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EAB Releases Approved School Directory

Madison – The Educational Approval Board (EAB) announced today the release of its 2007 Wisconsin Directory of Private Postsecondary Schools. The directory provides prospective students and the public information about education and training programs offered by EAB-approved schools.

“The annual directory of approved schools is an excellent source of information about educational opportunities that are available to students beyond those offered by the state’s traditional public and private colleges and universities,” said David C. Dies, EAB executive secretary. “It is our hope that the directory will help the public make informed choices about the education and training they are considering.”

Unlike many institutional publications, the directory contains information by program about a school’s success in serving its students. As a result of changes in the categories for which schools report student outcomes, the 2007 directory is more uniform and comprehensive than in past years. “This year’s directory provides a complete picture of what happens to students by individual program,” said Dies.

According to Dies, the changes in the outcome reporting categories is only the first of several revisions that the EAB will undertake over the next two to three years as it modernizes its regulatory responsibilities and revises many of its long standing policies and procedures.

“The directory contains other useful information for anyone interested in furthering their education or training,” Dies noted. In addition to student outcomes data, the directory includes general information about how to choose a postsecondary institution. It also contains an overview of school and student characteristics.

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The 2007 Wisconsin Directory of Private Postsecondary Schools can be obtained by downloading it from the EAB's website at <http://eab.state.wi.us> or by contacting the agency at 608-266-1996.

Through the EAB's website, users have an added option of performing interactive school and program searches. "Because of changes that occur throughout the year, the online information has up-to-the-minute data about approved schools and programs," Dies said. "As soon as staff make a change in the EAB's database that information is available on the website.

The EAB is an independent state agency responsible for protecting Wisconsin's consumers by regulating for-profit and non-profit postsecondary schools, colleges and universities. The agency currently oversees nearly 150 institutions serving more than 30,000 adults in 600+ degree and non-degree programs.

Programs offered by EAB-approved institutions are diverse and include training in many nontraditional areas such as IT, truck driving, massage therapy; radio and television broadcasting; insurance; allied health, paralegal studies, excavation, digital entertainment, equine sports massage and violin making, as well as traditional degree programs at the associate, bachelor, master and doctorate levels.

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