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RE **Expedited Final Program Review Determination Letter**  
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Dear Mrs Julian

From January 14 through January 18 2013 Joseph Massman conducted a review of Northwestern Institute of Health and Technology's (NIHT) administration of the programs authorized pursuant to Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended 20 U.S.C. §§ 1070 et seq (Title IV HEA programs) The purpose of this Final Program Review Determination Letter is to close the program review

The focus of the review was the institution's compliance with the requirements under the gainful employment consumer information disclosure regulations The review consisted of an examination of NIHT's catalogs brochures pamphlets handbooks as available electronically on NIHT's website

Although the review was thorough it cannot be assumed to be all inclusive The absence of statements in the report concerning NIHT's specific practices and procedures must not be construed as acceptance approval or endorsement of those specific practices and procedures Furthermore it does not relieve NIHT of its obligation to comply with all of the statutory or regulatory provisions governing the Title IV HEA programs

The Chicago/Denver School Participation Division has made a Final Program Review Determination concerning the findings that were identified during the program review Following is a discussion of the findings identified and the resolution of those findings

### **Program Findings and Final Program Review Determinations**

#### **Finding 1 Gainful Employment Disclosure Requirement Not Met**

**Citation** 34 C.F.R. § 668.6(b)(1) For each program offered by an institution under this section the institution must provide prospective students with—

(i) The occupations (by names and SOC codes) that the program prepares students to enter along with links to occupational profiles on O\*NET or its successor site If the number of occupations related to the program as identified by entering the program's full six digit CIP code on the O\*NET crosswalk at <http://online.onetcenter.org/crosswalk/> is more than ten the institution may provide Web links to a representative sample of the identified occupations (by name and SOC code) for which its graduates typically find employment within a few years after completing the program

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(ii) The on time graduation rate for students completing the program as provided under paragraph (c) of this section

(iii) The tuition and fees it charges a student for completing the program within normal time as defined in § 668.41(a) the typical costs for books and supplies (unless those costs are included as part of tuition and fees) and the cost of room and board if applicable. The institution may include information on other costs such as transportation and living expenses but it must provide a Web link or access to the program cost information the institutions makes available under § 668.43(a)

(iv) The placement rate for students completing the program as determined under a methodology developed by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) when that rate is available. In the meantime beginning on July 1, 2011 if the institution is required by its accrediting agency or State to calculate a placement rate on a program basis it must disclose the rate under this section and identify the accrediting agency or State agency under whose requirements the rate was calculated. If the accrediting agency or State requires an institution to calculate a placement rate at the institutional level or other than a program basis the institution must use the accrediting agency or State methodology to calculate a placement rate for the program and disclose that rate and

(v) The median loan debt incurred by students who completed the program as provided by the Secretary as well as any other information the Secretary provided to the institution about that program. The institution must identify separately the median loan debt from title IV HEA program loans and the median loan debt from private educational loans and institutional financing plans

(2) For each program the institution must—

(i) Include the information required under paragraph (b)(1) of this section in promotional materials it makes available to prospective students and post this information on its Web site

(ii) Prominently provide the information required under paragraph (b)(1) of this section in a simple and meaningful manner on the home page of its program Web site and provide a prominent and direct link on any other Web page containing general academic or admissions information about the program to the single Web page that contains all the required information

(iii) Display the information required under paragraph (b)(1) of this section on the institution's Web site in an open format that can be retrieved, downloaded, indexed, and searched by commonly used Web search applications. An open format is one that is platform-independent, is machine readable, and is made available to the public without restrictions that would impede the reuse of that information

**Noncompliance** A preliminary review of NIHT's website on August 24, 2012 revealed the following noncompliance

- (1) Occupational information including occupation name(s) and SOC code(s) were not posted to NIHT's website for the Practical Nursing Program
- (2) The graduation rate was not posted to NIHT's website for the Practical Nursing Program
- (3) The placement rate was not posted to NIHT's website for the Practical Nursing Program
- (4) Median loan debt information was not posted to NIHT's website for the Practical Nursing Program

**Institutional Action Taken to Resolve Noncompliance** In its January 9 2013 response to the program review announcement letter previously issued by the Department on November 29 2012 NIHT informed the Department that the required gainful employment disclosures were posted to NIHT's website on January 7 2012. Upon reviewing NIHT's updated website the Department verified that the required disclosures are now posted and available to the public.

**Final Program Review Determination** NIHT has taken the corrective actions necessary to resolve this finding. Therefore NIHT may consider this finding closed with no further action required.

**Record Retention**

Program records relating to the period covered by the program review must be retained until the later of resolution of the loans, claims or expenditures questioned in the program review or the end of the retention period otherwise applicable to the record under 34 C.F.R. § 668.24(e).

We would like to express our appreciation for the courtesy and cooperation extended during the review. If you have any questions concerning this report, please call Joseph Massman at (303) 844-0432.

Sincerely,

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