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Revenue Code **12570090**

### Application for Verification of Exempt Status

(California Education Code § 94874; Title 5, California Code of Regulations § 71395)

**(\$250.00 non-refundable fee)**

#### 1. INSTITUTION

Name of Institution: Northwestern State University

Physical Address of the Primary  
Administrative Location in California: 140 Central Avenue

City Natchitoches State LA Zip 71497

Institution's  
Mailing Address: Northwestern State University

City Natchitoches State LA Zip 71497

Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. INSTITUTION'S CONTACT PERSON

Name Darlene Williams, Ph. D. Email Address tred@nsula.edu

Address Northwestern State University, 102 Dodd Hall

City Natchitoches State LA Zip 71497

Telephone Number 318-357-6100

#### 3. EXEMPTION

Identify the basis for the exemption(s) to which the institution is entitled, and provide the required information. (Education Code § 94874.)

##### 94874(a)

An institution that offers solely avocational or recreational educational programs.

**Please complete sections 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 12 and 13**

##### 94874(b)

An institution offering educational programs sponsored by a bona fide trade, business, professional, or fraternal organization, solely for that organization's membership.

**Please complete sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13**

##### 94874(c)

A postsecondary educational institution established, operated, and governed by the federal government or by this state or its political subdivisions.

**Please complete sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, and 13**

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**94874(d)(1)**

An institution offering test preparation for examinations required for admission to a postsecondary educational institutions.

**Please complete sections 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 12, and 13**

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**94874(d)(2)**

An institution offering continuing education or license examination preparation, if the institution or the program is approved, certified or sponsored by any of the following:

A) A government agency; other than the bureau, that licenses persons in a particular profession, occupation, trade or career field;

B) A state-recognized professional licensing body that licenses persons in a particular profession, occupation, trade or career field;

C) A bona fide trade, business, or professional organization.

**Please complete sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13**

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**94874(e)**

An institution owned, controlled, and operated and maintained by a religious organization lawfully operating as a nonprofit religious corporation pursuant to Part 4 (commencing with Section 9110) of Division 2 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code, that meets the requirements of section 94874(e) of the Education Code.

**Please complete sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 11, 12 and 13**

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**94874(f)**

An institution that does not award degrees and that solely provides educational programs for total charges of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or less when no part of the total charges is paid from state or federal student financial aid programs.

**Please complete sections 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 11, 12 and 13**

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**94874(g)**

A law school that is accredited by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association or a law school or law study program that is subject to the approval, regulation, and oversight of the Committee of Bar Examiners, pursuant to Section 6046.7 and 6060.7 of the Business and Professions Code.

**Please complete sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13**

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**94874(h)**

An institution that is a nonprofit public benefit corporation that meets the requirements of Education Code section 94874(h).

**Please complete sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12 and 13**

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**94874(i)**

An institution that is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

**Please complete sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 11, 12 and 13**

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**94874(j)**

An institution that is a nonprofit public benefit corporation that meets the requirements of Education Code section 94874(j).

**Please complete sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 and 13**

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**95874.1**

An institution that is accredited by a regional accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education, that meets the requirements of Education Code section 95874.1

**Please complete sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 11, 12 and 13**

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**4. FORM OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATION**

- Individually owned; sole proprietorship

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- General Partnership                       Limited Partnership                       Non-Profit Public Benefit

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- For Profit Corporation                       Non-Profit Corporation                       Limited Liability Corporation

State where incorporated \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Incorporation \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Attach copies of the articles of incorporation and bylaws.)

**5. ACCREDITATION, APPROVAL, LICENSING OR GOVERNING BODY**

If the institution, or a program or programs within the institution, is currently accredited or approved by an accrediting agency, organization, government agency, or state-recognized licensing body that qualifies the institution, program, or programs for an exemption, attach a letter from that entity indicating the validity of the accreditation or approval, and the name and contact information for a representative of that entity.

Document is attached:  Yes     No (if no, indicate reason)

**6. DESCRIPTION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

For each educational program that the institution offers or proposes to offer include a statement that includes:

- The title and description of the educational program.
- The full title and description of any diploma, certificate, degree or other similar title awarded to students who complete the program.

Document is attached:  Yes     No (if no, indicate reason)

**7. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FOR 94874(b)**

For each educational program that the institution offers or proposes to offer include a statement that includes the admissions criteria.

Document is attached:  Yes     No (if no, indicate reason)

**8. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FOR 94874(f)**

For each educational program that the institution offers or proposes to offer include a statement that includes:

- The total institutional charges for the educational program.
- If the institution receives state or federal financial assistance on behalf of their students.

Document is attached:  Yes     No (if no, indicate reason)

**9. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FOR 94874(h)**

Provide verification of:

- Operation under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.
- That the organization provides workforce development or rehabilitation services exclusively.

Document is attached:  Yes  No (if no, indicate reason)

**10. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FOR 94874(j)**

Provide documentation of:

- Operating in California for a minimum of 25 years.
- A statement that the institution has never filed for bankruptcy.
- Verification of the cohort default rate on guaranteed student loans for the most recent three years.
- Cancellation and refund policies.
- Copies of the most recent composite scores of equity, primary reserve, and net income ratios as submitted to the United States Department of Education.
- Most recent IRS Form 990.

Document is attached:  Yes  No (if no, indicate reason)

**11. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

**All owners and persons in control of the institution understand that a verification of exemption obtained from the Bureau is not an Approval to Operate issued pursuant to section 94886 or 94890 of the Code.**

**The institution is prohibited from advertising, claiming, or implying that it has been approved to operate by the Bureau, unless it has been issued such an approval.**

Yes (I understand)  No (if no, indicate reason)

**12. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Include any material facts, which have not otherwise been disclosed in the application than might reasonably affect the Bureau's decisions to issue a verification of exemption. In this context, a fact would be "material" if it would change the Bureau's opinion concerning whether or not the institution meets the criteria to be exempt from the Act, or, without its inclusion into the application, the information contained in the application would be false, misleading, or incomplete.

Document is attached:  Yes  No

**13. DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

- Each owner of the institution, or
- If the institution is incorporated, by the chief executive officer of the corporation and each owner of 25 percent or more of the stock, or interest in the institution, or
- By each member of the governing body of a nonprofit corporation.

**I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing and all attachments are true and correct.**

Signature *Randall J. Webb* Date 4/3/12

Name Randall J. Webb, Title President

Address Northwestern State University, 140 Central Avenue

City Natchitoches State LA Zip 71457

Owning \_\_\_\_\_%, Member, Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_ General Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Executive Officer

**I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing and all attachments are true and correct.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Owning \_\_\_\_\_%, Member, Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_ General Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Executive Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Attach additional sheets if necessary

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January 9, 2009

Dr. Randall J. Webb  
President  
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140 Central Ave.  
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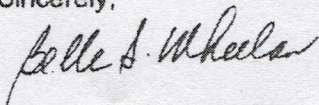
Dear Dr. Webb:

The following action regarding your institution was taken at the December 2008 meeting of the Commission on Colleges:

The Commission on Colleges reviewed the institution's First Monitoring Report following reaffirmation of accreditation. No additional report was requested.

We appreciate your continued support of the activities of the Commission on Colleges. If you have questions, please contact the staff member assigned to your institution.

Sincerely,



Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President  
Commission on Colleges

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cc: Dr. Rudolph S. Jackson

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Dr. Randall J. Webb  
President  
Northwestern State University  
140 Central Ave.  
102 Creative and Performing Arts Center  
Natchitoches, LA 71497

Dear Dr. Webb:

The following action regarding your institution was taken at the December 2007 meeting of the Commission on Colleges:

The Commission on Colleges reaffirmed accreditation with a request for a First Monitoring report due **September 5, 2008**, addressing the visiting committee's recommendations applicable to the following referenced standards of the *Principles*:

**CS 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), Recommendation 3**

The institution suggests that through its assessment system, evidence is presented that the general education curriculum is effective in facilitating the acquisition of core competencies by graduates. It is unclear, however, that the core competencies for graduates are actually being achieved. As a result, the institution is asked to provide evidence that the core competencies for graduates are being achieved.

**CS 3.5.4 (Terminal Degrees of Faculty), Recommendation 4**

NWSU provided examples of selected areas such as its Nursing Department to demonstrate achievement of the 25 percent rule for qualified faculty, but did not provide a comprehensive illustration of the course hours taught by terminal degree faculty. To address the concerns of the Commission, the institution is asked to show that at least 25 percent of the discipline course hours for each major at the baccalaureate level are taught by faculty holding the terminal degree.

Please submit to your Commission staff member a **one-page** executive summary of your institution's Quality Enhancement Plan. The summary is due **February 15, 2008**, and also should include: (1) the title of your Quality Enhancement Plan, (2) your institution's name, and (3) the name, title, and email address of an individual who can be contacted regarding its development or implementation. This summary will be posted to the Commission's Web site as a resource for other institutions undergoing the reaffirmation process.

All institutions are requested to submit an "Impact Report of the Quality Enhancement Plan on Student Learning" as part of their "Fifth-Year Interim Report" due five years after their



Dr. Randall J. Webb  
January 9, 2008  
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reaffirmation review. Institutions will be notified one year in advance by the President of the Commission regarding its specific due date.

Guidelines for the additional report are enclosed. Because it is essential that institutions follow these guidelines, **please make certain that those responsible for preparing the report receive the document. If they have questions about the format, contact the Commission staff member assigned to your institution.** When submitting your report, please send **four copies** to your Commission staff member.

Please note that Federal regulations and Commission policy stipulate that an institution must demonstrate compliance with all requirements and standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* within two years following the Commission's initial action on the institution. At the end of that two-year period, if the institution does not comply with all the standards and requirements of the *Principles*, representatives from the institution may be required to appear before the Commission, or one of its standing committees, to answer questions as to why the institution should not be removed from membership. If the Commission determines good cause at that time, the Commission may extend the period for coming into compliance for a minimum of six months and a maximum of two years and must place the institution on Probation. If the Commission does not determine good cause, the institution must be removed from membership. (See enclosed Commission policy "*Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership.*")

We appreciate your continued support of the activities of the Commission on Colleges. If you have questions, please contact the Commission staff member assigned to your institution.

Sincerely,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President  
Commission on Colleges

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Enclosures

cc: Dr. Rudolph S. Jackson