

NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR



DR. BARBARA DAMRON
CABINET SECRETARY

February 7, 2018

Quint Thurman
President
University of the Southwest
6610 Lovington Hwy
Hobbs, NM 88240
qthurman@usw.edu

RE: 2017 Renewal License #164

Dear Dr. Thurman:

The New Mexico Higher Education Department has approved the 2017 application for the University of the Southwest and the renewal license expires December 31, 2017, and is enclosed.

As you may be aware the New Mexico Higher Education Department, Private Postsecondary Schools Division (NMHED, PPSD) began the formal rule promulgation process when notice of the rulemaking activity was published October 31, 2017. The notices included details related to the following actions:

- Repeal of 5.100.2 NMAC, Private Post-Secondary Institutions Operating under The Post-Secondary Educational Institution Act
- Repeal of 5.100.4 NMAC, Advisory Committee for Private Post-Secondary Education
- Repeal of 5.100.3 NMAC, Private Post-Secondary Institutions Operating under the Out-Of-State Proprietary School Act
- Proposed Rule-5.100.8 Closure or Substantial Change under the Post-secondary Educational Institution Act
- Proposed Rule-5.100.7 License under the Post-secondary Educational Institution Act
- Proposed Rule-5.100.6 Registration under the Post-secondary Educational Institution Act
- Proposed Rule-5.100.5 Exemption under the Post-secondary Educational Institution Act
- Proposed Rule-5.99.1 Interstate Distance Education Rule under the Interstate Distance Education Act

Four of the five new proposed rules will distinguish the differences between registration, licensing, exemptions from the Act, and closures of all postsecondary educational institutions in New Mexico all pursuant to the Post-Secondary Educational Institution Act. The rules shall provide for the registration of all regionally accredited colleges and universities and licensure of all career schools

2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-2100

Office: 505-476-8442

Fax: 505-476-8453

<http://www.hed.state.nm.us/institutions/licensure.aspx>

NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR



DR. BARBARA DAMRON
CABINET SECRETARY

and all nonregionally accredited colleges and universities operating in the state pursuant to the Post-Secondary Educational Institution Act.

The fifth new proposed rule serves as the administrative code for distance education authorization under the Interstate Distance Education Act. Institutions that are accredited may apply for authorization to provide distance education.

As of December 26, 2017 all proposed rule change have been enacted.

Since your institution was authorized by the NMHED, PPSD for 2017. The NMHED, PPSD would like to ensure on-going authorization of your institution as we make the transition from the current rules to the new rules. This letter serves as notice of an extension and provides deadlines for renewal submissions, which must be met to remain in good standing.

Based on information you have provided the NMHED, PPSD on prior year applications, we have reason to believe that your institutions is a regionally accredited college or university. If this status can be verified by your institution, the Registration application to renew the institutions state authorization is **due by March 1, 2018**. If the NMHED, PPSD's files do not accurately reflect the institutions accreditation status, please immediately respond to this letter with the updated information.

Additionally, if your institution will be providing distance education and the offerings do not meet the criteria for an exempt status, the Distance Education Authorization application will also be **due by March 1, 2018**.

The information and application forms are available on the New Mexico Higher Education Department's website at: <http://www.hed.state.nm.us/institutions/applications.aspx>.

If the institution successfully meets the deadline for submitting the renewal application, the New Mexico Higher Education Department will provide a letter of Good Standing for the period of March 1, 2018 through June 1, 2018.

The Department is bringing in additional staff support to review the applications. Once the application has been approved, the institution will be notified of the outcome and a final invoice will be sent to the institutions. All fees must be paid before final authorization will be released.

The New Mexico Higher Education Department hereby extends the state authorization granted in 2017 to March 1, 2018.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 505-476-8409 or by email at michelle.casias@state.nm.us.

NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR



DR. BARBARA DAMRON
CABINET SECRETARY

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Casias".

Michelle Casias
Director
Private Postsecondary Schools Division
New Mexico Higher Education Department

cc: File
Larry Guerrero@usw.edu

NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR



DR. BARBARA DAMRON
CABINET SECRETARY

L I C E N S E

New Mexico Private Post-Secondary

Institution / Career School

LICENSE NUMBER: 164

VALID CALENDAR YEAR 2017 EXPIRATION DATE: Dec. 31, 2017

ISSUED TO: University of the Southwest

ADDRESS: 6610 Lovington Hwy, Hobbs, NM 88240

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF RECORD: **Dr. Quint Thurman, President**
Acceptance of this license constitutes an agreement by the institution to abide by each of the requirements specified in 5 NMAC 100.2 rules and Chapter 21, Article 23 NMSA 1978.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Credential Awarded</u>
Biological Sciences (Pre-Med and Biology);	Bachelor;
Christian Studies;	Bachelor;
English;	Bachelor;
General Studies;	Bachelor;
History;	Bachelor;
Psychology;	Bachelor;
Social Sciences;	Bachelor;
Education-Elementary Education (K-8);	Bachelor;
Education-Secondary Education (7-12);	Bachelor;
Education-Special Education (K-12)	Bachelor
Education, Counseling: Mental Health;	Master;
Education, Counseling: School Counselor;	Master;
Education, Curriculum and Instruction (Teaching K-12);	Master;
Education, Curriculum and Instruction- Bilingual;	Master;
Education, Curriculum and Instruction- TESOL;	Master;
Education, Early Childhood Education;	Master;
Education, Educational Administration;	Master;

NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR



DR. BARBARA DAMRON
CABINET SECRETARY

Educational Diagnostics;	Master;
Accounting;	Bachelor;
Criminal Justice;	Bachelor;
E-Commerce;	Bachelor;
Energy Management;	Bachelor;
Finance;	Bachelor;
Global Business Management;	Bachelor;
Management;	Bachelor;
Marketing;	Bachelor;
Sport Management;	Bachelor
Business Administration;	Master;
Sport Management & Recreation	Master

Michelle R. Casias for

Dr. Barbara Damron, Secretary of New Mexico Higher Education Department

This license is not an endorsement of any particular program offered by the institution.