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CT OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION UNVEILS REDESIGNED CREDENTIAL REGISTRY & LAUNCHES “KNOW B4 YOU ENROLL” CAMPAIGN

A statewide resource to explore programs and check school authorization

HARTFORD, Conn. — The Connecticut Office of Higher Education (OHE) today formally launched its redesigned **Connecticut Credential Registry**, a mobile-friendly public resource allowing users to search for Connecticut schools and explore education and training programs offered across the state.

The Registry brings together information on approximately 130 colleges, universities, private career schools, and other institutions, as well as more than 4,200 credit and noncredit programs. Users can explore programs by subject or career, narrow results by factors such as town, school type, credential level, and delivery method, and review authorization information before applying or enrolling.

The launch also introduces OHE’s **Know B4 You Enroll** public-awareness campaign and the **Authorized in CT** badge. OHE will begin rolling out several versions of the badge to participating institutions in the coming weeks. The badge identifies institutions authorized to operate in Connecticut through applicable legal or governmental authority. Some versions will include a QR code directing users to the Registry, while versions without a QR code may be hyperlinked directly to it.

“Choosing an education or training program is an important investment of time, money, and trust,” said **Timothy D. Larson, Commissioner of the Connecticut Office of Higher Education**. “The redesigned Connecticut Credential Registry gives students and families one place to explore their options and check whether a school is authorized before they enroll. It is a practical tool that supports educational opportunity, while helping Connecticut consumers make more informed decisions.”

The Registry includes credit and noncredit programs ranging from certificates and occupational training through associate, bachelor’s, graduate, and professional degrees. Users can search by subject, career, school, town, credential level, and delivery method. Listings provide core information about institutions and programs, including location, accreditation, delivery format, contact information, professional licensure, and links provided by the institution. Private career school listings also include available information about program length, tuition, and required fees.

OHE officials added that unauthorized schools can leave students with lost time, significant financial obligations, and credentials that may not be recognized by employers, other institutions, or professional licensing agencies. For example, someone who completes nail technician training through an unauthorized school may later discover that the education does not satisfy the requirements needed to pursue a professional license. The Registry gives prospective students a place to check authorization before committing their time and money.

“The Connecticut Credential Registry has been one of the state’s best-kept secrets, and this redesign is about changing that,” said **Sean Seepersad, Division Director of Academic Affairs at the Connecticut Office of Higher Education**. “My hope is that the Registry helps people explore their options, ask better questions, and avoid unauthorized or predatory education businesses that could leave them with a credential they cannot use.”

The redesigned Registry was developed through a collaborative effort between the Connecticut Office of Higher Education and its technology partner, Veoci. Information in the Registry comes from records submitted and maintained by schools and institutions through OHE’s Veoci system, as well as information collected and confirmed through OHE’s regulatory and approval activities. These processes help ensure that Registry information is reviewed regularly, while each institution remains responsible for the accuracy and completeness of its records.

"Students deserve clear, reliable information before making significant investments in their education," said **Senator Derek Slap, Senate Chair of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee**. "This redesigned Registry empowers prospective students to make informed choices, strengthens consumer protection, and reinforces Connecticut's commitment to a transparent and accountable higher education system."

The Registry does not rank, rate, recommend, or endorse schools or programs. Authorization does not guarantee educational quality, employment, admission, credit transfer, or eligibility for professional licensure. Students considering a program connected to professional licensure should confirm current education and eligibility requirements directly with the appropriate licensing agency before enrolling.

The redesigned Registry builds on OHE’s former Academic Program Search, the 2020 *Connecticut Institutions of Higher Education Almanac*, and the credential database established by Public Act 21-2 and now reflected in section 10a-35b of the Connecticut General Statutes. The current dashboard is the third Registry iteration developed through Veoci and represents the latest step in making Connecticut’s school and program information easier for the public to find and use.

OHE considers the redesigned Registry a strong foundation and will continue refining it after launch. The agency will work with institutions to complete and maintain their records, address technical issues identified through broader public use, and expand the available information and features over time, including additional noncredit offerings from Connecticut colleges and universities. The Connecticut Credential Registry is available at:

p.veoci.com/CTCredentialRegistry



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About the Connecticut Office of Higher Education

The Connecticut Office of Higher Education advances access, quality, accountability, and consumer protection across the state's postsecondary education system. The Office works with colleges, universities, private career schools, state and federal partners, and the public to support educational opportunity, oversee applicable authorization and approval processes, and provide information that helps students make informed decisions.

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