



# TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM:** I.A.

**MEETING DATE:** May 16, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Postsecondary State Authorization  
Authorization of New Institutions

**ITEM TYPE:** Action

**ACTION RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

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## BACKGROUND

The Commission, under the Tennessee Higher Education Authorization Act of 2016, as amended, has the “power and duty” to act upon applications for authorization of postsecondary educational institutions. For the institutions listed below, applications have been reviewed, site visits have been performed, and staff has determined that all necessary documentation and bonds have been secured. In accordance with Rule 1540-01-02-.07(2)(d), the Executive Director granted these institutions provisional initial authorization subject to review and ratification by the Commission. These institutions are being recommended for Regular Authorization.

**A. Excel Academy, LLC**

**Knoxville, TN**

900 E Hill Avenue, Suite 170, Knoxville, Tennessee 37915

**Corporate Structure:** Limited Liability Company (LLC)  
**Accreditation:** None  
**Title IV Funding:** No

Excel Academy is seeking to register one new program. The program will be offered in a residential format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Knoxville, Tennessee.

- Program:** Nurse Aide Training  
**Credential Awarded:** Certificate of Completion  
**Length of Program:** 75 Contact Hours  
3 Weeks Full-Time  
3.5 Weeks Part-Time

License/Certification Required for Employment: Certified Nurse Aide  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Department of Health/Division of Healthcare Facilities

**B. Nashville Academy of Reflexology, LLC**  
1556 Crestview Drive, Madison, Tennessee 37115

**Madison, TN**

**Corporate Structure:** Limited Liability Company (LLC)  
**Accreditation:** None  
**Title IV Funding:** No

**Change of Ownership:**

Nashville Academy of Reflexology, LLC is owned by Amanda Smith. The institution was purchased from Gail Tossing on April 11, 2023. The institution is a Limited Liability Corporation and has been authorized by THEC since April 25, 2013.

Nashville Academy of Reflexology, LLC is seeking to register one new program. The program will be offered in a residential format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Madison, Tennessee.

**1. Program:** Professional Reflexology Certification (Revised)  
**Credential Awarded:** Certificate of Completion  
**Length of Program:** 200 Contact Hours  
7 Months

License/Certification Required for Employment: Registered Certified Reflexologist  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Department of Health/Reflexology Registry

**C. Sandra Academy of Salon Services**  
5250 W Andrew Johnson Hwy, Morristown, Tennessee 37814

**Morristown, TN**

**Corporate Structure:** S-Corporation  
**Accreditation:** National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts & Sciences (NACCAS)  
**Title IV Funding:** Yes

Sandra Academy of Salon Services is seeking to register seventeen new programs. Nine of the programs will be offered in a residential format and eight of the programs will be offered in a blended format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Morristown, Tennessee, as well as online.

**1. Program:** Barber Crossover  
**Credential Awarded:** Diploma  
**Length of Program:** 300 Contact Hours  
2 Months Full-Time  
4 Months Part-Time  
**Delivery Mode:** Blended

License/Certification Required for Employment: Barber Technician  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

2. **Program:** Barber Instructor  
**Credential Awarded:** Diploma  
**Length of Program:** 300 Contact Hours  
2 Months Full-Time  
4 Months Part-Time  
**Delivery Mode:** Blended

License/Certification Required for Employment: Barber Instructor  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

3. **Program:** Campus Barber Crossover  
**Credential Awarded:** Diploma  
**Length of Program:** 300 Contact Hours  
2 Months Full-Time  
4 Months Part-Time  
**Delivery Mode:** Residential

License/Certification Required for Employment: Barber Technician  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

4. **Program:** Campus Barber Instructor  
**Credential Awarded:** Diploma  
**Length of Program:** 300 Contact Hours  
2 Months Full-Time  
4 Months Part-Time  
**Delivery Mode:** Residential

License/Certification Required for Employment: Barber Instructor  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

5. **Program:** Campus Master Barber  
**Credential Awarded:** Diploma  
**Length of Program:** 1500 Contact Hours  
10 Months Full-Time  
20 Months Part-Time  
**Delivery Mode:** Residential

License/Certification Required for Employment: Master Barber  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

6. **Program:** Cosmetology  
**Credential Awarded:** Diploma  
**Length of Program:** 1500 Contact Hours  
10 Months Full-Time  
20 Months Part-Time  
**Delivery Mode:** Residential

License/Certification Required for Employment: Cosmetologist  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

- 7. **Program:** Cosmetology
- Credential Awarded:** Diploma
- Length of Program:** 1500 Contact Hours  
10 Months Full-Time  
20 Months Part-Time
- Delivery Mode:** Blended

License/Certification Required for Employment: Cosmetologist  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

- 8. **Program:** Cosmetology Refresher
- Credential Awarded:** Diploma
- Length of Program:** 300 Contact Hours  
2 Months Full-Time  
4 Months Part-Time
- Delivery Mode:** Residential

License/Certification Required for Employment: Cosmetologist  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

- 9. **Program:** Cosmetology Refresher
- Credential Awarded:** Diploma
- Length of Program:** 300 Contact Hours  
2 Months Full-Time  
4 Months Part-Time
- Delivery Mode:** Blended

License/Certification Required for Employment: Cosmetologist  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

- 10. **Program:** Esthetics
- Credential Awarded:** Diploma
- Length of Program:** 750 Contact Hours  
5 Months Full-Time  
10 Months Part-Time
- Delivery Mode:** Residential

License/Certification Required for Employment: Esthetician  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

- 11. **Program:** Esthetics
- Credential Awarded:** Diploma
- Length of Program:** 750 Contact Hours  
5 Months Full-Time

**Delivery Mode:** 10 Months Part-Time  
Blended

License/Certification Required for Employment: Esthetician  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

**12. Program:** Instructor  
**Credential Awarded:** Diploma  
**Length of Program:** 300 Contact Hours  
2 Months Full-Time  
4 Months Part-Time  
**Delivery Mode:** Residential

License/Certification Required for Employment: Instructor License  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

**13. Program:** Instructor  
**Credential Awarded:** Diploma  
**Length of Program:** 300 Contact Hours  
2 Months Full-Time  
4 Months Part-Time  
**Delivery Mode:** Blended

License/Certification Required for Employment: Cosmetology Instructor  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

**14. Program:** Manicuring  
**Credential Awarded:** Diploma  
**Length of Program:** 600 Contact Hours  
4 Months Full-Time  
8 Months Part-Time  
**Delivery Mode:** Residential

License/Certification Required for Employment: Manicurist  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

**15. Program:** Manicuring  
**Credential Awarded:** Diploma  
**Length of Program:** 600 Contact Hours  
10 Months Full-Time  
20 Months Part-Time  
**Delivery Mode:** Blended

License/Certification Required for Employment: Manicurist  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

- 16. Program:** Massage  
**Credential Awarded:** Diploma  
**Length of Program:** 750 Contact Hours  
5 Months  
**Delivery Mode:** Residential

License/Certification Required for Employment: Licensed Massage Therapist  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Massage Licensure

- 17. Program:** Master Barber  
**Credential Awarded:** Diploma  
**Length of Program:** 1500 Contact Hours  
10 Months Full-Time  
20 Months Part-Time  
**Delivery Mode:** Blended

License/Certification Required for Employment: Master Barber  
Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners