# ITT Technical Institute – UPDATE FOR ILLINOIS STUDENTS (June 14, 2017)

Effective September 14, 2016, ITT has ceased all operations and permanently closed the business. The July 2016 online term was cancelled.

# ITT Bankruptcy Update: 6/8/2017:

The court overseeing ITT's bankruptcy has ordered ITT's bankruptcy trustee to provide students with any funds "in excess of . . . tuition" that ITT received, before the bankruptcy, to pay for those students' educational expenses. Here is a link to the court's order:

If you might fall in this category -- that is, if you took out loans to cover both your tuition and your other educational expenses, but ITT never provided you the loan funds for your educational expenses before it went bankrupt in September 2016 -- you should immediately contact the Illinois Attorney General's Office through its Student Loan Helpline at 1-800-455-2456.

# 1098 Tax Forms for Students -- Update (2/1/2017):

On 2/1/2017, the ITT Trustee stated that the 1098 Tax Forms were mailed out. On the Tax Form, there is a phone number if the students have questions.

\*TRANSCRIPTS\*: Transcripts (2001-Present) can be requested at: <a href="http://alumni.itt-tech.edu/update/">http://alumni.itt-tech.edu/update/</a>.

<u>PLEASE NOTE: The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) does not have any records.</u> All records prior to 2001 are not currently available. IBHE is working with the relevant parties to create a way for students prior to 2001 to access their transcripts.

For Transcript Problems/Issues: Please email itttech@parchment.com or submit a ticket via <a href="https://parchmentsupport.force.com/">https://parchmentsupport.force.com/</a>

#### **DIPLOMAS:**

ITT contracted with Parchment, a third-party provider, who will be servicing orders for digital diplomas, print/digital enrollment verifications, and print/digital degree verifications. Parchment is now taking orders for digital diplomas.

# Nursing Student Update (11/18/2016):

The Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation (IDFPR) and Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) have worked together to find a way to assist ITT Nursing program students affected by the recent ITT institutional closure. Students who completed all nursing coursework but whose transcript does not indicate program completion will be individually reviewed by the Department to determine if the education will be accepted based upon completion of the required nursing coursework. If the transcript is accepted students will be eligible to take the NCLEX exam and apply for licensure. Please note that the "Administrative Drop" concern on the transcripts will be taken into consideration, but all licensure requirements must be met.

ITT students that would like to apply for the NCLEX and licensure should follow the standard online application process. A link may be found on the nursing page of the IDFPR's website, or you can use the links provided below. Continental Testing Services (CTS) is also aware of situation.

Nurse Profession Page:

Online RN Application Page:

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM ITT – Visit <a href="http://itt-tech.info/">http://itt-tech.info/</a>:

COMMUNICATION TO STUDENTS FROM ITT

STUDENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS:

- <u>Illinois Community College Board</u> <u>Click here</u> to access the related degree programs offered at the Illinois Community Colleges. Please visit ICCB's webpage to get <u>updated ITT-Tech transfer</u> information for various Illinois Community Colleges.
- Illinois Board of Nursing Approved Pre-Licensure Nursing Education Programs
- Illinois Board of Higher Education Private Two- Year and Public and Private Four-Year Institutions
- ITT Technical Institute also provided a national list of schools in a communication to all students. <u>Click here</u> to download a list provided by ITT.

# THE US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ED) ANNOUNCES NEW RESOURCES AND CONTINUES EFFORTS TO AID ITT STUDENTS (9/19/2016):

ED joined Beyond 12 and National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) in announcing the launch of a new online package of supports to aid students affected by college closures. The resources, available at <a href="NextStepsEdu.org">NextStepsEdu.org</a>, will match students with experienced financial aid and academic counselors throughout the country who can provide critical guidance as they determine how best to continue their studies.

## ASSISTANCE FROM ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (ISAC):

Former ITT Tech students seeking information on other college and career options or student financial aid can access the ISAC Student Portal (<a href="https://studentportal.isac.org/">https://studentportal.isac.org/</a>). Click here to find contact information for the nearest ISACorps member. These recent college graduates are trained to assist students with the college planning and financial aid processes.

## **TRANSFER CREDITS:**

MyCreditsTransfer is a statewide initiative designed to facilitate transfer within Illinois using the nationally available tool, Transferology. Within Transferology find the courses that transfer between institutions, degree requirements your courses satisfy and different majors that institutions offer. Many Illinois institutions participate in <a href="Transferology">Transferology</a> and it is free for anyone to use.

#### CONTACT INFO FOR THE US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS:

## MESSAGE FROM ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:

The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs-Veterans Education and Training Section (State Approving Agency) stands ready to assist you in your educational endeavors as you transition from ITT.

Specifically, we can answer questions about GI Bill® benefits and provide you with information about other education and training programs and benefits. Please feel free to contact one of our representatives below for assistance.

Enrique Cabrera	815-730-4358
Melissa Cushman	217-785-4578
Kent Ketter	309-661-7506
Tiffany Perry	773-292-2789
Andrew Pieper	630-690-6270

Emily Siefken 312-814-1831 Dan Wellman 217-782-7838

#### **NURSING PROGRAM:**

For those students who completed all degree requirements in the Nursing program but who did not yet complete the Exit HESI, the requirement has been eliminated. **Passage of the Exit HESI is no longer a graduation requirement**. If you completed all Nursing program requirements other than the HESI at ITT Orland Park at any time in the past, you should be eligible for your degree and for access to the National Nursing licensure exam (NCLEX).

For nursing students who have had received an incorrect transcript due to the Exit HESI not being removed, file a complaint with IBHE (if you haven't already done so) and we will outline the rest of the process for you.

Here is the link to file a complaint: http://complaints.ibhe.org/

#### **OFFICIAL SYLLABI:**

You should be able to find the syllabi for every course you took on the ITT webpage at the link <a href="http://itt-tech.info/course-syllabi/">http://itt-tech.info/course-syllabi/</a>.

#### ITT COLLEGE CATALOGS

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE UNDER SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TO ITT STUDENTS

Please read this message from the Under Secretary of Education, Ted Mitchell about the <u>two possible options</u> for ITT students. The <u>first option</u> is to look into the possibility of loan discharge. The <u>second option</u> is for students to continue their studies at another school.

- For questions related to financial aid and student loans, please call 1-800-4-FED-AID for immediate assistance from a team of student aid professionals.
- Federal Student Aid has <u>scheduled webinars for students</u> to walk through the two options. To participate in the webinar, click on the webinar link: <a href="http://fsatraining.acms.com/ittschoolclosureinformation">http://fsatraining.acms.com/ittschoolclosureinformation</a>

#### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

<u>Accreditation:</u> ITT is listed on Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools' (ACICS) website as an <u>Institution on Show Cause.</u>

<u>A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TO ITT STUDENTS</u> – Please read this message from US Secretary of Education, John B. King Jr. to better understand what this closure means for your future and how it is going to affect your finances and your ability to continue your education.

# **US Department of Education Resources:**

**Federal Unpaid Refund Loan Discharge:** If you have questions about a bounced loan refund check or unpaid refund from ITT, please visit this link to see if you are eligible for assistance.

#### **Federal Student Loan Repayment Questions**

**Got a Questions for Federal Student Aid?** 

#### **Repayment Questions**

## **Federal Loan Discharge and Forgiveness:**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Visit this <u>link</u> to evaluate the eligibility requirements for discharge of Federal Direct Loans, Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL) Program loans, or Federal Perkins Loans. This information **does not apply to non-federal student loans**. For those loans, please contact lenders directly for options and to understand repayment obligations.

Students who attended a school who believe they were defrauded or that their school otherwise violated applicable state law may be eligible for discharge (loan forgiveness). Please visit this link for assistance.

Resolving Loan Disputes: <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/disputes">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/disputes</a>

**VA Benefits:** GI Bill students may contact the VA's Education Call Center at 1-888-442-4551 (Mon-Fri, 7 am-6 pm CST).

## **Complaints:**

- 1. <u>File a complaint</u> with the Illinois Board of Higher Education. After we have received your complaint, we will do our best to answer your questions.
- 2. If you wish, you might also file a complaint with the <u>Illinois Attorney General's office</u>

General Questions for the Illinois Board of Higher Education: Please email info@ibhe.org.

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