc.	Authorized	Marietta, GA	Renewal
Dental Staff School, Inc.	Authorized	Marietta, GA	Renewal
DeVry University/Alpharetta	Authorized	Alpharetta, GA	Renewal
DeVry University/Cobb Galleria	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
DeVry University/Decatur	Authorized	Decatur, GA	Renewal
DeVry University/Duluth	Authorized	Duluth, GA	Renewal
DeVry University/Henry County	Authorized	Stockbridge, GA	Renewal
Digital Film Academy	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Initial
DigitalCrafts	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Dignity Place	Authorized	Acworth, GA	Initial
Dove Technology	Authorized	Norcross, GA	Renewal
Dover Training Institute	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Education & Career Resources of Georgia	Authorized	Lilburn, GA	Renewal
Elite Lineman Training Institute, Inc	Authorized	Tunnel Hill, GA	Renewal
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/ Hunter AAB	Authorized	Savannah, GA	Renewal
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/Atlanta	Authorized	Atlanta, GA , GA	Renewal
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/Columbus	Authorized	Fort Benning, GA	Renewal
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/Moody AFB	Authorized	Valdosta, GA	Renewal
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/Robins AFB	Authorized	Robins AFB, GA	Renewal
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/Savannah	Authorized	Pooler, GA	Renewal
Essential Medical and Mental Health Institute	Authorized	Fayetteville, GA	Initial
Evangeline Booth College	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
FAKS Allied Health Education Center	Authorized	College Park, GA	Renewal
First Step Health Agency	Authorized	Columbus, GA	Renewal
Fortis College/Atlanta	Authorized	Smyrna, GA	Renewal
Future Dental Assistants of Atlanta, LLC	Authorized	Roswell, GA	Initial
General Assembly	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal

Name	Status	Location	Type of Visit
Genesis Career College/Dalton Campus	Authorized	Dalton, GA	Renewal
Genesis Career College: South Atlanta Campus	Authorized	Morrow, GA	Renewal
Georgia Career Institute	Authorized	Conyers, GA	Renewal
Georgia Central University	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Georgia Dental Educational Institute	Authorized	Riverdale, GA	Initial
Georgia Massage School, Inc.	Authorized	Suwanee, GA	Renewal
Georgia School of Dental Assisting, LLC	Authorized	Roswell, GA	Renewal
Georgia Synergy Business Institute	Authorized	Duluth , GA	Virtual Initial
Georgia Trade School	Authorized	Acworth, GA	Renewal
Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service	Authorized	Decatur, GA	Renewal
Gwinnett College	Authorized	Marietta, GA	Virtual Renewal
Gwinnett College – Lilburn	Authorized	Lilburn, GA	Virtual Renewal
Gwinnett College - Sandy Springs	Authorized	Sandy Springs, GA	Other- Accreditation and Virtual/ Other
Gwinnett Dental Career Academy	Authorized	Suwanee, GA	Renewal
Handyman Training School, LLC	Authorized	Stone Mountain, GA	Renewal
Health and Style Institute, LLC	Authorized	Kennesaw, GA	Renewal
Health Tech of Georgia	Authorized	Warner Robins, GA	Renewal
Herzing University/Atlanta	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Hudson Taylor University	Authorized	Suwanee, GA	Renewal
iCode Academy	Authorized	Ellenwood, GA	Renewal
Industry Makeup Academy	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Innovative Health Care Institute, LLC	Authorized	Athens, GA	Renewal
Institute of Medical Ultrasound	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Interactive College of Technology/Chamblee	Authorized	Chamblee, GA	Renewal
Interactive College of Technology/Gainesville	Authorized	Gainesville, GA	Renewal
Interactive College of Technology/Morrow	Authorized	Morrow, GA	Renewal
International Institute of Technology & Application (IITA)	Authorized	Marietta, GA	Renewal
International School of Skin, Nailcare, and Massage Therapy	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Jo-Thor's Dog Trainers' Academy	Authorized	Alpharetta, GA	Renewal
KLA Medical Services, Inc., The	Authorized	Columbus, GA	Renewal
Life Solutions for Health	Authorized	Decatur, GA	Program Evaluation
Life Solutions for Health	Authorized	Decatur, GA	Renewal
Life Time Academy/Sandy Springs	Authorized	Sandy Springs, GA	Renewal
Lighthouse Digital LLC	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Initial
Lincoln College of Technology/Marietta	Authorized	Marietta, GA	Renewal
Medical and Technical Institute of North Georgia	Authorized	Calhoun, GA	Renewal
Medical Institute of Northeast Georgia	Authorized	Braselton, GA	Renewal
Mentee College	Authorized	Lawrenceville, GA	Renewal
Metro Medical Training Centers, Inc.	Authorized	Marietta, GA	Renewal
Metropolitan Career School	Authorized	College Park, GA	Renewal
Miami Ad School Atlanta at Portfolio Center	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Middle Georgia School of Dental Assistants, LLC	Authorized	Warner Robins, GA	Renewal
Miller-Motte College/Augusta	Authorized	Augusta, GA	Renewal

Name	Status	Location	Type of Visit
Miller-Motte College/Columbus	Authorized	Columbus, GA	Renewal
Miller-Motte College/Macon	Authorized	Macon, GA	Renewal
MiTio Incorporated	Authorized	McDonough, GA	Virtual Renewal
Modern Dental Training, Inc dba Modern Dental Career Center	Authorized	Lawrenceville, GA	Renewal
Montessori Institute of Atlanta, Inc.	Authorized	Decatur, GA	Renewal
Montessori Teacher Education Institute of Atlanta, LLC	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Morris Brown College	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Initial
Morris Brown College	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Program Evaluation
Morris Brown College	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Program Evaluation
Murray Career Institute	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
National Personal Training Institute/McDonough	Authorized	McDonough, GA	Renewal
National Trichology Training Institute	Authorized	Stockbridge, GA	Renewal
New Beginnings Health and Career Training Center	Authorized	Albany, GA	Renewal
New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Atlanta	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Virtual Renewal
New Horizons Medical Institute/Winder	Authorized	Winder, GA	Renewal
North Georgia Nursing Academy, LLC (NGNA)	Authorized	Flowery Branch, GA	Renewal
NorthPoint Technology Institute	Authorized	Stockbridge, GA	Renewal
NSTAR TECHNOLOGIES	Authorized	Lawrenceville, GA	Renewal
OceanPointe Dental Academy- Kay's NE Atlanta	Authorized	Tucker , GA	Renewal
Ohio Christian University/Morrow	Closed	Morrow, GA	Renewal
Omega One Medical Institute (OOMI)	Authorized	Conyers, GA	Renewal
Omnitech Institute	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Pacific Institute of Technology	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Park University/Moody AFB	Authorized	Moody AFB, GA	Renewal
Pathways Health Career Training Center	Authorized	Hinesville, GA	Initial
Peachtree City School of Massage	Authorized	Peachtree City, GA	Renewal
Pediatric Dental Assistant School	Authorized	Marietta, GA	Renewal
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Georgia	Authorized	Suwanee, GA	Renewal
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine South Georgia	Authorized	Moultrie, GA	Renewal
Phlebotomy Training Specialists	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Initial
Pleasant Paws	Closed	Snellville, GA	Renewal
Premier Medical Careers	Authorized	Conyers, GA	Renewal
Pro Data, Inc.	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Professional Hypnosis Institute	Authorized	Roswell, GA	Renewal
Professional Medical Institute, Inc.	Authorized	Decatur, GA	Renewal
Progressive Medical Institute, LLC	Authorized	Norcross, GA	Renewal
Reformed University	Authorized	Lawrenceville, GA	Renewal
Relay Graduate School of Education	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
RGB Technology Training Center	Authorized	Avondale Estates, GA	Renewal
Richmont Graduate University/Atlanta	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
S & N Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Professional Bartending School	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
SAHP TRAINING	Authorized	Atlanta , GA	Initial
Saint Leo University/Atlanta Education Center	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal

Name	Status	Location	Type of Visit
Saint Leo University/Gwinnett	Authorized	Duluth, GA	Renewal
Saint Leo University/Savannah	Authorized	Savannah, GA	Renewal
SIFT Institute	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Initial
South College Atlanta Learning Site	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Southeast Lineman Training Center	Authorized	Trenton, GA	Renewal
Southface Energy Institute	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Initial
Strayer University/Chamblee	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Strayer University/Cobb	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Strayer University/Columbus	Authorized	Columbus, GA	Renewal
Strayer University/Douglasville	Authorized	Douglasville, GA	Renewal
Strayer University/Lithonia	Authorized	Lithonia, GA	Renewal
Strayer University/Macon	Authorized	Macon, GA	Renewal
Strayer University/Morrow	Authorized	Morrow, GA	Renewal
Studio Crush School of Makeup	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Virtual Renewal
Target IT	Authorized	Norcross, GA	Renewal
Tech Talent South, LLC	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Tender Care Training Center, LLC	Authorized	Augusta, GA	Renewal
The American School of Protocol	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
The Elaine Sterling Institute (Massage Therapy)	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Initial
The Phlebotomy Institute of Middle Georgia	Authorized	Macon, GA	Renewal
The Rolf Institute of Structural Integration/Atlanta	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
The Training Center of NW Georgia, Inc.	Authorized	Cartersville, GA	Renewal
The Training Expo	Authorized	Riverdale, GA	Renewal
Tomorrow's Healthcare Professionals, Inc.	Authorized	Doraville, GA	Initial
Troy University/Augusta	Authorized	Augusta, GA	Renewal
Troy University/Brunswick	Authorized	Brunswick, GA	Renewal
Troy University/Columbus-Fort Benning	Closed	Columbus, GA	Renewal
Underwood University	Authorized	Suwanee, GA	Renewal
United Education Institute	Authorized	Morrow, GA	Renewal
United Medical and Business Institute, LLC	Authorized	College Park, GA	Renewal
University of Phoenix/Atlanta	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
University of Phoenix/Augusta	Closed	Augusta, GA	Renewal
University of Phoenix/Columbus	Closed	Columbus, GA	Renewal
Victoria Stilwell Academy for Dog Training & Behavior	Authorized	Atlanta, GA	Renewal
Village Samaritan Training Institute/Carrollton	Authorized	Carrollton, GA	Renewal
Village Samaritan Training Institute/Newnan	Authorized	Newnan, GA	Renewal
Virginia Systems & Technology, Inc	Authorized	Harlem, GA	Initial
Voorhees College/ Augusta	Authorized	Augusta, GA	Renewal
Webster University/Fort Gordon	Authorized	Fort Gordon, GA	Renewal
Winder Assist To Succeed Dental Assisting School	Authorized	Winder, GA	Renewal
Woodruff Medical and Wellness Training	Authorized	Tucker, GA	Renewal
Workforce Innovators of America, LLC	Authorized	Athens, GA	Initial
Ycarte' Health Career Center, LLC	Authorized	Douglas, GA	Renewal
ZOe Med-Tech	Authorized	Barnesville, GA	Virtual Renewal



## CLOSED INSTITUTIONS

Once NPEC is made aware an Authorized Institution is no longer operating in Georgia, it is classified as “Closed” in NPEC records. The following list provides those ceasing operation during FY20:

Institution Name	Closure Date	Location
America Evangelical University/Atlanta	2/20/2020	Atlanta, GA
Apex School of Theology	2/28/2020	Durham, NC
Assist to Succeed - Lake Oconee	12/31/2019	Greensboro, GA
Bryan College	11/18/2019	Dayton, TN
Connecticut School of Broadcasting	5/5/2020	Atlanta, GA
Dominion Health Care Solutions	2/23/2020	Savannah, GA
Holy Spirit College	2/29/2020	Atlanta, GA
International Montessori Training Institute	8/31/2019	Atlanta, GA
Miller-Motte Technical College/Online-Conway	1/19/2020	Conway, SC
New England College of Business	10/1/2020	Boston, MA
North Georgia School of Dental Assisting	12/30/2019	LaFayette, GA
Ohio Christian University/Morrow	12/31/2020	Morrow, GA
Orthodontic Assistant School of Atlanta	10/20/2019	Duluth, GA
Pleasant Paws	8/4/2020	Snellville, GA
Providence Medical Training Institute, Inc.	8/2/2019	Lawrenceville, GA
Trevecca Nazarene University	3/14/2020	Nashville, TN
Trevecca Nazarene University/ Duluth	3/14/2020	Duluth, GA
Troy University/Columbus-Fort Benning	7/31/2020	Columbus, GA
Troy University/Leesburg	7/31/2020	Leesburg, GA
University of Phoenix/Augusta	8/31/2020	Augusta, GA
University of Phoenix/Columbus	8/31/2020	Columbus, GA
Woodruff Medical Training and Testing/Duluth	5/1/2020	Duluth, GA
Woodruff Medical Training and Testing/Gainesville	5/1/2020	Gainesville, GA

## STUDENT RECORDS SURRENDERED

Closed Institutions are required to surrender student records as part of the process to cease operations in Georgia. The following lists those that surrendered records during FY20:

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Location</b>
North Georgia School of Dental Assisting	Lafayette, GA
International Montessori Training Institute	Atlanta, GA
Troy University – Leesburg	Leesburg, GA
Providence Medical Training Institute, Inc	Lawrenceville, GA
Trevecca Nazarene University/ Duluth	Duluth, GA
Trevecca Nazarene University/ Online	Nashville, TN
Bryan College	Dayton, TN
Assist to Succeed - Lake Oconee	Greensboro, GA
Dominion Health Care Solutions	Savannah, GA
Holy Spirit College	Atlanta, GA
Miller-Motte Technical College/ Online	Conway, SC
Woodruff Medical Training and Testing/ Duluth	Duluth, GA
Woodruff Medical Training and Testing/ Gainesville	Gainesville, GA
Troy University/ Columbus-Ft Benning	Columbus, GA
University of Phoenix/ Columbus	Columbus, GA
America Evangelical University/ Atlanta	Atlanta, GA
Ohio Christian University/ Morrow	Morrow, GA
University of Phoenix/ Augusta	Augusta, GA
New England College of Business	Boston, MA
Pleasant Paws	Snellville, GA
Connecticut School of Broadcasting	Atlanta, GA
Falcon Aviation Academy (Exempt Institution)	Newnan, GA

## ADVERSE ACTIONS

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NPEC is responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable state laws and associated policies and procedures. As such, adverse actions are the official activities completed by the agency when an institution fails to comply with key directives, such as requiring Authorization, taking down programmatic advertisements, and surrendering student records.

A common adverse action is the notification to an institution that it is operating without Authorization. This is communicated with a cease and desist email that is sent by the Program Manager- Compliance to the email of record. Information detailing the Authorization process as well as agency contacts are also provided. In FY20, eight (8) such cease and desist emails were sent.

Should the noncomplying institution fail to adequately respond to the cease and desist email, a cease and desist letter is sent certified to the address of record as well as to the email of record. Formal *Closure*, *Notification of Noncompliance*, and *Student Record Demand Letters*, either directing the institution to cease operation until Authorization is obtained or to surrender student records in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.17, respectively, are also sent by NPEC. These are sent certified to the address of record as well as the email of record. In FY20, four (4) cease and desist or *Closure* letters were sent along with two (2) *Student Record Demand Letters*.

If it becomes clear the agency is not having success communicating with a noncomplying institution, NPEC will request action from the Office of the Attorney General of Georgia. In FY20, eight (8) such requests were made. Additionally, one (1) lawsuit was filed by the Attorney General on behalf of NPEC against a noncomplying institution.

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Due to the disruption of the FY20 Legislative Session as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, much of the FY20 proposed agency legislation, along with additional items that arose during remote work, will be presented during the FY21 Session. This legislative proposal includes changes to bond requirements, annual physical on-site visits, correction of previously passed legislation renumbering, and the expansion of the exemption category related to military installations.

## FINANCIAL VIABILITY ASSESSMENTS

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O.C.G.A. §§ 20-3-250.6(a)(1)(H) & 20-3-250.6(c) establishes that authorized and exempt institutions must meet the standards to be financially sound and capable of fulfilling their commitments to students. Beginning in April 2015, NPEC implemented a rigorous financial viability assessment (FVA) of authorized institutions to prioritize institutional fiscal stability as part of the overall evaluation required for authorization and to protect the TGTF. Proactive review and communication with the institutions has assisted NPEC to enhance its planning of potential teach-outs and estimations of student reimbursements, both of which are often required in the case of institutional closures.

The financial viability assessment at NPEC is achieved through a collaborative review of financial documentation submitted by authorized institutions, completed by both NPEC professional staff and an external auditor. For all authorized and “audit only” exempt institutions, financial viability assessments are completed annually. In both NC-SARA and GA-SARA applications, a Department of Education Financial Responsibility Composite Score is a required component. For those GA-SARA applicants/renewing institutions that do not participate in Title IV (Federal Financial Aid) or whose Composite Scores are between 1.00 and 1.5, NPEC conducts a financial viability assessment. In Fiscal Year 2020, two hundred and eighty-nine (289) authorized institutions, thirty-five (35) audit and bond only exempt institutions, and two (2) GA-SARA institutions were assessed. The possible outcomes are as follows:

**Approved** – The institution is found to be financially stable. If an institution is approved, it has satisfied indicators of sound financial health. Examples may include the provision of financial information demonstrating current assets that exceed current liabilities and reflect a positive net working capital, profit or surplus from the prior fiscal year. Additionally, if applicable, the institution indicates a low risk of stocks to assets and meets United States Department of Education (USDOE) requirements.

**Approved Conditionally** – The institution’s financial viability may need improvement. For an institution that has been approved conditionally to maintain authorization, it must provide specified documentation (e.g., Audit) or show improvement in its financial position within a set period. For exempt institutions required to file an audit, a Financial Improvement Plan (FIP) is to be submitted to NPEC which provides an outline of actions and efforts being taken to improve the financial condition of the institution. Additional follow up actions may be required, if necessary, such as providing a Teach Out plan as guidance for students in the event of institution closure.

**Denied** – The institution is found to not be financially stable. If an institution is denied, its financial position suggests an extremely high risk for an abrupt closure. Authorization will not be granted, and the institution will be required to cease operation.

**Withdrawn**- The institution determined to not finish the application process, or the institution could not provide the required financial information to the auditor to finish the Financial Viability Assessment, resulting in a withdrawn application.

FVA OUTCOMES OF AUTHORIZED INSTITUTIONS	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Approved	73	108	125	171	255
Approved Conditionally	93	56	89	81	31
Denied	11	3	14	6	1
Withdrawn	--	--	--	--	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>289</b>

FVA OUTCOMES OF AUDIT AND BOND ONLY EXEMPT INSTITUTIONS	FY19	FY20
Approved	33	35
Approved Conditionally	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>

FVA OUTCOMES OF SELECT GA-SARA INSTITUTIONS*	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Approved	1	2	2	3	1
Approved Conditionally	0	0	0	0	0
Denied	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2<sup>^</sup></b>

\*These institutions include GA-SARA institutions with a Federal Financial Responsibility Composite score between 1 and 1.5 or initial applicants that do not participate in Title IV funding, so they do not have a composite score.

<sup>^</sup>Includes one Composite Score calculated for an institution that did not have one previously calculated by the U.S. Department of Education.

## TUITION GUARANTY TRUST FUND ACTIVITIES

O.C.G.A. §20-3-250.27 created the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund (TGTF), which is designed to provide a teach-out or refund to students at institutions that close and fail to honor commitments to complete the students' programs of study. The TGTF serves as an insurance pool of funds available for students of closed institutions. NPEC adopted a fee structure, based upon one-tenth of one percent of the institutions' annual gross tuition receipts. Beginning in July 1992, authorized institutions began to make annual payments to the TGTF. In accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 20-3-250.27(e) & 20-3-250.27(h) the following chart reflects activities of the TGTF over the past seven years and the financial strength of the fund. *Teach-out of Students* is the cost associated with the completion of a course of study at another institution following the closure of an institution. *Refund of Tuition* is the amount of reimbursements paid to students should they be unable or unwilling to complete their programs elsewhere.

### TUITION GUARANTY TRUST FUND ANNUAL REPORT

		<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>	<u>FY20</u>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	\$	2,908,276	3,127,257	3,296,416	3,417,781	3,552,613	3,682,052	3,819,170
<u>Receipts to Fund</u>								
Fees from Institutions		305,592	236,243	173,032	144,460	119,003	133,036	159,841
Bond Proceeds		-	-	-	-	-	-	400,000*
Total Interest Earned		3,183	4,233	6,086	10,851	24,806	42,612	39,625
Total Receipts		308,775	240,475	179,118	155,311	143,809	175,648	599,466
<u>Payments from Fund</u>								
Administrative Expense		(47,136)	(2,828)	(2,260)	(2,034)	(2,108)	(9,989)	(5,149)
Institution Closing Expenses:								
Storage of Records		(8,167)	(8,007)	(15,532)	(11,662)	(9,596)	(11,828)	(9,406)
Teach-out of Students		(2,400)	(26,731)	(10,573)	(6,008)	(2,667)	(2,562)	(609)
Refunds of Tuition		(32,090)	(33,750)	(29,388)	(775)	-	(14,150)	(60,130)
Total Payments		(89,794)	(71,316)	(57,753)	(20,479)	(14,371)	(38,529)	(75,294)
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	\$	<b>3,127,257</b>	<b>3,296,416</b>	<b>3,417,781</b>	<b>3,552,613</b>	<b>3,682,052</b>	<b>3,819,170</b>	<b>4,343,342</b>

\*These one-time bond proceeds were from the closure of two Argosy campuses in the state in March 2019. These proceeds were only received after threatened litigation to the surety. Bond payments were received in April 2020. Disbursements to students after a claim period occurred in FY21, and only after the TGTF was indemnified pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.10(a).

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Accomplishments	In Progress	Future Goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modified and established new agency policies through the Commission to ensure alignment with exemption from the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act</li> <li>• Implemented online payment system for student transcript requests and institutional payments</li> <li>• Created <i>Program Manager–Compliance</i> within the existing personnel structure, allowing specialization in one role of all student complaints, school closures, student record management, and institutional investigations</li> <li>• Continued internship program in partnership with UGA MPA program</li> <li>• Continued and improved process efficiencies while working remote during the COVID-19 pandemic</li> <li>• Implemented annual Financial Viability Assessment processes for exempt schools pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.6(c)</li> <li>• Completed and implemented single volume of the Agency Procedures Manual with biannual publication</li> <li>• Implemented new digital scanning and record keeping platform for storage of student transcript records</li> <li>• Introduced virtual site visits during COVID-19 pandemic, being a leader in the nation</li> <li>• Received Argosy University bond payout and reimbursed approximately \$300,000 of qualified student expenses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aligning budget with agency priorities</li> <li>• Reallocating agency personnel and responsibilities to better serve Georgia students</li> <li>• Improving effectiveness and efficiency of program evaluations by <i>Program Manager–Compliance</i> and Regulatory Specialists, creating internal program evaluation guidelines for consistent and efficient review</li> <li>• Creating the role of <i>Initial Applicant Regulatory Specialist</i> who specializes in completing all initial authorization applications</li> <li>• Continuing digitization of student records from the State Records Center through the new contract role of <i>File Clerk</i></li> <li>• Revising Minimum Standards to align with Georgia code and reduce regulatory burden on institutions</li> <li>• Building relationships with other state agencies (USG, TCSG, Workforce Development, Board of Massage, etc.)</li> <li>• Contacting all exempt institutions to ensure they are compliant with the current Georgia code</li> <li>• Developing MOU with GSFC for services provided</li> <li>• Implementing new GA-SARA fee structure to create a self-sustaining State Portal Entity that does not use state budget dollars</li> <li>• Implementing informational tutorial videos of major applications processes to provide better customer service and experiences</li> <li>• Continuing the development and improvement of closed school processes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize data analytics to assess value of outcome data from unaccredited institutions</li> <li>• Research systemization of academic credit transfers between institutions (articulation agreements)</li> <li>• Streamline authorization process for institutions that seek to open campuses in rural or high-needs geographic areas</li> <li>• Fully digitize all hard copy student records held at the State Archives Center by FY23</li> <li>• Create, manage, and plan to develop followers for an agency Twitter and/or other social media account</li> <li>• Work with legislature on flexibility with site visits for increase efficiency</li> </ul>



## EXHIBIT A

### Exempt Institutions

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.6(c), Exempt Institutions listed in O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.3(a) under paragraphs (7), (10), (11), (12), and (14) are required to submit audited financial statements to NPEC annually. The following institutions provided the Commission with an audited financial statement as required for **Fiscal Year 2020**:

*O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.3(a)(7) Institutions:*

1. Atlanta's John Marshall Law School

*O.C.G.A. §§ 20-3-250.3(a)(10) & 20-3-250.3(a)(11) Institutions:*

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| 1. Agnes Scott College                       | 17. Mercer University/Macon            |
| 2. Andrew College                            | 18. Morehouse College                  |
| 3. Berry College                             | 19. Morehouse School of Medicine       |
| 4. Beulah Heights University                 | 20. Oglethorpe University              |
| 5. Brenau University                         | 21. Paine College                      |
| 6. Brewton-Parker College                    | 22. Piedmont College                   |
| 7. Clark Atlanta University                  | 23. Point University                   |
| 8. Columbia Theological Seminary             | 24. Reinhart University                |
| 9. Covenant College                          | 25. Savannah College of Art and Design |
| 10. Emmanuel College                         | 26. Shorter University                 |
| 11. Emory University                         | 27. Spelman College                    |
| 12. Georgia Military College                 | 28. Thomas University                  |
| 13. Interdenominational Theological Seminary | 29. Toccoa Falls College               |
| 14. LaGrange College                         | 30. Truett McConnell University        |
| 15. Life University, Inc.                    | 31. Wesleyan College                   |
| 16. Luther Rice College & Seminary, Inc.     | 32. Young Harris College               |

*O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.3(a)(12) Institutions:*

N/A

*O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.3(a)(14) Institutions:*

1. Art Institute of Atlanta
2. South University

## EXHIBIT B

### Degree-Granting Nonpublic Postsecondary Institutions

O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.5(c)(3) requires NPEC to “maintain separate lists of degree-granting nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions, nondegree-granting postsecondary educational institutions, and agents authorized to operate in this state under this part. Such lists shall be available for the information of the public.”

Institution	Location	Type
Academy of Art University	San Francisco, CA	Degree Granting
Altierus Career College/Norcross	Norcross, GA	Degree Granting
American College of Education, Inc.	Indianapolis, IN	Degree Granting
American Graduate University	Covina, CA	Degree Granting
American InterContinental University/Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
American University in Dubai	Media City	Degree Granting
Asbury Theological Seminary	Wilmore, KY	Degree Granting
Ashford University	San Diego, CA	Degree Granting
Ashworth College	Norcross, GA	Degree Granting
Athens College of Ministry	Watkinsville, GA	Degree Granting
Atlanta Institute of Music and Media	Duluth, GA	Degree Granting
Atlanta University of Health Sciences	Duluth, GA	Degree Granting
Aviation Institute of Maintenance	Duluth, GA	Degree Granting
Belhaven University	Jackson, MS	Degree Granting
Belhaven University/ Dalton	Dalton, GA	Degree Granting
Brandman University	Irvine, CA	Degree Granting
Brown College of Court Reporting	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
C.C.B. School of Atlanta	Duluth, GA	Degree Granting
California Southern University	Costa Mesa, CA	Degree Granting
Cambridge College of Healthcare & Technology	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Capella University	Minneapolis, MN	Degree Granting
Carrington College	Sacramento, CA	Degree Granting
Central Michigan University/Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Central Michigan University/Online	Mount Pleasant , MI	Degree Granting
Central Texas College/Fort Benning	Fort Benning, GA	Degree Granting
Central Texas College/Fort Stewart	Fort Stewart, GA	Degree Granting

Institution	Location	Type
Chamberlain University/Addison	Addison, IL	Degree Granting
Chamberlain University/Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Chamberlain University/Jacksonville	Jacksonville, FL	Degree Granting
Chicago School of Professional Psychology	Los Angeles, CA	Degree Granting
Claremont Lincoln University	Claremont, CA	Degree Granting
Columbia College/Fort Stewart	Fort Stewart, GA	Degree Granting
Columbia College/Hunter AAF	Hunter AAF, GA	Degree Granting
Columbia College/NSB Kings Bay	NSB King Bay, GA	Degree Granting
Columbia College/Online	Columbia, MO	Degree Granting
Crown College	Saint Bonifacius, MN	Degree Granting
Dallas Theological Seminary	Dallas, TX	Degree Granting
DeVry University/Alpharetta	Alpharetta, GA	Degree Granting
DeVry University/Cobb Galleria	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
DeVry University/Decatur	Decatur, GA	Degree Granting
DeVry University/Duluth	Duluth, GA	Degree Granting
DeVry University/Henry County	Stockbridge, GA	Degree Granting
DeVry University/Naperville	Naperville, IL	Degree Granting
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/ Hunter AAB	Savannah, GA	Degree Granting
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/Atlanta	Atlanta, GA , GA	Degree Granting
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/Columbus	Fort Benning, GA	Degree Granting
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/Moody AFB	Valdosta, GA	Degree Granting
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/Online	Daytona Beach, FL	Degree Granting
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/Robins AFB	Robins AFB, GA	Degree Granting
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/Savannah	Pooler, GA	Degree Granting
Erskine Theological Seminary	Due West, SC	Degree Granting
Evangeline Booth College	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Fortis College/Atlanta	Smyrna, GA	Degree Granting
Fuller Theological Seminary	Pasadena, CA	Degree Granting
Georgia Central University	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Georgia Synergy Business Institute	Duluth , GA	Degree Granting
Guido Bible College	Metter, GA	Degree Granting
Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service	Decatur, GA	Degree Granting
Gwinnett College	Marietta, GA	Degree Granting

Institution	Location	Type
Gwinnett College – Lilburn	Lilburn, GA	Degree Granting
Gwinnett College - Sandy Springs	Sandy Springs, GA	Degree Granting
Heavy Equipment Colleges of America	Conyers, GA	Degree Granting
Helms College/Augusta	Augusta, GA	Degree Granting
Helms College/Macon	Macon, GA	Degree Granting
Herzing University	Madison, WI	Degree Granting
Herzing University/Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Herzing University/Birmingham	Birmingham, AL	Degree Granting
Hudson Taylor University	Suwanee, GA	Degree Granting
Interactive College of Technology/Chamblee	Chamblee, GA	Degree Granting
Interactive College of Technology/Gainesville	Gainesville, GA	Degree Granting
Interactive College of Technology/Morrow	Morrow, GA	Degree Granting
International Sports Sciences Association	Carpinteria, CA	Degree Granting
Lincoln College of Technology/Marietta	Marietta, GA	Degree Granting
Lincoln College of Technology/Nashville	Nashville, TN	Degree Granting
Los Angeles Film School	Hollywood, CA	Degree Granting
Los Angeles Pacific University	San Dimas, CA	Degree Granting
Mentee College	Lawrenceville, GA	Degree Granting
Miller-Motte College/Augusta	Augusta, GA	Degree Granting
Miller-Motte College/Columbus	Columbus, GA	Degree Granting
Miller-Motte College/Macon	Macon, GA	Degree Granting
Miller-Motte College/Online-Wilmington	Wilmington, NC	Degree Granting
Morris Brown College	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
National American University/Online	Rapid City, SD	Degree Granting
National University	La Jolla, CA	Degree Granting
Norcross Institute of Allied Health	Norcross, GA	Degree Granting
North Georgia Nursing Academy, LLC (NGNA)	Flowery Branch, GA	Degree Granting
Northcentral University	La Jolla, CA	Degree Granting
Nova Southeastern University	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Degree Granting
Pacific Institute of Technology	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Park University	Parkville, MO	Degree Granting
Park University/Moody AFB	Moody AFB, GA	Degree Granting
Pepperdine University	Malibu, CA	Degree Granting

Institution	Location	Type
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Georgia	Suwanee, GA	Degree Granting
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine South Georgia	Moultrie, GA	Degree Granting
Reformed University	Lawrenceville, GA	Degree Granting
Relay Graduate School of Education	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Richmont Graduate University/Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Richmont Graduate University/Online	Chattanooga, TN	Degree Granting
SAE Institute	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Saint Leo University/Atlanta Education Center	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Saint Leo University/Gwinnett	Duluth, GA	Degree Granting
Saint Leo University/Online	Saint Leo , FL	Degree Granting
Saint Leo University/Savannah	Savannah, GA	Degree Granting
San Jose State University	San Jose, CA	Degree Granting
Santa Clara University	Santa Clara, CA	Degree Granting
South College	Knoxville, TN	Degree Granting
South College Atlanta Learning Site	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Southwestern Assemblies of God University	Waxahachie, TX	Degree Granting
Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology	Tulsa, OK	Degree Granting
Spring Hill College	Mobile, AL	Degree Granting
Strayer University/Augusta	Augusta, GA	Degree Granting
Strayer University/Chamblee	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Strayer University/Cobb	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
Strayer University/Columbus	Columbus, GA	Degree Granting
Strayer University/Douglasville	Douglasville, GA	Degree Granting
Strayer University/Lithonia	Lithonia, GA	Degree Granting
Strayer University/Macon	Macon, GA	Degree Granting
Strayer University/Morrow	Morrow, GA	Degree Granting
Strayer University/Online	Chantilly, VA	Degree Granting
Strayer University/Savannah	Savannah, GA	Degree Granting
The Santa Barbara & Ventura Colleges of Law	Ventura, CA	Degree Granting
Trinity Baptist College	Jacksonville, FL	Degree Granting
Troy University/Atlanta-Northside	Alpharetta, GA	Degree Granting
Troy University/Augusta	Augusta, GA	Degree Granting
Troy University/Brunswick	Brunswick, GA	Degree Granting

Institution	Location	Type
Troy University/e-Troy	Troy, AL	Degree Granting
Ultimate Medical Academy	Tampa, FL	Degree Granting
Underwood University	Suwanee, GA	Degree Granting
United States University	San Diego, CA	Degree Granting
Universal Technical Institute-Motorcycle/Marine Division	Orlando, FL	Degree Granting
University of Phoenix/Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	Degree Granting
University of Phoenix/Online	Phoenix, AZ	Degree Granting
University of Southern California	Los Angeles, CA	Degree Granting
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences/ Irving	Irving, TX	Degree Granting
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences/Austin	Austin, TX	Degree Granting
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences/California	San Marcos, CA	Degree Granting
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences/Miami	Coral Gables, FL	Degree Granting
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences/St. Augustine	St. Augustine, FL	Degree Granting
University of the People	Pasadena, CA	Degree Granting
Voorhees College	Denmark, SC	Degree Granting
Voorhees College/ Augusta	Augusta, GA	Degree Granting
Walden University	Minneapolis, MN	Degree Granting
Webster University Online Learning Center	St. Louis, MO	Degree Granting
Webster University/Fort Gordon	Fort Gordon, GA	Degree Granting
Webster University/Fort Stewart	Fort Stewart, GA	Degree Granting
Webster University/Hunter AAF	Hunter AAF, GA	Degree Granting

## EXHIBIT C

### Nondegree-Granting Nonpublic Postsecondary Institutions

O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.5(c)(3) requires NPEC to “maintain separate lists of degree-granting nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions, nondegree-granting postsecondary educational institutions, and agents authorized to operate in this state under this part. Such lists shall be available for the information of the public.”

Institution	Location	Type
ABC Bartending School	Marietta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy	Denham Springs, LA	Non-Degree Granting
Accession Distribution Training and Staffing	Riverdale, GA	Non-Degree Granting
American Home Inspectors Training	Savannah, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Arch Dental Assistant Academy/ Augusta	Augusta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Arch Dental Assistant Academy/ Dalton	Dalton, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Arch Dental Assistant Academy/Albany	Albany, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Arch Dental Assistant Academy-Macon	Macon, GA	Non-Degree Granting
AS4U Career Center, LLC	Cartersville, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Ashona Medical Institute	Conyers, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Assist to Succeed/ Savannah	Savannah, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Assisting 101- Georgia School of Dental Staffing	Marietta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
ATG Learning	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
At-Home Professions	Fort Collins, CO	Non-Degree Granting
Atlanta Academy of Dental Assisting	Marietta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Atlanta Career Institute	Norcross, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Atlanta Dental Assistant School (Buckhead)	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Atlanta Dental Assistant School/Marietta	Marietta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Atlanta Dog Trainers School for Professional Dog Trainers	Alpharetta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Atlanta General Education Center	Norcross, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Atlanta Medical Assistant School	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Atlanta School of Massage	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Augusta School of Massage, Inc.	Evans, GA	Non-Degree Granting
AV Enterprise Training Center	Cumming, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Bread for Life, Inc.	Athens, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Breath of Life Training LLC	Martinez, GA	Non-Degree Granting

Institution	Location	Type
Bridge Institute	Lilburn, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Brighter Tomorrows Consulting Institute	Griffin, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Buckhead School of Medicine	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Careers in Dentistry	Martinez, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Casey & Son Horseshoeing School & Clinic LLC	LaFayette, GA	Non-Degree Granting
CED Solutions, LLC	Marietta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
CET Institute	Warner Robins, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Clinical Skills Training Center	College Park, GA	Non-Degree Granting
CNU Medical Institute	Norcross, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Cobb Medical Institute	Mableton, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Cohutta Healing Arts Institute, Inc	Ellijay, GA	Non-Degree Granting
COIN Education Services Center	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Complete Game Broadcasting	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Connecticut School of Broadcasting	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
CPR with Mickey, Inc.	Dallas, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Crane Safety Associates of America, Inc.	McDonough, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Creative Circus, The	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Cumberland Medical Institute	Marietta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Cyber Institute of Atlanta	Fayetteville, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Dental Assistant School of Atlanta	Kennesaw, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Dental Assisting School of Georgia, LLC	Roswell, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Dental Careers Institute, Inc.	Marietta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Dental Staff School, Inc.	Marietta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Digital Film Academy	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
DigitalCrafts	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Dignity Place	Acworth, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Dove Technology	Norcross, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Dover Training Institute	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Education & Career Resources of Georgia	Lilburn, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Elite Lineman Training Institute, Inc	Tunnel Hill, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Essential Medical and Mental Health Institute	Fayetteville, GA	Non-Degree Granting
FAKS Allied Health Education Center	College Park, GA	Non-Degree Granting
First Step Health Agency	Columbus, GA	Non-Degree Granting



Institution	Location	Type
Flatiron School	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Freight Movers School, LLC	Rockwall, TX	Non-Degree Granting
Future Dental Assistants of Atlanta, LLC	Roswell, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Gemological Institute of America	Carlsbad, CA	Non-Degree Granting
General Assembly	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Genesis Career College/Dalton Campus	Dalton, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Genesis Career College: South Atlanta Campus	Morrow, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Georgia Bartending School	Savannah, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Georgia Career Institute	Conyers, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Georgia Dental Educational Institute	Riverdale, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Georgia Massage School, Inc.	Suwanee, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Georgia School of Dental Assisting, LLC	Roswell, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Georgia Trade School	Acworth, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Gwinnett Dental Career Academy	Suwanee, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Handyman Training School, LLC	Stone Mountain, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Health and Style Institute, LLC	Kennesaw, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Health and Style Institute, LLC/ Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Health Tech of Georgia	Warner Robins, GA	Non-Degree Granting
iCode Academy	Ellenwood, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Industry Makeup Academy	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Innovative Health Care Institute, LLC	Athens, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Institute for Guided Studies	Camden, SC	Non-Degree Granting
Institute of Medical Ultrasound	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
International Institute of Technology & Application (IITA)	Marietta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
International School of Skin, Nailcare, and Massage Therapy	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Jo-Thor's Dog Trainers' Academy	Alpharetta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
KLA Medical Services, Inc., The	Columbus, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Life Solutions for Health	Decatur, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Life Time Academy/Sandy Springs	Sandy Springs, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Lighthouse Digital LLC	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Medical and Technical Institute of North Georgia	Calhoun, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Medical Institute of Northeast Georgia	Braselton, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Medical Management Institute	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting

Institution	Location	Type
Messiah for Life CPR, LLC	Jonesboro, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Metro Medical Training Centers, Inc.	Marietta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Metropolitan Career School	College Park, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Miami Ad School Atlanta at Portfolio Center	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Middle Georgia School of Dental Assistants, LLC	Warner Robins, GA	Non-Degree Granting
MiTio Incorporated	McDonough, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Modern Dental Training, Inc dba Modern Dental Career Center	Lawrenceville, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Montessori Institute of Atlanta, Inc.	Decatur, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Montessori Teacher Education Institute of Atlanta, LLC	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Murray Career Institute	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
NASCAR Technical Institute	Mooresville, NC	Non-Degree Granting
National American University/Kings Bay	Kings Bay, GA	Non-Degree Granting
National Personal Training Institute/McDonough	McDonough, GA	Non-Degree Granting
National Trichology Training Institute	Stockbridge, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Neurodiagnostic Technology Institute	Orlando, FL	Non-Degree Granting
New Beginnings Health and Career Training Center	Albany, GA	Non-Degree Granting
New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
New Horizons Medical Institute/Norcross	Norcross, GA	Non-Degree Granting
New Horizons Medical Institute/Winder	Winder, GA	Non-Degree Granting
NorthPoint Technology Institute	Stockbridge, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Nova Dental Assisting School, LLC	Alpharetta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
NSTAR TECHNOLOGIES	Lawrenceville, GA	Non-Degree Granting
OceanPointe Dental Academy- Kay's NE Atlanta	Tucker, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Omega One Medical Institute (OOMI)	Conyers, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Omnitech Institute	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
OnCourse Learning	Brookfield, WI	Non-Degree Granting
Pathways Health Career Training Center	Hinesville, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Peachtree City School of Massage	Peachtree City, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Pediatric Dental Assistant School	Marietta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Penn Foster Career School	Scranton, PA	Non-Degree Granting
Phlebotomy Training Specialists	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Premier Medical Careers	Conyers, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Premier Systems & Training, Inc.	Savannah, GA	Non-Degree Granting

Institution	Location	Type
Pro Data, Inc.	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Professional Hypnosis Institute	Roswell, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Professional Medical Institute, Inc.	Decatur, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Progressive Medical Institute, LLC	Norcross, GA	Non-Degree Granting
RadiumSoft, LLC	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
RGB Technology Training Center	Avondale Estates, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Rivi Training Institute	Alpharetta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
S & N Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Professional Bartending School	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
SAHP TRAINING	Atlanta , GA	Non-Degree Granting
Savannah Dental Assistant School	Savannah, GA	Non-Degree Granting
SIFT Institute	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Southeast Lineman Training Center	Trenton, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Southface Energy Institute	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Step One Health Agency	Columbus, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Studio Crush School of Makeup	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Target IT	Norcross, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Tech Talent South, LLC	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Tender Care Training Center, LLC	Augusta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
The American School of Protocol	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
The Elaine Sterling Institute (Massage Therapy)	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
The Phlebotomy Institute of Middle Georgia	Macon, GA	Non-Degree Granting
The Rolf Institute of Structural Integration/Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
The Training Center of NW Georgia, Inc.	Cartersville, GA	Non-Degree Granting
The Training Expo	Riverdale, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Tomorrow's Healthcare Professionals, Inc.	Doraville , GA	Non-Degree Granting
Touch for Healing: School of Reiki Massage	Jasper, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Tulsa Welding School/Jacksonville	Jacksonville, FL	Non-Degree Granting
Tulsa Welding School/Tulsa	Tulsa, OK	Non-Degree Granting
United Education Institute	Morrow, GA	Non-Degree Granting
United Medical and Business Institute, LLC	College Park, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc.	Houston, TX	Non-Degree Granting
Valdosta Dental Assistant School	Valdosta, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Victoria Stilwell Academy for Dog Training & Behavior	Atlanta, GA	Non-Degree Granting

Institution	Location	Type
Village Samaritan Training Institute/Carrollton	Carrollton, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Village Samaritan Training Institute/Newnan	Newnan, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Virginia Systems & Technology, Inc	Harlem, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Winder Assist to Succeed Dental Assisting School	Winder, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Woodruff Medical and Wellness Training	Tucker, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Workforce Innovators of America, LLC	Athens, GA	Non-Degree Granting
Ycarte' Health Career Center, LLC	Douglas, GA	Non-Degree Granting
ZOe Med-Tech	Barnesville, GA	Non-Degree Granting

**EXHIBIT D**  
**GA-SARA Member Institutions**

Institution	Location
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Tifton, GA
Agnes Scott College	Decatur GA
Albany State University	Albany, GA
Albany Technical College	Albany, GA
Andrew College	Cuthbert, GA
Ashworth College	Norcross, GA
Athens Technical College	Athens, GA
Atlanta Institute of Music and Media	Duluth, GA
Atlanta Metropolitan State College	Atlanta, GA
Atlanta Technical College	Atlanta, GA
Augusta Technical College	Augusta, GA
Augusta University	Augusta, GA
Berry College	Mount Berry, GA
Beulah Heights University	Atlanta, GA
Brenau University	Gainesville, GA
Central Georgia Technical College	Macon, GA
Chattahoochee Technical College	Marietta, GA
Clark Atlanta University	Atlanta, GA
Clayton State University	Morrow, GA
Coastal Pines Technical College	Waycross, GA
College of Coastal Georgia	Brunswick, GA
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA
Columbus State University	Columbus, GA
Columbus Technical College	Columbus, GA
Dalton State College	Dalton, GA
East Georgia State College	Swainsboro, GA
Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs, GA
Emory University	Atlanta, GA
Fort Valley State University	Fort Valley, GA

Institution	Location
Georgia College and State University	Milledgeville, GA
Georgia Gwinnett College	Lawrenceville, GA
Georgia Highlands College	Rome, GA
Georgia Institute of Technology - Main Campus	Atlanta, GA
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	Rome, GA
Georgia Piedmont Technical College	Clarkston, GA
Georgia Southern University	Statesboro, GA
Georgia Southwestern State University	Americus, GA
Georgia State University	Atlanta, GA
Gordon State College	Barnesville, GA
Gupton Jones College of Funeral Service	Decatur, GA
Gwinnett Technical College	Lawrenceville, GA
Interdenominational Theological Center	Atlanta, GA
John Marshall Law School – Atlanta	Atlanta, GA
Kennesaw State University	Kennesaw, GA
LaGrange College	LaGrange, GA
Lanier Technical College	Gainesville, GA
Life University	Marietta, GA
Luther Rice College & Seminary	Lithonia, GA
Mercer University	Macon, GA
Middle Georgia State University	Macon, GA
Morehouse School of Medicine	Atlanta, GA
North Georgia Technical College	Clarkesville, GA
Oconee Fall Line Technical College	Sandersville, GA
Ogeechee Technical College	Statesboro, GA
Piedmont College	Demorest, GA
Point University	West Point, GA
Reinhardt University	Waleska, GA
Savannah College of Art and Design	Savannah, GA
Savannah State University	Savannah, GA
Savannah Technical College	Savannah, GA
Shorter University	Rome, GA
South Georgia State College	Douglas, GA

Institution	Location
South Georgia Technical College	Americus, GA
Southeastern Technical College	Vidalia, GA
Southern Crescent Technical College	Griffin, GA
Southern Regional Technical College	Thomasville, GA
Spelman College	Atlanta, GA
Thomas University	Thomasville, GA
Toccoa Falls College	Toccoa Falls, GA
Truett McConnell University	Cleveland, GA
University of Georgia	Athens, GA
University of North Georgia	Dahlonega, GA
University of West Georgia	Carrollton, GA
Valdosta State University	Valdosta, GA
Wesleyan College	Macon, GA
West Georgia Technical College	Waco, GA
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	Valdosta, GA
Young Harris College	Young Harris, GA

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### Religious Exempt Institutions

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Institution	Location
Accelerated College of the Bible International	Hendersonville, TN
American Leadership Institute & Seminary	Duluth, GA
Andersonville Theological Seminary	Camilla, GA
Antioch Baptist Bible College & Seminary	Cartersville, GA
Apostolic School of Ministry	Cartersville, GA
Atlanta Baptist College	Stockbridge, GA
Atlanta Bible College	McDonough, GA
Baptist Institute of America & Seminary	Loganville, GA
Berea Bible Institute & Seminary	Graysville, GA
Berea School of Ministry	Stonecrest, GA
BERIT Seminary and Graduate School	Hinesville, GA
Bible Institute & Seminary	Riverdale, GA
Calvary Chapel Bible Institute	Columbus, GA
Calvary Chapel University	San Diego, CA
Carver Bible Seminary	Atlanta, GA
Central Baptist Theological Seminary	Shawnee, KS
Chosen for His Purpose Bible Institute Ltd.	Jonesboro, GA
Christian College of Georgia	Athens, GA
Christian Life School of Theology Global	Columbus, GA
City View Seminary, Inc.	Augusta, GA
Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary	Columbus, GA
Covington Theological Seminary	Ft. Oglethorpe, GA
Deliverance School of Ministry	Waynesboro, GA
Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary	Allen Park , MI
Divine Faith Ministries School of Biblical Studies	Jonesboro, GA
Expositors Seminary, The	Jupiter, FL
Gateway Seminary	Ontario , CA
Georgia Baptist College and Theological Seminary	Senoia, GA
Giver of Life Educational Institutions, Inc. Institute of Ministerial Training	Decatur, GA



Institution	Location
Global Reformed Seminary	Tucker, GA
Globe Covenant Seminary	Dunwoody, GA
Grace Biblical Seminary	McDonough, GA
Grace Communion Seminary	Charlotte , NC
Gwinnett Hall Baptist College	Lawrenceville, GA
Heritage Bible College	Savannah, GA
Highpoint Bible College	Smyrna, GA
Hope Seminary	Fort Valley, GA
House of Prayer Bible Seminary	Hinesville, GA
Immanuel Baptist Theological Seminary	Sharpsburg, GA
In His Image Bible Institute International	Marietta, GA
International College of Bible Theology	Sikestown, MO
J.A.M Ministries, Inc. dba New Life Church	Augusta, GA
Jehovah-Jireh Bible Institute Higher Learning	Alexander City, AL
Kingdom Vision School of Ministry	Dalton, GA
Living Water Bible Seminary	Conyers, GA
LMF Bible Institute	LaGrange, GA
Logos Evangelical Seminary	El Monte, CA
Madina Institute, Inc.	Duluth, GA
Maranatha Bible Institute	Jonesboro, GA
Metro Atlanta Seminary	Lawrenceville, GA
Mount Olivet Theological Seminary	Augusta, GA
New Generations Institute of Biblical Studies & Theological Seminary	Savannah, GA
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	New Orleans, LA
North Carolina College of Theology	Carolina Beach, NC
North Carolina Theological Seminary	Clinton, NC
North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary	Hull, GA
Piedmont College of Theology-Georgia	Calhoun , GA
Pilgrim's Theological Seminary	Duluth, GA
Reformed Theological Seminary	Marietta, GA
Restoration Theological Seminary	Forest Park , GA
Rocky Mountain School of Ministry and Theology	Arvada, CO
Safe Harbor Institute	Hoschton, GA

Institution	Location
Shekinah Theological College	Jonesboro, GA
Shepherd School of Theology in Atlanta	Duluth, GA
Southeastern Theological Institute	Lithonia, GA
Southwest Georgia Theological Seminary	Sylvester, GA
St. Christy University of Theology & Seminary	Conley, GA
THE BBC School of Theology	Fairburn, GA
The Celebration of Praise School of Ministry and Seminary	Albany, GA
The Solidarity Association dba Pontifex	Atlanta, GA
Titus Baptist Seminary	Lagrange, GA
Trinity Baptist Seminary	Stockbridge, GA
Trinity International Univer of Ambassadors	Duluth, GA
United Theological Institute & School	Fairburn, GA
West Coast Baptist College	Lancaster , CA
Wildwood Sanitarium Inc., DBA Wildwood Center for Health Evangelism	Wildwood , GA
World Bible Institute / McDonough Church of Christ	McDonough, GA
World Changers Bible School	College Park, GA
World Harvest Bible Institute	Roswell, GA
Worldwide Bible Institute	Madison, GA