



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
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Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORIZATION

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December 15, 2015

Dr. Thomas Pleger, President
Lake Superior State University
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Dear President Pleger,

Your institution's Recertification of Exemption from Institutional Authorization was received by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) on December 15, 2015. Upon review, the institution and its identified programs have been determined to meet the criteria for exemption from the authorization provisions of AS 14.48, per regulation 20 AAC 17.015(a)(8).

This determination is predicated on the information provided in the application. Should there be changes to the institution, institution contacts, or the programs approved for exemption, it will be necessary to notify the Commission, at which time the institution's exempt status may be re-evaluated.

Institutions determined to be exempt from authorization provisions under 20 AAC 17.015 (a) (8) are required to recertify biennially that the educational program and institution continue to qualify for exemption. The institution will be required to recertify prior to December 15, 2017.

Please note that an institution exempt from authorization requirements under 20 AAC 17.015 (a)(8) must include a conspicuous statement on the institution's marketing in the state, indicating that the program is exempt from authorization under AS 14.48 and 20 AAC 17 because the program is online or distance delivered and does not have a physical presence in the state.

Furthermore, it is the institution's responsibility to ensure it is fully aware of all applicable Alaska statutes and regulations and any associated compliance requirements relative to exemption from authorization. Exempted institutions still must comply with educational consumer protection statutes AS 14.48.060(b), 14.48.130, 14.48.150, 14.48.170, and 14.48.180-14.48.210, and their associated regulations.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach me by phone at (907) 465-6741 or by email at kierke.kussart@alaska.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kierke A. Kussart".

Kierke A Kussart
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