



**South Carolina**  
Commission on Higher Education  
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**Public Notice:**  
**Institutions Not Licensed by CHE**  
(Updated 10/06/2025)

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**ABC Bartending School/Bartenders4Work/ABC Bartending Class/Charleston School of Bartending**

Dana Privett, Owner  
Chris Nelson, Owner

Chris Nelson and Dana Privett jointly owned ABC Bartending School in Greenville; it appears Chris is sole owner of Greenville campus and Dana has opened other campuses in SC and other states.

1812 Savannah Hwy., Charleston, SC 29470,  
(843)277-0162

2487 Ashley River Rd., Charleston SC 29414  
(843)277-1416

4340 Big Barn Rd. Room 103, Little River, SC,  
29568, (843)855-5393

Additional locations in North Carolina and Virginia

<http://www.abcbartendingschool.com/> or  
<http://www.abcbartendingclass.com/> or  
<http://bartenders4work.com/> or  
[www.carolinabartendingschool.com](http://www.carolinabartendingschool.com) or  
<http://ncbartendingschool.com>  
<http://charlestonbartendingschool.com/>

Not affiliated with [www.abcbartending.com](http://www.abcbartending.com)

Cease and desist ordered May 17, 2007; April 21, 2008; March 16, 2012; August 24, 2012; April 4, 2013

Does NOT provide bartender certification or license.

Original license date 7/12/94; license **revoked** 1/5/07; surety bond cancelled; continues to operate illegally (12/19/2014), offering "certification," CHE has received several complaints of overcharges, duplicate charges, and failure to make refunds.

2/2010 additional complaints about the school not making refunds.

3/15/2012 Story on wistv.com reported that ABC Bartending intends to open new school site in Myrtle Beach; unlicensed school sites in Charleston and Greenville are also listed on school's website. Ordered to cease and desist operating all sites in SC.

8/24/2012 Commission received copies of advertisements run in Charleston's Post and Courier newspaper, offering "certification" in one ad and a four-hour course in another. School's website still lists Charleston and Greenville sites, plus a new site in the Myrtle Beach area.

5/14/2014 SC State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested Chris Nelson for operating the school without a license.

**Fox Carolina Headline (May 12, 2014):**

**SLED: Man charged in running Greenville bartending school without license**

12/19/2014 Reports of continuing sites of SC, NC, and Louisiana. Information distributed to other state licensing entities via NASASPS.

<http://www.bbb.org/myrtle-beach/business-reviews/schools-business-and-vocational/abc-bartending-school-in-fayetteville-nc-90003843>

**American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians (ASPT)**

North Charleston, SC 29418

Phone (843)767-2464 Fax (843)767-2465

E-Mail: [asptcharleston@knology.net](mailto:asptcharleston@knology.net)

Website:

[http://96.36.117.186/registration\\_form.pdf](http://96.36.117.186/registration_form.pdf)

**Cease and desist issued 3/25/2010**

In 1996 the Commission on Higher Education communicated with Ralph Maxwell about the training and certification services offered at ASPT from Greenville. The contention of Maxwell was that the training was distance learning and not within the jurisdiction of CHE because it was continuing education offered only to individuals who were already employed in the medical field and who were members of ASPT. ASPT filed a suit against CHE and asked the court to determine it exempt from the Commission's oversight. The suit was dismissed by agreement of the attorneys for Maxwells and AG with CHE retaining the authority to proceed with injunction from ASPT with additional evidence that the organization offered vocational training without enforcing its requirements for employment in the field.

In May 2009 Helen Maxwell contacted CHE about licensure to offer EKG and other training programs; however, she did not apply for a license. March 25, 2010, a student enrolled in EKG and Patient Care Technician submitted a complaint about the school. It made a full refund to the student. CHE issued a letter to **cease and desist**; also, provided another packet for initial licensure. 4/6/2010 Cathy Williamson, director at the Charleston location, called and said they are preparing the application materials.

Updated 4/7/10. CHE received an application for initial license on April 13, 2010, and provided initial feedback on April 22, 2010. April 28, 2010, discussion with attorney for Maxwell about licensing requirements. Review of application suspended until information from AG that the character requirements for eligibility would exclude eligibility for licensure. 5/24/10 CHE executive staff reviewing the options.

8/5/2010 CHE received AG's opinion confirming that CHE has authority to deny licensure based on the Maxwells having owned a school for which SC Department of Education revoked the license.

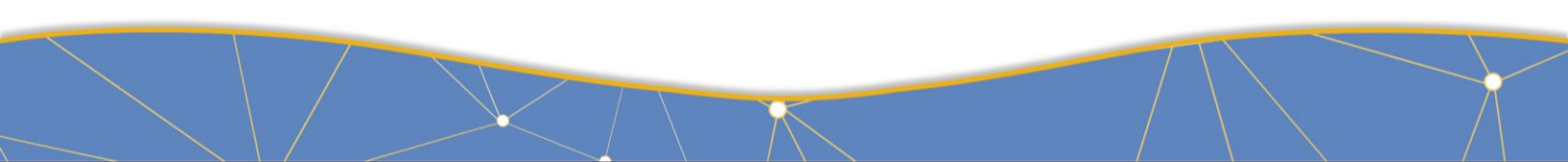
8/12/2010 CHE notified attorney for Maxwells of denial of licensure for Helen and/or Ralph Maxwell as owners based on failure to meet the "good reputation" criteria in CHE regulation 62-6.

9/13/2010 Richard Sisco, landlord of ASPT, called and asked for documentation that CHE would not license the school. They are using it as a reason to break the lease on the facilities.

10/12/2010 Roman Hammes, attorney, notified CHE that he no longer represents the Maxwells, and it is his understanding that they will not contest the decision of CHE to deny licensure.

<p><b>Charleston State University</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.charlestonstateuniversity.com/">http://www.charlestonstateuniversity.com/</a></p> <p><b>THIS IS A DIPLOMA MILL – DO NOT SEND MONEY – SCAM OPERATING ILLEGALLY</b></p> <p><b>Cease and desist issued March 13, 2018</b></p>	<p>Brought to the attention of SC Commission on Higher Education staff on March 12, 2018.</p> <p>Institution is not licensed to operate in SC and does not appear to have an actual presence in SC but advertises on its webpage that it is located in Charleston, SC. Claims accreditation by Accrediting Commission of International Colleges and Universities which is not recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).</p> <p>Webpage for Charleston State University has plagiarized information such as school history from the legitimate University of Charleston located in Charleston, WV. Article from the Charleston Gazette:  <a href="https://www.wvgazette.com/news/education/charleston-state-university-offers-phony-degrees-steals-uc-s-history/article_23149292-8c67-5563-b7d9-89518e7b2c52.html">https://www.wvgazette.com/news/education/charleston-state-university-offers-phony-degrees-steals-uc-s-history/article_23149292-8c67-5563-b7d9-89518e7b2c52.html</a></p>
<p><b>Cornerstone Christian Correspondence School</b></p> <p>15938 Hwy. 17  Townsend, GA 31331  (912)832-3834  <a href="http://cornerstonechristianministry.org/index.html">http://cornerstonechristianministry.org/index.html</a></p>	<p>No evidence that institution operates in South Carolina; however, several SC residents have contacted the Commission regarding this school. Claims accreditation by the Accrediting Commission International, which is not a recognized accrediting agency. High school diplomas earned through this correspondence school are not valid for college admissions or for employment requiring an accredited high school diploma.</p>
<p><b>Dealer F &amp; I University</b></p> <p>Shaka Dyson, Owner  4812 Rustlers Ct.  Summerville, SC 29485  (678)481-4077  <a href="http://www.dealerfiuniversity.com">www.dealerfiuniversity.com</a>  email: <a href="mailto:shaka@dealerfiuniversity.com">shaka@dealerfiuniversity.com</a></p> <p>Nonpublic Secondary Institution Licensing Notice sent 5/3/2018.  Returned to the Commission as unclaimed on 6/15/2018.</p>	<p>Brought to the attention of SC Commission on Higher Education staff in April 2018.</p> <p>Institution is not licensed to operate in SC and does not appear to have an actual presence in SC but advertises on its webpage that it is located in Summerville, SC. The Commission contact Mr. Dyson in late May 2018. He mentioned that he was moving out of state at the beginning of June 2018 and would not seek licensure in SC. As of June 18, 2018, his website shows a Summerville, SC address. Please contact your state higher education non-public postsecondary institution authority to see if Dealer F &amp; I University has permission to operate in your state before enrolling.</p>
<p><b>Deluxe Medical Academy</b></p> <p>Shayla Stewart, Owner  Deluxe Medical Spa  2204 2<sup>nd</sup> Loop Road, Ste. F  Florence, SC 29501</p> <p><a href="https://dluxemedspa.com/phlebotomy-certification">https://dluxemedspa.com/phlebotomy-certification</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ibrowdeluxe">https://www.facebook.com/ibrowdeluxe</a></p> <p><b>Cease and desist issued October 14, 2021</b></p>	<p>Brought to the attention of SC Commission on Higher Education staff in October 2021.</p> <p>Institution is not licensed to operate in SC and was offering a Phlebotomy course at a local hotel with a guaranteed certification at the end of two days. The owner, Shayla Stewart also operates Deluxe Medical Spa, and appears to be offering the class under the business alias. The Commission has been in contact with Ms. Stewart and has received an initial application for licensure to operate. The webpage has been deactivated, and advertisements on Facebook for the Phlebotomy course have been removed.</p>

<p><b>Film Connection Film Institute</b>  CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS  Recording Connection Audio Institute  1201 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street  Suite M130  Los Angeles, CA 90017  (323)329-9610  <a href="http://www.filmconnection.com">www.filmconnection.com</a>  <b>Cease and desist issued 10/31/2012</b></p>	<p>10/31/2012 CHE made aware that Institute is advertising several locations in South Carolina for “apprenticeships” in directing, screen writing, producing, editing, and general production for a tuition fee of \$7,750 to \$13,500 plus \$650 for books. Institute is not licensed by CHE to offer programs at any level. Claims accreditation by <a href="#">United States Bureau of Accredited Schools</a> and the <a href="#">National Private Schools Accreditation Alliance</a>, neither of which is a recognized accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education.</p>
<p><b>Recording Connection Audio Institute</b>  CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS  Recording Connection Audio Institute  1201 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street  Suite M130  Los Angeles, CA 90017  (323)329-9610  <a href="http://www.recordingconnection.com/">http://www.recordingconnection.com/</a>  <b>Cease and desist issued 10/31/2012</b></p>	<p>10/31/2012 CHE made aware that Institute is advertising several locations in South Carolina for “apprenticeships” in audio engineering, music producing, live sound engineering, and music production for a tuition fee of \$7,750 to \$9,000 plus \$650 for books. Institute is not licensed by CHE to offer programs at any level. Claims accreditation by <a href="#">United States Bureau of Accredited Schools</a> and the <a href="#">National Private Schools Accreditation Alliance</a>, neither of which is a recognized accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education.</p> <p>Denied approval by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE).</p>
<p><b>SimplySteno (StenoLife)</b>  Mark Greenburg, Owner  SimplySteno (Steno Life)  15745 SW Colyer Way  Tigard, OR 97224    <a href="mailto:marc@courtreportingmovie.com">marc@courtreportingmovie.com</a>  (818)642-9331</p>	<p>The Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission alerted the Commission on September 9, 2016, that the institution was offering online court reporting without state authorization, and it was collecting funds from California residents. StenoLife is charging residents through the StarTran School that has a California address but are actually enrolling in the Oregon SimplySteno/StenoLife online court reporting school. In addition, SimplySteno has an unapproved consortium agreement with the Mark Kislingbury Academy of Court Reporting program, located in Texas.</p>
<p><b>Stepping Stone Phlebotomy (SS Phlebotomy)</b>    Janecia Sanders, Owner  Stepping Stone Phlebotomy (SS Phlebotomy)  4700 Taylorsville Hwy  PO Box 39  Scotts, NC 28699    <a href="http://www.ssphlebotomy.com">www.ssphlebotomy.com</a>    <a href="mailto:info@ssphlebotomy.com">info@ssphlebotomy.com</a>  (704)230-5328</p>	<p>On January 26, 2018, the Commission was alerted that Stepping Stone Phlebotomy was offering a Phlebotomy program for a tuition fee of \$500.00 in Florence, SC. The Commission sent a cease-and-desist letter to the owner, Ms. Janecia Sanders, on January 26, 2018, and again on February 16, 2018, to which Ms. Sanders has not responded. The school is not licensed by the Commission to offer any programs in the state.</p>



<p><b>Woodsmount University</b> 601 East McBee Avenue Greenville, SC 29601</p> <p><a href="https://uowm.education">https://uowm.education</a> (844)510-1647</p> <p><b>Cease and desist issued February 1, 2023</b></p>	<p>Woodsmount University is not licensed by the Commission to operate in SC. According to the institution’s website, it is operating as an online educational institution offering academic programs with headquarters in Greenville, South Carolina. On February 1, 2023, the Commission emailed and mailed a cease-and-desist letter to, 601 E. McBee Avenue., Greenville, SC 29601, the address listed on the institution’s website. The institution claims accreditation by several accrediting agencies, none of which are recognized accrediting agencies by the U.S. Department of Education.</p>
<p><b>Allheart Allied Health Education Center</b></p> <p>Kimberly D.B. Jackson, Program Manager &amp; Co-owner 186 &amp; 188 S. Pike East, Sumter, SC 29150 2129 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201 <a href="http://www.allheartahec.org/">http://www.allheartahec.org/</a> 803-580-4747 Info: (803)626-0733</p> <p><b>Cease and desist issued 10/07/2025</b></p>	<p>The Commission was made aware that Allheart Allied Health Education Center has been offering allied health education training programs—including Nurse Aide, Phlebotomy, EKG Technician, Medical Assisting, and CMA—at two locations in Columbia and Sumter, South Carolina. Following an internal investigation, the Commission determined that the institution is not licensed to operate or offer any educational programs within the state of South Carolina. While the Commission has been in contact with the owner, Ms. Kimberly Jackson, the institution has not completed the required licensure process. The SC Department of Health and Human Services has been notified of the institution’s non-compliance.</p> <p>On October 7, 2025, the Commission issued a formal cease-and-desist letter via email and postal mail to the addresses listed on the institution’s website.</p>

