



LifeStream's Private Occupational School License Renewed

LifeStream's Employment & Training Division's license as a Private Occupational School has been renewed by the Office of Private Occupational School Education, a department within the Massachusetts Division of Professional Licensure.

The approval process takes place every two years for private occupational schools throughout Massachusetts.

LifeStream's Employment & Training Division was first licensed as an occupational school in 2002.

"The approval process for private occupational schools has become increasingly strict in the past few years to help ensure that students are receiving quality training to adequately prepare them for the job market," stated Paul F. Correia, Senior Vice President, Employment & Training. He noted that numerous schools have been closed for not meeting the credentials.

The approval process requires the submission of curriculum credentials for all instructors, enrollment agreements with students, costs, and an outlook on the labor market.

LifeStream also serves as the primary provider of the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance's (DTA) Comprehensive Integrated Employment Services program in Greater New Bedford, which helps transition people on welfare to the workforce. Programs are offered in New Bedford and Taunton. Correia noted that LifeStream's occupational school must also meet the additional guidelines required by the DTA.

"The need for health care providers continues to grow, so our training programs are vital for this area," added Correia.