

INTRODUCTION

This directory is prepared by the staff of the Rhode Island Office of Higher Education. It contains information and listings for Rhode Island proprietary schools which have been issued a Certificate of Approval in accordance with Chapter 16-40 of the *General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956*, as amended, and with the *Regulations Governing Proprietary Schools in Rhode Island* adopted by the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education. All schools listed have been issued a valid Renewal Certificate from the Rhode Island Office of Higher Education to operate until August 31.

Proprietary schools are best described as privately owned business, trade and technical schools. These schools offer training to prepare individuals for entry-level employment or to upgrade existing skills. These occupations include, but are not limited to, secretarial, computer/data processing, business, accounting, drafting, automotive/auto body technology, communications technology, hairdressing and information processing.

Some educational institutions are exempt from the aforementioned requirements and/or may be regulated by other state or federal agencies. Generally, the following types of institutions are in this category: private elementary and secondary schools, degree granting institutions, real estate schools, tutorial programs, flight schools, driver training schools, schools offering exclusively religious training, schools of music, art or dance, and accredited health-related programs offered by non-profit hospitals.

In addition to state approval, some schools are nationally accredited. The terms “approved” and “accredited” are often incorrectly used interchangeably. “Approval” is granted by the state agency under certain legal requirements, whereas “accreditation” is strictly voluntary. Further, approval is based on minimum standards; accreditation is usually based on optimum standards. Approval by a state agency is usually a prerequisite to accreditation. Neither the Office of Higher Education nor the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredits proprietary schools. The United States Department of Education recognizes an accrediting agency that has met certain criteria. In this directory, schools which are accredited by a national accrediting agency are identified by the initials of the agency which appear in parenthesis following the listing. The agencies are identified as follows:

DIRECTORY OF PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS IN RHODE ISLAND

**Accrediting Council for Continuing
Education and Training (ACCET)**

1722 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 995-1113
www.accet.org

**Accrediting Council for Independent
Colleges and Schools (ACICS)**

750 First Street, NE, Suite 980
Washington, DC 20002-4241
(202) 336-6780
www.acics.org

**Accrediting Commission of Career Schools
and Colleges of Technology (ACCST)**

2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 302
Arlington, Virginia 22201
(703) 247-4212
www.accsct.org

**National Accrediting Commission of
Cosmetology Arts and Sciences (NACCAS)**

901 North Stuart Street #900
Arlington, Virginia 22203
(703) 527-7600
www.naccas.org

In addition to issuing certificates of approval under state law, the Office of Higher Education also functions as the state agency for the approval of veterans' education programs in accordance with Section 1771, Title 38, United States Code. Schools listed in this directory that have some or all of their programs approved for the training of veterans are identified by the initials (VA) appearing in parenthesis following the listing.

Copies of Chapter 16-40 of the Rhode Island General Laws, 1956, as amended, and of the *Regulations Governing Proprietary Schools in Rhode Island* can be found at <http://www.ribghe.org/proprietaryregs.pdf>. Additional information and copies of these documents are also available from the Office of Higher Education (401-462-9334; dvellettri@ribghe.org).

DIRECTORY OF PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS IN RHODE ISLAND

EMPIRE BEAUTY SCHOOL – PROVIDENCE (NACCAS, VA)

Jacqueline Pace, Director
151 Broadway
Providence, RI 02903-3052
(401) 272-4300 Ext. 11
(401) 272-5461 (Fax)
www.empire.com

Programs
Cosmetology
Esthetics
Instructor Training
Master Esthetics

EMPIRE BEAUTY SCHOOL – WARWICK (NACCAS, VA)

Laura Lee Lawing, Director
1276 Bald Hill Road
Suites 100 and 110
Warwick, RI 02886-1501
(401) 826-2022
(401) 826-4079 (Fax)
www.empire.com

Programs
Cosmetology
Esthetics

GIBBS COLLEGE (ACICS, VA)

Dr. Richard Farmer, President
85 Garfield Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
(401) 824-5300
www.gibbsri.edu

LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (ACICS, VA)

David Waldron, Executive Director
622 George Washington Highway
Lincoln, RI 02865
(401) 334-2430
(401) 334-5087 (Fax)
www.lincolntech.com

Programs
Cosmetology
Cosmetology Instructor Training
Criminal Justice
Dental Assisting
Electronic Systems Technician
Medical Assistant
Medical Coding & Billing
Network Communications & Information Systems
Pharmacy Technician
Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork Technician

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INTERNATIONAL YACHT RESTORATION SCHOOL (ACC SCT, VA)

Terry Nathan, Director
449 Thames Street
Newport, RI 02840
(401) 848-5777
(401) 842-0669 (Fax)
www.iyrs.org

Programs
Diesel Engines I
Diesel Engines II
Electronics I
Electronics Installation & Troubleshooting
Fuel Systems
Marine Systems Certificate Program
Marine Steering Systems
Yacht Restoration Certificate Program

MOTORING TECHNICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (MTTI)(ACC SCT, VA)

Sharon Ring, Director
54 Water Street
East Providence, RI 02914-5022
(401) 434-4840
(401) 434-9540 (Fax)
www.mtti.edu

Programs
Automotive Service Advisor/Consultant
Automotive Service Technician
Building/Property Trades Technician
Business Administrative Assistant
Customer Service/Call Center Representative
Computer Service Tech/Network Installer
Electronic Communications Technician
Marine Service Technician
Medical Assistant
Medical & Dental Office Management
Motorsports/Power Equipment Technician

NEW ENGLAND TRACTOR TRAILER TRAINING SCHOOL OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC. (ACC SCT, VA)

Dr. Christopher Whelpley, Director
600 Moshassuck Valley Industrial
Highway
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 725-1220
(401) 728-8575 (Fax)
www.nettts.com

Programs
Commercial Driver License
Commercial Driver License Prep.
Commercial Heavy Straight Truck Training

DIRECTORY OF PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS IN RHODE ISLAND

NEW HORIZONS COMPUTER LEARNING CENTERS OF RI

Fred Law, Director
315 Iron Horse Way Suite 102
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 654-5252
(401) 633-6274 (Fax)
www.nhrhodeisland.com

Programs
Information Technology “Plus”
Microsoft Certified Desk Support Technican
Microsoft Information Technology & Security
Analyst for 2003
Microsoft MCITP Preparation
Microsoft Office Certification
Microsoft Server Administrator
Microsoft Technology Specialist “Plus”

NEWPORT SCHOOL OF HAIRDRESSING (NACCAS, VA)

Michael Berger, Director
222-226 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860-5829
(401) 725-6882
(401) 723-8677 (Fax)

Programs
Cosmetology
Esthetics
Instructor Training
Manicuring

PAUL MITCHELL – THE SCHOOL (NACCAS)

Veronica Rendina, Director
379 Atwood Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
(401) 946-9920
(401) 946-9881 (Fax)
pmts.paulmitchelltheschool.com

Programs
Cosmetology
Esthetics
Instructor Training

ROB ROY ACADEMY (NACCAS, VA)

M. Susan Derosier, Director
800 Clinton Place
Woonsocket, RI 02895
(401) 769-1777
(401) 769-1771 (Fax)
www.rob-roy.com

Programs
Barber Styling
Cosmetology
Esthetics
Instructor Training
Manicuring

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SAWYER SCHOOL (ACICS, VA)

Elisa Russell, Director
101 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860-4117
(401) 272-8400
(401) 725-1564 (Fax)

Providence Extension:

Elisa Russell, Director
550 Hartford Avenue
Providence, RI 02909-5837
(401) 272-3280

Programs

Business Information Processing
Hospitality, Travel & Event Planning
Medical Assistant/Secretary
Medical Office Assistant
Office Information Systems

NATIONWIDE DIESEL TECHNOLOGIES (VA)

Colin Hurst, Director
10A Appian Way
Smithfield, RI 02917-1778
(401) 231-3410
(401) 231-3488 (Fax)

www.nationwidedrivingschool.com

Program

Commercial Driver's License Training

TONI & GUY HAIRDRESSING ACADEMY (NACCAS, VA)

Mindy Grebstein, Director
1400 Oaklawn Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
(401) 463-3633
(401) 463-6787
www.toniguyacademy.com

Programs

Cosmetology
Instructor Training
