

Maryland Higher Education Commission

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February 25, 2026



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**Maryland Higher Education Commission
Meeting Agenda: February 25, 2026**

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Google Meet: Video call link:

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Welcome & Call to Order

A. Chair's and Secretary's Remarks

I. Review & Approval of Previous Minutes

*Review of minutes from the meeting on December 10, 2025

II. Business

A. Workforce Pell Implementation - Rachael Stevens Parker, Executive Director of Governor's Workforce Development Board

B. FY 2028 Community College Construction Grant Program: State & Local Cost-Sharing Formula – Dan Schuster, Capital Finance Analyst & Elena Quiroz-Livanis, Deputy Secretary

C. Biannual Reports- Dr. Emily Dow- Assistant Secretary for Academic Affairs

D. Legislative Agenda & Updates- Meghan Music- Executive Director of External and Legislative Affairs

E. Financial Aid Updates- Al Dorsett- Executive Director of Student and Financial Assistance

III. Public Comment

[Brief comments from the public (limited to 3 minutes per person)]

IV. Announcements

The next Commission meeting will be on March 25, 2026 at 10:00am

V. Adjournment

Maryland Higher Education Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) met virtually via Google Meet on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Members Present:

Catherine J. "Cassie" Motz, Chair	Chike Aguh, Vice Chair
Kathleen Bands, Ph.D.	Mickey L. Burnim, Ph.D.
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I. Welcome & Call to Order

Chair Motz called the meeting to order, noting a quorum was present.

- **Chair's and Secretary's Remarks**

- Chair Motz thanked the agency staff for their hard work, specifically noting the success of the Student Success Summit and the excellent representation of Maryland by senior team members and Vice Chair Aguh at a recent national conference in Baltimore. She also acknowledged the upcoming busy financial aid season.
- Secretary Rai congratulated students on their persistence as the semester concluded and thanked faculty and staff for their commitment to student

success. He expressed gratitude to Vice Chair Aguh and Deputy Secretary Quiroz-Livanis for leading the State Plan for Higher Education effort, which will expand access to postsecondary education and prepare students for an increasingly interconnected world.

II. Review & Approval of Previous Minutes

- **Review of minutes from the meeting on November 19, 2025**
 - A motion was made to approve the minutes.
 - **Correction:** Commissioner Burnim noted a correction on page six to change "principal council" to "principal counsel."
 - The minutes were approved unanimously following the correction.
 - *Motion by Commissioner Howe, seconded by Commissioner Taber Staehelin.*

III. Business

A. Update on the Maryland State Plan for Higher Education

Vice Chair Aguh and Deputy Secretary Quiroz-Livanis presented an update on the Maryland State Plan, titled "Powering the Next Decade," to align with the Department of Commerce's strategy for an integrated plan across state government.

- **Process and Collaboration:** The plan development process has been collaborative, involving extensive interaction with stakeholders from industry, philanthropy, and various higher education segments. The 25-member Steering Committee has met monthly since August to conduct deep dives into topics like student success, research, and innovation.
- **Vision and Principles:**
 - **Vision:** "Design an affordable contemporary postsecondary education system that equips every Marylander to thrive in a dynamic economy and a pluralistic democratic republic, ensures the completion of meaningful degrees and credentials for all learners, and drives innovation that strengthens the state's long-term competitiveness and civic well-being."
 - **Guiding Principles:** Serve every learner, drive public impact and value, and champion collaboration and innovation.
- **Proposed Statewide Goals:** Three goals were proposed for the commission's endorsement:
 - a. Increase postsecondary attainment for lifelong success.
 - b. Ensure every degree and credential has value (referred to as "lighthouse degrees and credentials").
 - c. Mobilize postsecondary education for innovation and research for competitiveness and the public good.

- **Goal 1: Increasing Postsecondary Attainment for Lifelong Success**
 - **Target:** 75% of adults in the workforce holding a post-high school credential that provides robust wages by 2040. This aligns with the national Lumina Foundation model.
 - **Strategies (Potential Pillars):** Deeper regional partnerships, a comprehensive student success agenda (e.g., financial aid redesign, proactive advising, seamless transfer), and interconnected, seamless student-ready pathways.
- **Commissioner Feedback:** Commissioners unanimously praised the plan's direction and thoroughness.
 - Commissioner Dukes suggested broadening philanthropic partnerships to include those focused on racial equity and economic empowerment. Vice Chair Aguh welcomed this, noting the need for new partners for both the plan's creation and its long-term execution.
 - Commissioner Polonio challenged the team to expand the plan's scope beyond traditional higher education to include issues like mental health, family strength, and AI implications.
- **Goal 2: Ensuring Every Degree and Credential Has Value**
 - **Focus:** Ensuring credentials make an economic difference and provide a quality of life improvement. The term "credentials of value" is being replaced with "lighthouse degrees and credentials" to align with the Department of Commerce.
 - **Performance Indicators:** Will measure public, private, and general societal returns, extending ROI measurement to three, five, and ten years out, including labor market participation and civic/community impact.
- **Goal 3: Mobilizing Postsecondary Education for Innovation and Research**
 - **Focus:** Maximizing Maryland's Research and Development (R&D) asset and aligning with economic development to benefit every Marylander, with an emphasis on equity. A final metric is still being developed in collaboration with partners to balance ambition with protecting existing successful R&D elements.
- **Timeline:** The commission provided an affirmative "head nod" endorsing the direction. Working groups will convene from January to June 2026 to create strategies, with checkpoint updates in March and May, leading to commission adoption in June 2026.

B. Final Adoption of Regulatory Amendments - Amendments to COMAR 13B.08.20 - Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Program

Director Dorsett presented the proposed regulations for final adoption, noting no public comments were received after publication. The amendments updated eligibility for part-time applicants, redefined enrollment, and expanded the maximum eligible time frame for part-time students.

- The motion to approve the recommendation for final adoption was carried unanimously.
 - *Motion by Commissioner Burnim, seconded by Commissioner Dukes and Commissioner Howe.*

C. Final Adoption of Proposed Amendment to COMAR 13B.02.01.07 - Out-of-State Institutions of Higher Education Operation in Maryland

Assistant Secretary Dow recommended the final adoption of an amendment allowing an out-of-state institution to provide justification for why a proposed program should be offered at its Maryland campus even if not offered at its primary campus, with the Secretary empowered to approve the offering.

- The motion to approve the recommendation for final adoption was carried unanimously.
 - *Motion by Commissioner Howe, seconded by Commissioner Thompson.*

IV. Public Comment

Ms. Nguyen confirmed there were no public comments.

V. Announcements

Chair Motz thanked the staff and commissioners. She noted that meeting dates for the following year would be scheduled to ensure efficiency and a necessary quorum for official business.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

- *Motion by Commissioner Taber Staehelin, seconded by Commissioner Burnim, passed unanimously.*

Approved by the Commission:

Catherine J. "Cassie" Motz, Chair



MEMORANDUM

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DATE: February 25, 2026

TO: Maryland Higher Education Commission

FROM: Daniel D. Schuster, Capital Finance Analyst

SUBJECT: FY 2028 Community College Construction Grant Program:
State and Local Cost-Sharing Formula

The Community College Construction Grant Program (CCCGP) provides State assistance for the construction and improvement of facilities at community colleges. This grant funds the construction of major new facilities, renovation of existing facilities, and improvements to campus infrastructure.

The level of State participation in capital projects for the community colleges is determined by two criteria: the portion of the project that meets the space eligibility requirements for State support, and the State and local cost-sharing formula prescribed in statute.

Prior to requesting capital funding for a project, colleges must have submitted a Part I/Part II Facility Program to describe the scope, justification, and technical aspects of the project. These Facility Programs are reviewed by the Department of Budget and Management, the Department of General Services, and the Maryland Higher Education Commission. In 2025 or before, State agencies received the Facility Programs for any new projects to be requested in the FY 2028 cycle. These are currently under review. The review process will determine whether all or some of the proposed scope of projects are considered eligible for State participation.

Pursuant to Maryland Code, Education § 11-105, the State contributes between 50 percent and 70 percent of the eligible costs of a project for single-county-sponsored community colleges and 75 percent of the eligible costs of a project for regional (multiple-county-sponsored) community colleges. The exact cost share is based on the percentage that the State contributes to the K-12 public education costs in each of the counties as calculated by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

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The formula MSDE uses is stipulated in Maryland Code, Education § 5-202 and is based on a current expense calculation that considers the enrollment of students in elementary and secondary schools and county wealth (e.g. net taxable income, the assessed valuation of real property, and the assessed value of personal property).

If the MSDE calculation of State share for a county is less than 50 percent, the CCCGP State share for that county’s community college is raised to the minimum 50 percent. If the MSDE calculation is greater than 70 percent, the CCCGP State share for that county’s community college is adjusted to the maximum 70 percent. In all other cases, it is the same as the MSDE calculation. For each CCCGP project, the cost share is set in the first year that a project receives State support and remains the same in any subsequent funding years.

The table below shows the percentage of State share for newly introduced projects in the Fiscal Year 2028 community college capital budget request.

Community College Capital Grant Program: Percentage of State Share: FY 2024 - FY 2028

College	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Allegany College of Maryland	70.0%	70.0%	67.9%	70.0%	70.0%
Anne Arundel Community College	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Carroll Community College	50.7%	53.0%	53.8%	54.1%	53.4%
Cecil College	58.8%	60.6%	60.9%	59.2%	58.8%
Chesapeake College	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%
College of Sothern Maryland	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%
Community College of Baltimore County	52.3%	53.4%	51.9%	52.2%	52.7%
Frederick Community College	55.7%	57.5%	57.7%	56.6%	55.6%
Garrett College	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Hagerstown Community College	65.3%	66.9%	66.7%	65.9%	65.1%
Harford Community College	53.2%	55.1%	55.4%	55.3%	54.6%
Howard Community College	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Montgomery College	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Prince George's Community College	59.0%	59.3%	60.5%	59.1%	58.1%
Wor-Wic Community College	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%

RECOMMENDATION: This item is for informational purposes only.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 25, 2026

TO: Commissioners, Maryland Higher Education Commission

FROM: Dr. Natasha Cornell, Director of Academic Affairs

STAFF: Dr. Lyndsay Silva, Associate Director, Program Review Team
Victoria Johnson, Administrative Officer
Glenda Abney, Senior Education Policy Analyst
Bryson Barksdale, Senior Education Policy Analyst
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Shayla Hunter, Education Policy Analyst
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SUBJECT: Report on Institutions of Higher Education Program
Review: Secretary Actions for July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

During the current reporting period, the Secretary of Higher Education acted on a total of 321 academic program proposals requiring review under Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13B.02.01 and 13B.02.03, and they are outlined immediately below.

Actions by In-State Institutions (ISI)	Number of Actions	Segment
Programs Objected to	0	at independent colleges and universities
	0	at public four-year colleges and universities
	0	at public community colleges
New Degree Programs	18	at independent colleges and universities
	15	at public four-year colleges and universities
	5	at public community colleges
New Certificate Programs	4	at independent colleges and universities
	4	at public four-year colleges and universities
	4	at public community colleges
New Areas of Concentration	2	at independent colleges and universities
	16	at public four-year colleges and universities
	3	at public community colleges
Substantial Modifications to Existing Program	2	at independent colleges and universities
	3	at public four-year colleges and universities
	9	at public community colleges
Non-substantial Modifications to Existing Program	33	at independent colleges and universities
	40	at public four-year colleges and universities
	151	at public community colleges
Withdrawn Proposals	7	at independent colleges and universities
	1	at public four-year colleges and universities
	2	at public community colleges
Institutional Program Partnerships	0	at independent colleges and universities
	1	at public four-year colleges and universities
	1	at public community colleges
Proposals Not Approved or Recommended	0	at independent colleges and universities
	0	at public four-year colleges and universities

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	0	at public community colleges
Total Actions for ISI	66	at independent colleges and universities
	80	at public four-year colleges and universities
	175	at public community colleges
	321	

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I. PROGRAM OBJECTIONS -

Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13B.02.03.27B requires the Commission to circulate program proposals for thirty days for comment or objections from in-state institutions.

The Secretary or an institution may file an objection to implementation of a proposed program if the objection is based on:

- (1) Inconsistency of the proposed program with the institution's approved mission for a public institution of higher education and the mission statement published in the official catalog of a private nonprofit institution of higher education;
- (2) Not meeting a regional or statewide need consistent with the State Plan for Higher Education;
- (3) Unreasonable program duplication which would cause harm to the State or students attending institutions of higher education in the State; or
- (4) Unnecessary program duplication in violation of the State's equal educational opportunity obligations under State and federal law.

What follows is a summary of all in-state objections the Commission has received to programs submitted for review, upon which the Secretary has issued a decision between July 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

Proposing Institution	Program Proposed	Objecting Institution	Objection Rationale	Action	Rationale for Action	Action Date

II. NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS APPROVED/RECOMMENDED – 38

Independent Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 18

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Action Date
Capitol Technology University	BS	Aviation Maintenance and Management	09/11/25
Loyola University Maryland	BS	Financial Risk Management and Insurance	07/14/25
Loyola University Maryland	BBA	Digital Marketing and Analytics	07/02/25
Capitol Technology University	BS	Applied Engineering	07/01/25
Notre Dame of Maryland University	Doc	Policy and Practice for Changing Populations	08/06/25
Johns Hopkins University	MS	Data Analytics Engineering	10/30/25
Capitol Technology University	PBC	Intelligence and Global Security	09/11/25
Hood College	MBA	STEM	09/22/25
Johns Hopkins University	Doc	Rehabilitation Science	10/31/25
Capitol Technology University	Doc	Architectural Engineering	10/27/25
Loyola University Maryland	BS	Construction Management and Real Estate Development	12/01/25
Capitol Technology University	BS	Electrical Power and Energy Engineering	12/17/25
Capitol Technology University	BS	Artificial Intelligence and Autonomous Systems	12/19/25
Capitol Technology University	BS	Aerospace Systems and Flight Engineering	12/19/25
Capitol Technology University	BS	Intelligent Healthcare Systems Engineering	12/16/25
Capitol Technology University	BS	Mechanical Engineering	12/11/25
Capitol Technology University	BS	Civil Engineering	12/31/25
Loyola University Maryland	BBA	Forensic Accounting	12/19/25

Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 15

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Action Date
Bowie State University	BA	Dance	07/08/25
University of Maryland, College Park	BA	Global and Foreign Policy	07/21/25
University of Maryland, College Park	BA	Public Service Interpreting and Translation	08/06/25
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	BS	Private Club and Resort Management	07/22/25
Frostburg State University	BA	Music	07/10/25
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	BS	Mathematics	07/22/25
University of Maryland, College Park	BA	Global Culture and Thought	09/11/25
Frostburg State University	BA	History	10/09/25
Morgan State University	MS	Community Health Nutrition	08/19/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	MS	Applied Data Science	09/11/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	MA	Applied Behavior Analysis	09/11/25

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University of Maryland, College Park	Doc	Information Science Leadership and Community Engagement	10/30/25
University of Maryland, College Park	MS	Marketing	10/28/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	PBC	Marketing	12/09/25
Bowie State University	BS	Risk Management and Insurance	12/15/25

Community Colleges – 5

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Action Date
College of Southern Maryland	AA	Theater	09/02/25
College of Southern Maryland	AA	Music	09/02/25
College of Southern Maryland	AAS	Aviation Maintenance Technology	09/09/25
Community College of Baltimore County	AA	Public Health	07/22/25
Harford Community College	AS	Pre-Professional Health Sciences	09/29/25

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III. NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS APPROVED/RECOMMENDED – 12

Independent Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 4

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Action Date
Johns Hopkins University	PBC	Infectious Disease Dynamics, Analytics, and Modeling	07/01/25
Notre Dame of Maryland University	UDC	Leadership, Education, and Research in AI	08/04/25
Loyola University Maryland	PBC	Applied Artificial Intelligence (AI)	11/18/25
McDaniel College	PBC	Secondary/PK12 (Initial Teacher Licensure)	12/31/25

Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 4

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Action Date
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	UDC	Business Analytics	08/18/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	UDC	Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law	08/04/25
University of Baltimore	PBC	Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence	08/19/25
University of Baltimore	PBC	Applications of AI for Business	08/19/25

Community Colleges – 4

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Action Date
Cecil College	LDC	Intelligent Learning Design	08/08/25
Anne Arundel Community College	LDC	Emergency Medical Technician	07/22/25
Howard Community College	LDC	Accounting Specialist	10/15/25
Allegany College of Maryland	LDC	Medical Administrative Assistant	12/15/25

IV. NEW AREAS OF CONCENTRATION APPROVED/RECOMMENDED – 21

Independent Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 2

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Area of Concentration	Action Date
Loyola University Maryland	BS	Construction Management and Real Estate Development	Construction Engineering	12/01/25
Loyola University Maryland	BS	Construction Management and Real Estate Development	Real Estate Development	12/01/25

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Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Area of Concentration	Action Date
University of Maryland, Baltimore	BSN	Bachelor of Science	Registered Nurse	07/21/25
Frostburg State University	BM	Music	Instrumental Performance	08/06/25
Frostburg State University	BM	Music	Vocal Performance	08/18/25
Frostburg State University	BM	Music	Music Industry	08/08/25
Coppin State University	MAT	Teaching	Early Childhood Education	08/26/25
Coppin State University	MAT	Teaching	Special Education	08/25/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	Doc	Nursing Practice	Post-Master's Entry without Specialty	11/17/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	Doc	Nursing Practice	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care	11/17/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	Doc	Nursing Practice	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care	11/17/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	Doc	Nursing Practice	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	11/17/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	Doc	Nursing Practice	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	11/17/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	Doc	Nursing Practice	Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist	12/09/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	Doc	Nursing Practice	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	11/10/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	Doc	Nursing Practice	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	11/10/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	Doc	Nursing Practice	Family Nurse Practitioner	12/09/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	Doc	Nursing Practice	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia (CRNA)	11/10/25

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Community Colleges – 3

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Area of Concentration	Action Date
Cecil College	AFA	Art and Design	Art Education	09/30/25
Cecil College	AS	Chemistry	Biochemistry	09/30/25
Cecil College	AS	Chemistry	Chemistry	09/30/25

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V. SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATIONS APPROVED/RECOMMENDED – 14

Independent Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 2

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Review Action	Action Date
Capitol Technology University	BS	Aviation Professional Pilot	Off-Campus Program	12/19/25
Goucher College	MEd	Reading Instruction	Substantial Change to Degree Program	07/07/25

Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 3

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Review Action	Action Date
Frostburg State University	BS	Music	Substantial Change to Degree Program	10/15/25
Towson University	BS	Health and Physical Education	Substantial Change to Degree Program	07/28/25
University of Maryland, College Park	MBA	Business Administration	Substantial Change to Degree Program	09/05/25

Community Colleges – 9

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Review Action	Action Date
Frederick Community College	AS	Computer Science	Substantial Change to Degree Program	08/19/25
Cecil College	LDC	Intelligent Learning Design	Off-Campus Program	08/19/25
Frederick Community College	AAS	STEM Technology	Substantial Change to Degree Program	11/03/25
Allegany College of Maryland	AAS	Computer Technology	Substantial Change to Area of Concentration	12/15/25

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Wor-Wic Community College	LDC	Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology	Substantial Change to Degree Program	12/19/25
Community College of Baltimore County	AA	Art	Substantial Change to Degree Program	12/31/25
Community College of Baltimore County	AA	Dance	Substantial Change to Degree Program	12/31/25
Community College of Baltimore County	AA	Music	Substantial Change to Degree Program	12/22/25
Community College of Baltimore County	AFA	Studio Art	Substantial Change to Degree Program	12/22/25

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VI. NON-SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATIONS APPROVED/RECOMMENDED – 224

Independent Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 33

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Review Action	Action Date
Washington College	BS	Human Development	Change Program Title	07/07/25
Johns Hopkins University	PBC	Health and Human Rights	Change Program Title	08/19/25
Johns Hopkins University	MS	Geography and Environmental Engineering	Change Program Title	08/19/25
Johns Hopkins University	PBC	American Indian Health Professionals	Change Program Title	08/19/25
Johns Hopkins University	M	Public Health	Change Program Title	08/19/25
Johns Hopkins University	MS	Geography and Environmental Engineering	Change Program Title	09/16/25
Goucher College	MEd	Education	Non-Substantial Program Change	09/16/25
Goucher College	MAT	Teaching	Non-Substantial Program Change	09/16/25
Notre Dame of Maryland University	BA	Early Childhood Education/Liberal Studies	Change Program Title	09/23/25
Notre Dame of Maryland University	BA	Elementary Education/Liberal Studies	Change Program Title	09/23/25
Johns Hopkins University	MHS	Biostatistics	Change Program modality	10/07/25
Johns Hopkins University	Doc	International Affairs	Change Program modality	10/28/25
Johns Hopkins University	M	International Public Policy	Change Program modality	11/18/25
Johns Hopkins University	MHS	Molecular Microbiology and Immunology	Change Program modality	10/28/25
Johns Hopkins University	MA	International Economics and Finance	Change Program modality	10/28/25
Johns Hopkins University	MA	International Relations	Change Program modality	10/21/25
Johns Hopkins University	MA	International Affairs	Change Program modality	10/21/25
Johns Hopkins University	PBC	International Studies (Bologna Diploma)	Change Program modality	10/28/25
Johns Hopkins University	MA	Strategy, Cybersecurity, and Intelligence	Change Program modality	10/28/25

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Johns Hopkins University	MA	International Studies	Change Program modality	11/10/25
Johns Hopkins University	MA	Global Policy	Change Program modality	10/21/25
Goucher College	MA	Cultural Sustainability	Change Program Title	11/10/25
Hood College	MS	Nutrition	Change Program modality	11/10/25
Hood College	BA	Psychology	Change Program modality	11/10/25
Hood College	BSN	Nursing	Change Program modality	11/10/25
Hood College	MS	Management Information Systems	Change Program modality	11/10/25
Hood College	BS	Computer Science	Change Program modality	11/10/25
Hood College	PBC	Bioinformatics	Change Program modality	11/10/25
Hood College	BA	Business Administration	Change Program modality	11/10/25
Hood College	MS	Bioinformatics	Change Program modality	11/10/25
Goucher College	MFA	Nonfiction	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/12/25
Goucher College	MA	Historic Preservation	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/12/25
Goucher College	MA	Cultural Leadership and Management	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/12/25

Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 40

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Review Action	Action Date
Morgan State University	Doc	Business Administration	Non-Substantial Program Change	08/21/25
Morgan State University	Doc	Business Administration	Non-Substantial Program Change	08/26/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	BS	Health Science	Discontinued Program	07/01/25
Frostburg State University	BS	Music	Suspend Program	07/22/25
Frostburg State University	BS	Music	Suspend Program	07/22/25
Frostburg State University	BS	History	Suspend Program	08/19/25
Frostburg State University	BS	History	Suspend Program	08/19/25
Towson University	BS	Physical Education	Change Program Title	07/01/25
University of Baltimore	UDC	Forensic Document Analysis	Suspend Program	07/02/25

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University of Baltimore	MS	Business	Discontinued Program	07/22/25
University of Maryland, College Park	MA	Criminology and Criminal Justice	Non-Substantial Program Change	09/09/25
University of Maryland, College Park	MPS	Professional Studies: Justice Leadership	Non-Substantial Program Change	09/09/25
Coppin State University	BS	Marketing	Change Program modality	07/08/25
Towson University	BS	Occupation and Well-being	Reactivate Program	08/19/25
Towson University	BS	Athletic Training	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Towson University	CAS	Reading Education	API Reconciliation	08/19/25
Towson University	PBC	Integrated STEM Instructional Leadership	API Reconciliation	08/19/25
Towson University	MS	Nursing	API Reconciliation	09/23/25
Towson University	MS	Nursing	API Reconciliation	08/19/25
Towson University	PBC	Nursing Education	API Reconciliation	08/19/25
Towson University	MS	Social Sciences	API Reconciliation	10/07/25
University of Baltimore	MS	Artificial Intelligence for Business	Non-Substantial Program Change	08/19/25
University of Baltimore	Doc	Public Administration	Change Program modality	09/02/25
University of Baltimore	MS	Criminal Justice	Change Program modality	09/02/25
University of Baltimore	Doc	Public Administration	Non-Substantial Program Change	09/30/25
University of Baltimore	M	Public Administration	Non-Substantial Program Change	09/02/25
University of Baltimore	MS	Criminal Justice	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/04/25
St. Mary's College of Maryland	BA	Integrated Performing Arts	Change Program Title	10/21/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	MS	Nursing	Discontinued Program	09/16/25
University of Maryland, Global Campus	BS	Management Information Systems	Change Program Title	10/07/25
University of Baltimore	MS	Health Administration	Non-Substantial Program Change	10/21/25
University of Baltimore	PBC	Global Industrial and Organizational Psychology	Discontinued Program	10/21/25
University of Maryland, Global Campus	PBC	Leadership and Management	Change Program Title	11/10/25
Coppin State University	MS	Clinical Mental Health Counseling Rehabilitation	Change Program Title	12/02/25
University of Baltimore	MS	Cybersecurity Leadership	Suspend Program	12/09/25

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University of Baltimore	MS	Health Administration	Suspend Program	12/09/25
University of Baltimore	BS	Health Management	Suspend Program	12/09/25
University of Baltimore	MS	Nonprofit Management and Social Entrepreneurship	Suspend Program	12/09/25
University of Baltimore	MBA	Technical MBA Cybersecurity	Change Program Title	12/09/25
Towson University	PBC	Clinician to Administrator Transition	Suspend Program	12/23/25

Community Colleges – 151

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Review Action	Action Date
Community College of Baltimore County	AAS	Network Technology	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/01/25
Anne Arundel Community College	AAS	Business Management,	Discontinued Program	07/22/25
Cecil College	AFA	Performing Arts	Suspend Program	07/01/25
Cecil College	AFA	Art and Design	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/01/25
Cecil College	AFA	Art and Design	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/01/25
Cecil College	AFA	Art and Design	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/01/25
Cecil College	AFA	Art and Design	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/01/25
Cecil College	AFA	Art and Design	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/01/25
Cecil College	AAS	Skilled Trades	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/22/25
Carroll Community College	LDC	Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Pilot Safety	Discontinued Program	07/01/25
Carroll Community College	AAS	Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems	Discontinued Program	07/01/25
Frederick Community College	LDC	Corrections	Discontinued Program	07/22/25
Frederick Community College	LDC	Computer Science Studies	Suspend Program	07/22/25
Frederick Community College	AS	Arts and Sciences	Suspend Program	07/22/25
Frederick Community College	AAS	STEM Technology	Suspend Program	07/22/25
Frederick Community College	LDC	Business Accounting	Change Program Title	07/22/25
Frederick Community College	LDC	Computerized Accounting	Change Program Title	07/22/25
Frederick Community College	LDC	Entrepreneurship and Small Business Start-Up	Change Program Title	07/22/25

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Montgomery College	AAS	Computer Gaming and Simulation	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/02/25
Montgomery College	LDC	Computer Gaming and Simulation	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/08/25
Montgomery College	LDC	Cybersecurity for IT Professionals	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/08/25
Montgomery College	LDC	Database Systems	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/08/25
Montgomery College	LDC	Accounting	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/08/25
Montgomery College	LDC	Accounting	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/08/25
Frederick Community College	AAS	Accounting	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/08/25
Frederick Community College	AAS	Biotechnology	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/08/25
Frederick Community College	LDC	Business Accounting	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/08/25
Frederick Community College	AA	Business Administration	Non-Substantial Program Change	08/26/25
Frederick Community College	AAS	Business Management,	Non-Substantial Program Change	08/19/25
Frederick Community College	LDC	Business Management,	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/08/25
Frederick Community College	LDC	CPA Exam Qualification	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/04/25
Frederick Community College	LDC	Entrepreneurship and Small Business Start-up	Change Program Title	07/22/25
Frederick Community College	LDC	Project Management	Non-Substantial Program Change	07/22/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	09/02/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	10/07/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	09/16/25
Howard Community College	AAS	Business Management,	Discontinued Program	09/16/25
Howard Community College	LDC	Diagnostic Medical Sonography - Vascular	Discontinued Program	09/16/25
Howard Community College	AA	Entrepreneurship	Discontinued Program	09/16/25

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Howard Community College	AAS	Entrepreneurship	Discontinued Program	09/16/25
Howard Community College	LDC	Exercise Science - Personal Training	Discontinued Program	09/16/25
Howard Community College	AAS	Fire Science and Leadership	Discontinued Program	09/23/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	09/23/25
Howard Community College	AA	Liberal Studies	Discontinued Program	09/30/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	09/23/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	09/23/25
Howard Community College	LDC	Helpdesk/LAN Support Technology	Discontinued Program	09/23/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	09/16/25
Howard Community College	AAS	Medical Laboratory Technician	Discontinued Program	09/16/25
Howard Community College	AA	Information Technology	Discontinued Program	09/16/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	09/16/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Howard Community College	AAS	Police Science	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	09/16/25
Howard Community College	AA	Information Technology	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Howard Community College	AAT	Secondary Education - Humanities/Arts	Discontinued Program	09/16/25
Howard Community College	AAT	Teacher Education	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Howard Community College	AAT	Liberal Studies	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Howard Community College	AA	Teacher Education	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Howard Community College	LDC	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	08/19/25

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Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Howard Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Discontinued Program	08/19/25
Harford Community College	LDC	Health Information Technology	Suspend Program	09/23/25
Community College of Baltimore County	AAS	Allied Health	Change Program Title	08/26/25
Community College of Baltimore County	AAS	Network Technology	Change Program Title	08/26/25
College of Southern Maryland	LDC	Cloud and Information Technology	Non-Substantial Program Change	10/21/25
College of Southern Maryland	AAS	Business Management	Non-Substantial Program Change	09/30/25
College of Southern Maryland	AAS	Business Management,	Non-Substantial Program Change	10/21/25
College of Southern Maryland	AAS	Cloud and Information Technology	Non-Substantial Program Change	10/07/25
Community College of Baltimore County	AAS	Network Technology	Suspend Program	10/28/25
Community College of Baltimore County	AAS	Network Technology	Suspend Program	10/28/25
Community College of Baltimore County	LDC	Microsoft Certified Information Technology Professional	Discontinued Program	09/16/25
Community College of Baltimore County	AAS	Network Technology	Suspend Program	10/28/25
Harford Community College	AA	Psychology	Change Program modality	10/21/25
Harford Community College	AA	General Studies	Change Program modality	10/21/25
Harford Community College	LDC	Business Administration	Change Program modality	10/21/25
Harford Community College	LDC	Accounting	Change Program modality	10/21/25
Allegany College of Maryland	LDC	Pharmacy Technician	Suspend Program	11/10/25
Allegany College of Maryland	LDC	Automotive Service Attendant	Discontinued Program	11/10/25
Allegany College of Maryland	AAS		Change Program Title	10/28/25
Allegany College of Maryland	LDC	Massage Therapy	Discontinued Program	11/10/25
Allegany College of Maryland	LDC	Medical Scribe Specialist	Discontinued Program	11/10/25
Allegany College of Maryland	LDC	Nursing Assistant/Geriatric Aide	Suspend Program	10/07/25

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Cecil College	LDC	Health Navigator (Public Health Generalist)	Non-Substantial Program Change	10/21/25
Cecil College	AS	Geosciences	Discontinued Program	10/21/25
Cecil College	AFA	Performing Arts	Discontinued Program	10/21/25
Cecil College	AFA	Performing Arts	Discontinued Program	10/21/25
Wor-Wic Community College	LDC	Computer Technology, Computer Information Security	Suspend Program	11/10/25
Wor-Wic Community College	AA	Computer Studies Transfer	Suspend Program	11/18/25
Wor-Wic Community College	AA	Computer Studies Transfer	Suspend Program	11/18/25
Wor-Wic Community College	AA	Computer Studies Transfer	Suspend Program	11/18/25
Frederick Community College	AAS	STEM Technology	Non-Substantial Program Change	11/10/25
Frederick Community College	LDC	Computer Studies	Non-Substantial Program Change	11/25/25
Frederick Community College	AA	Social Sciences	Non-Substantial Program Change	11/10/25
Frederick Community College	AAS	STEM Technology	Non-Substantial Program Change	11/10/25
Frederick Community College	AAS	Public Safety	Non-Substantial Program Change	11/10/25
Frederick Community College	AS	Health Sciences	Non-Substantial Program Change	11/10/25
Frederick Community College	AA	Arts & Humanities	Non-Substantial Program Change	11/10/25
Frederick Community College	LDC	Film and Video Production	Non-Substantial Program Change	11/10/25
Frederick Community College	AAS	Public Safety	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/02/25
Frederick Community College	AA	General Studies	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/02/25
Frederick Community College	AAS	Graphic Design	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/02/25
Frederick Community College	LDC	Graphic Design	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/02/25
Frederick Community College	AS	STEM	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/04/25
Frederick Community College	AAS	Public Safety	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/02/25
Frederick Community College	AAS	Public Safety	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/02/25

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Wor-Wic Community College	AS	Nursing, LPN to AND Pathway	Change Program Title	11/04/25
Wor-Wic Community College	LDC	Emergency Medical Services, Paramedic	Non-Substantial Program Change	11/18/25
Wor-Wic Community College	AAS	Emergency Medical Services	Non-Substantial Program Change	11/18/25
Wor-Wic Community College	AAS	Culinary Arts	Non-Substantial Program Change	11/18/25
Cecil College	AA	Addictions and Chemical Dependency	Discontinued Program	12/02/25
Cecil College	LDC	Addictions and Chemical Dependency	Discontinued Program	12/02/25
Anne Arundel Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences Transfer English	Change Program modality	12/09/25
Anne Arundel Community College	AS	Computer Science Transfer - Computer Science	Change Program modality	12/09/25
Anne Arundel Community College	AS	Computer Science Transfer - Information - Systems	Change Program modality	12/09/25
Anne Arundel Community College	LDC	Gender and Sexual modality Studies	Change Program modality	12/09/25
Anne Arundel Community College	LDC	Medical Coding	Change Program modality	12/09/25
Anne Arundel Community College	LDC	Network Security	Change Program modality	12/09/25
Anne Arundel Community College	LDC	Server Administration and Security	Change Program modality	12/04/25
Anne Arundel Community College	AA	Visual Arts Transfer-Art History and Museum Studies	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/02/25
Anne Arundel Community College	LDC	Advanced Digital Forensics	Change Program modality	12/02/25
Anne Arundel Community College	LDC	Spanish	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/02/25
Wor-Wic Community College	AAS	Criminal Justice	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/02/25
Wor-Wic Community College	AAS	Electro-Mechanical Technologies	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/19/25
Wor-Wic Community College	AS	STEM transfer	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/02/25
Prince George's Community College	AA	Art	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/09/25
Prince George's Community College	LDC	Cisco CCNA Preparation	Suspend Program	12/12/25
Prince George's Community College	LDC	Computer Programming and Database Systems	Discontinued Program	12/12/25
Prince George's Community College	LDC	CPA Exam Qualification	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/12/25

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Prince George's Community College	LDC	Early Childhood Special Education	Suspend Program	12/12/25
Prince George's Community College	AS	Forensic Science	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/12/25
Prince George's Community College	AS	Information Technology	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/12/25
Prince George's Community College	AAS	Nuclear Medicine Technology	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/12/25
Prince George's Community College	AAS	Paralegal/Legal Assistant	Non-Substantial Program Change	12/09/25
Prince George's Community College	AA	Theatre Design and Production	Change Program Title	12/12/25
Prince George's Community College	LDC	Theatre Design and Production	Change Program Title	12/12/25
Hagerstown Community College	AAS	Medical Laboratory Technician	Change Program Title	12/23/25
Hagerstown Community College	AS	Business Administration	Change Program modality	12/23/25
Hagerstown Community College	AS	Education	Change Program modality	12/23/25
Hagerstown Community College	AA	General Studies	Change Program modality	12/23/25
Hagerstown Community College	AS	Arts and Sciences	Change Program modality	12/23/25
Hagerstown Community College	LDC	Management	Change Program modality	12/23/25
Hagerstown Community College	LDC	Marketing	Change Program modality	12/23/25
Hagerstown Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Change Program modality	12/23/25
Hagerstown Community College	AA	Arts and Sciences	Change Program modality	12/23/25

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VII. WITHDRAWN PROPOSAL – 10

Independent Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 7

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Action Date
Johns Hopkins University	MHS	Population, Family, and Reproductive Health	8/21/2025
Notre Dame of Maryland University	BA	STEM Studies	8/19/2025
St. John's College	BA	Liberal Arts	11/7/2025
Hood College	MS	Health Informatics	11/6/2025
Hood College	PBC	Health Informatics	11/6/2025
Hood College	MS	Mathematics Instructional Leadership	11/21/2025
Hood College	MSN	Nursing	11/26/25

Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 1

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Action Date
University of Baltimore	MS	Social-Organizational Psychology	11/24/2025

Community Colleges – 2

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Action Date
Harford Community College	LDC	Health Information Technology	7/9/2025
Wor-Wic Community College	AAS	Criminal Justice	11/24/2025

VIII. INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAM PARTNERSHIPS/ENGAGEMENT – 2

Independent Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 0

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Review Action	Action Date

Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 1

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Review Action	Action Date
Frostburg State University	BS	Applied Computer Science (USMH)	Program at Regional Higher Education Center	07/14/25

Community Colleges – 1

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Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Review Action	Action Date
Anne Arundel Community College	LDC	Entrepreneurship	Closed Site Approval	12/09/25

IX. PROPOSALS NOT APPROVED/ RECOMMENDED - 0

Independent Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 0

Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 0

Community Colleges – 0

VII. LETTERS OF INTENT – 46

Independent Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 32

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Date Received
Capitol Technology University	Doc	Doctorate of Business Administration Information Systems	10/01/25
Capitol Technology University	EdD	Innovative Design and Technology	10/01/25
Capitol Technology University	MPHIL	Master of Philosophy in Innovative Design and Technology	10/01/25
Capitol Technology University	MPHIL	Master of Philosophy in Quantum Computing	10/01/25
Capitol Technology University	MPhil	Master of Research in Healthcare Informatics	10/01/25
Capitol Technology University	Doc	Forensic Criminology	10/01/25
Capitol Technology University	PhD	Healthcare Informatics	10/01/25
Johns Hopkins University	PBC	Environmental Humanities	10/01/25
Johns Hopkins University	MS	Technology and Policy	10/01/25
Johns Hopkins University	MS	Research and Evaluation Methods	10/01/25
Johns Hopkins University	MS	International Teaching and Global Leadership	10/01/25
Johns Hopkins University	PBC	AI for Teaching, Coaching, and Support	10/01/25
Johns Hopkins University	PBC	Program Evaluation	10/01/25
Johns Hopkins University	MS	Clinical and Research Genomic Analysis	10/01/25
Johns Hopkins University	PBC	Experimental Science in Medicine	10/01/25
Johns Hopkins University	PBC	Teaching English as a Foreign Language	10/01/25
Johns Hopkins University	MS	Medical Dosimetry	10/01/25
Johns Hopkins University	PBC	Medical Dosimetry	10/01/25
Mount St. Mary's University	MEd	Higher Education Leadership	10/01/25
Mount St. Mary's University	MS	Human Services	10/01/25
Maryland Institute College of Art	MPS	Game Design	10/01/25
Maryland Institute College of Art	M	Game Educator Pro	10/01/25
Maryland Institute College of Art	MPS	Creative Arts and Emerging Technology	10/01/25
Goucher College	MAT	Dual Early Childhood Education & Special Education	11/03/25
Goucher College	MAT	Early Childhood Education	11/03/25
Goucher College	MEd	Early Childhood Education	11/03/25
Goucher College	PMC	Early Childhood Education	11/03/25
Capitol Technology University	MBA	Artificial Intelligence	11/03/25
Johns Hopkins University	MS	Biomechanical Engineering	11/03/25
Johns Hopkins University	MHS	Public Health Leadership	12/01/25

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Johns Hopkins University	MS	Artificial Intelligence in Medicine in Biomedical Engineering	12/15/25
Capitol Technology University	PBC	Quantum Computing	12/15/25

Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities – 14

Institution	Degree Award	Academic Program Name	Date Received
Towson University	MFA	Design & Craft	10/01/25
University of Baltimore	MS	Social and Organizational Psychology	10/01/25
Bowie State University	Doc	Nursing Education	10/01/25
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	MS	Construction Engineering and Management	10/01/25
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	MS	Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering	10/01/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	MS	Artificial Intelligence	11/03/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	MS	Foundations of Data Science	11/03/25
University of Maryland, Global Campus	MS	Integrative Health and Wellness Leadership	11/03/25
Morgan State University	PMC	Higher Education Instruction	11/03/25
Morgan State University	PMC	Educational Administration and Supervision	11/03/25
University of Maryland, Baltimore	MS	Advanced Biomedical and Clinical Sciences (ABC Preclinical MS)	12/01/25
Towson University	Doc	Forensics	12/01/25
Morgan State University	M	Nurse Midwifery Program	12/01/25
Towson University	MS	Couple and Family Therapy	12/15/25

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 06, 2026

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SUBJECT: Biannual Report on Private Career Schools: Actions for
 July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

During the current reporting period, the agency acted on a total of **113 non-degree academic program proposals** requiring review under Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13B.01.01, and they are outlined immediately below.

Private Career School Activities	Number of Actions
New School Approvals	6
New Program	3
Approval of Changes of Location	5
Approval of Name Changes	0
Approval of Change of Ownership	1
Approval of Change of Director	0
Approval of Separate Classrooms	0
Other Business Approvals	8
Certificate Renewals	7
Cease and Desist Orders	0
Notices of Deficiencies	0
School Approvals Withdrawn	0
Program Approvals Withdrawn	0
Training Provider Questionnaires	83
Total Actions	113



I. APPROVAL OF NEW SCHOOLS – 6

Institution Name	Address	Approval Date	Program
Smile Squad	3350 Middletown Road Waldorf, MD 20603	10/02/2025	Dental Assistant and Dental Receptionist Training.
Cap Year Academy	822 Guilford Ave Suite #1591, Baltimore, MD 21202	10/28/2025	Clinical Medical Assistant Training
The Neighborhood Dentist	9300 Lottsford Rd #400, Largo, MD 20774	9/30/2025	Dental Assistant Program
Smiles Plus Dental Assistant Academy	801 Wayne Avenue, Suite 101 Silver Spring, MD 20910	09/30/2025	Dental Assistant Training
Special K Academy	PO Box 1194 Rockville, MD 20850	07/10/2025	Cosmetology
Hands On Dental	12730 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville, MD 20852	10/16/2025	Dental Assistant Training

II. NEW PROGRAMS REVIEWED AND APPROVED –3

Institution Name	Address	Approval Date	Program
Weichert Real Estate School	1240 Milestone Center Drive, Suite 100, Germantown, MD 20876	07/15/2025	Real Estate
Per Scholas - Baltimore	6320 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD 21061	07/01/2025	IT Technician & Salesforce Technician
Maryland Dental School	15638 Livingston Road Accokeek, MD 20607	11/20/2025	Dental Assistant II



III. APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF LOCATION – 5

Institution Name	Approval Date	Former Address	Current Address
Weichert Real Estate School	07/15/2025	9616 Reisterstown Road, suite 105, Owings Mills, MD 21117	1240 Milestone Center Drive, Suite 100, Germantown, MD 20876
Compassionate Academy, Inc.	10/21/2025	835 University Boulevard, Suite 307, Hyattsville, MD 20783	7241 Hanover Parkway, Suites C&D, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Pro+ Skin Academy	12/02/2025	224 Schilling Circle, Ste 275, Hunt Valley, MD 21031	11350 McCormick Rd, Ste 1001, Bldg EP3, Hunt Valley, MD 21031
The Kimo Bentley Academy, LLC	12/02/2025	7900 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910	2905 Mitchellville Road Suites 101 & 102 Bowie, Maryland 20716
Renaissance Health Institute LLC	12/15/2025	3200 Crain Highway, Ste. 102, Waldorf, Md. 20603	3825 Leonardtown Rd, Ste. 4 Waldorf, Md. 20601

IV. APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGES – 0

V. APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP – 1

Institution Name	Address	Approval Date	Rationale for Change
North American Trade Schools (NATS)	4117 Pulaski Rd New Castle, Pa 16101	12/01/2025	Alta Succession LLC partner with EFC Trade IV

VI. APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF DIRECTOR – 0

VII. APPROVAL OF SEPARATE CLASSROOMS -0



VIII. “OTHER BUSINESS” – 8

Institution Name	Approval Date	Other Business
IT Works - Fayette	10/31/2025	Tuition Increase
IT Works – Manor Care	10/31/2025	Tuition Increase
O’Brien Institute of Real Estate	11/25/2025	Tuition Increase
Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Sonography	12/09/2025	Tuition Increase
Fernanda’s Beauty Institute	09/09/2025	New Logo
Holistic Massage Training Institute	10/28/2025	Weekend Schedule
All State Careers	10/02/2025	Curriculum
Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Medical Imaging (The)	08/26/2025	Curriculum

IX. CERTIFICATE RENEWALS – 7

Institution Name	Renewal Date	Certificate Number
Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Medical Imaging (The)	08/29/2025	1911
Compassionate Nursing Assistant Academy	10/21/2025	1912
Top Curl	10/03/2025	1954
IT Works (Fayette)	09/25/2025	1970
IT Works (Manor Care)	09/25/2025	1971
Trinity Nursing Academy Inc.	10/21/2025	1905
NATS North American Trade Schools	12/31/2025	1802

X. CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS – 0

XI. NOTICE OF DEFICIENCIES – 0

XII. SCHOOL APPROVALS WITHDRAWN – 0

XIII. PROGRAM APPROVALS WITHDRAWN – 0

XIV. TRAINING PROVIDER QUESTIONNAIRES – 83



Not-Exempt (Secretary Approval Required)		
Proposed Institution Name	Programs	Final Action Letter
Lexington Healthcare Training of St. Mary's County	Certified Phlebotomy Technician; ECG/EKG Technician (2)	8/20/2025
Minah Institute for Nursing Assistants (MINA)	Certified Nursing Assistant/Geriatric Nursing Assistant (CNA/GNA); Certified Medication Technician (CMT); Certified Phlebotomy Technician Program; Patient Care Technician CPR/First Aid (6)	8/20/2025
DiscoverU Health	CNA/GNA training; Certified Medication Technician training	8/20/2025
Plush Lash Professional	Lash Technician Training	8/20/2025
StrataTech Education Group d/b/a The Refrigeration School/Silver Spring Campus, Inc.	Welding Specialist training; Electrical Applications training; Refrigeration Technologies training	8/20/2025
Black Wall Street Charm City d/b/a BWSCC Career Training	Salesforce Administrator; Salesforce Consultant; Salesforce Developer; Junior Blockchain Developer (4)	7/9/2025
Allied Health of Maryland	CNA/GNA training	8/8/2025
Pathways for Career Advancement	Licensing Insurance Specialist (LIS)	8/7/2025
Afiya CNA Academy	CNA training	8/7/2025
RPJ Towing & Recovery	The Tow Vault Training Program	8/20/2025
Kendyl London Aesthetics	Esthetics Training Program	8/27/2025
TAB Consultancy Services, LLC	IT Support Specialist: Cisco CCST Networking & Cisco CCST IT Support ; Cybersecurity Analyst: CompTIA Security+ & CompTIA CySA+; Network Engineering: Cisco CCNA & CompTIA Network+	9/10/2025
Community Safety Academy	Home Health Aide/CNA Certificate Training (publicfacing)	9/10/2025

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LuLa Inc.	Lula Inc. Pre-Apprenticeship Electrical Training Program	8/27/2025
Prestige Beauty Academy	Hairstylist Training Course	9/10/2025
Reign Institute of Beauty	Esthetician training, Eye Lash	9/9/2025
Helping Hands Cares	CNA Training	12/9/2025
Construction Trades Workforce Initiative	Raising the Bar	11/24/2025
Maryland School of Massage and Bodywork	Massage Therapist	11/26/2025
Bridge Healthcare Institute	Certified Nursing Assistant training; Geriatric Nursing Assistant training; Certified Medication Technician training, CPR and First Aid	12/2/2025
Maryland Lash Academy	Lash Extension Maryland State Licensure Program	12/9/2025
Safe Alternative Foundation for Education – Workforce Development Center	Carpentry Training	11/26/2025
Basic Automotive Training and Sponsorship, Inc.	B.A.T.S. Automotive Training	12/02/2025
Fenote Training Academy, LLC	Phlebotomy	11/20/2025
First Health Services, LLC	CNA/GNA	12/2/2025
Falcon Institute of Health and Science	LPN	12/2/2025
Ginakoi, LLC	CNA/GNA	12/9/2025
Robin Hill Road, LLC	CDL	12/9/2025
Lu BX Beauty College	Cosmetology , Esthetics, Hair Design, Nail Technology, Makeup Artistry	02/06/2026
Safe Alternative Foundation for Education	Constructing Futures	12/9/2025
Global Care Institute	CNA	12/9/2025
Executive Barber Academy	Barber Certification	12/9/2025
Dreamy Days Beauty, LLC d/b/a Dreamy Days Lash Academy	Lash Extension	12/9/2025

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End Hunger in Calvert County	The Culinary Program of End Hunger	12/11/2025
KC Medical Training School, LLC	Phlebotomy Technician; Clinical and Administrative Medical Assistant; Electrocardiogram Technician	02/06/2026
Dhel's Health Care Services, LLC	CMT; CNA/GNA	1/6/2026
Gear Up Driving School	CDL A; CDL B	01/16/2026
Divine Health Care, Inc.	Certified Nursing Assistant/Geriatric Nursing Assistant (CNA/GNA)	01/16/2026
Driving Academy, Inc.	CDL Class A; CDL Class B	01/22/2026
AuSecours Salon Spa	AuSecours Future Skills Initiative	02/06/2026
BL Artistry	Nail Technician Training	01/16/2026
Islamic Leadership Institute of America	Project Management (CAPM)	01/16/2026
Precision Heavy Equipment Training	Precision Heavy Equipment Training	02/06/2026
LKA Training Institute	IT & Cybersecurity; Access Control & Video Surveillance; Audio/Visual System Integrator	01/16/2026

Exempt (Secretary Approval Not Required)		
Proposed Institution Name	Programs	Final Action Letter
Minah Institute for Nursing Assistants (MINA)	Certified Nursing Assistant/Geriatric Nursing Assistant (CNA/GNA); Certified Medication Technician (CMT); Certified Phlebotomy Technician Program; Patient Care Technician CPR/First Aid (6)	8/20/2025
NeuAge Institute	Certificate in Regulatory Affairs	8/27/2025 & 10/27/2025
FutureCare Health and Management	CNA Training	08/06/2025
SAM Consulting	Quality Assurance Analyst Course (Online); Data Analyst Course (Online); Business Analyst Course (Online)	8/27/2025

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American Plumbing Academy, Inc	Certified Plumber	12/11/2025
Hewot LLC d/b/a RISR	Commercial Driver Training – CDL Class A; Commercial Driver’s License (CDL-B) Training Program; Security System Technician; Barbering Certificate Program; HVAC Refrigerant Technician Certificate; Solar Installation; Arc Welding; Property Maintenance Technician Certificate [Not Exempt] AI in Marketing; Project Management; Social Media Marketing; Digital Marketing [Not Regulated]	9/19/2025
Autumn Lake Healthcare at Calvert Manor d/b/a Calvert Manor Education Center	Certified (GNA) Nursing Assistant Training Program	12/4/2025
MD Technical School d/b/a MD Technical School_Maryland	Security+; CASP (Security X); Certified Network Admin Certification (CCNA); Helpdesk Support Specialist; Cybersecurity Fundamentals; Network Engineer Career Certification; Cybersecurity Technical Implementation Guide (STIGS); Risk Management Framework (RMF); Chief Information Security Officer (CCISO); Certified Network Admin Certification (CCNA); Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH); Computer Hacking Forensic Investigator (CHFI); Cloud Engineer (CCE); Cloud; SOC Analyst (CSA);	12/12/2025
Constituent Services Worldwide Public Benefits Corporation	Patient Care Technician Pharmacy Technician; Electronic Medical Records; National Green Infrastructure; Paralegal; Governance, Risks, and Compliance	1/6/2026
Stella Maris INC.	Phlebotomy Workshop	01/31/2026
Vital Veins	Phlebotomy	1/6/2025

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Goode Education Group, LLC	Certified Medical Administrative Assistant; Certified Clinical Medical Assistant; Certified Pharmacy Technician	1/6/2025
The Institute for Clinical Pastoral Training	Clinical Pastoral Education	11/26/2025
Paul’s Beauty Warehouse d/b/a Paul’s Pro Academy (PPA)	Cut Mastery	12/4/2025

Not Regulated (Secretary Approval Not Required)		
Proposed Institution Name	Programs	Final Action Letter
QUANTUM INTRINSIX	Armed Qualification Training Course	02/06/2026
Azimuth Solar, LLC	NABCEP PV Associate exam prep	8/7/2025
The Foundation for Financial Education	Financial Education Workshops	8/7/2025
AuSecours Salon Spa	AuSecours Beauty Entrepreneurship Program	09/10/2025
C. Mack Beauty Makeup Artistry Certification	Makeup Artistry	12/02/2025
BrickRose Exchange	AI Literacy & Digital Skills for the Future Workforce	9/10/2025
Sapphire Rise	RISE AI Prompt Engineer	9/10/2025
Youth Coaching Institute	Certified Youth Resilience Coach	10/27/2025
Real Estates Finest	Property Management	11/26/2025
Fenote Training Academy, LLC	90 hour Child Care	11/20/2025
Fenote Training Academy, LLC	Health IT	12/4/2025
AuSecours Salon Spa	The Art of braiding, hair weaving, and Wig Making	12/9/2025
The Healthy Church d/b/a The Healthy Church Community Health Worker Program	Community Health Worker	11/26/2025
University of Organic Agriculture	Organic Gardening	12/9/2025

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Within U	ISC2 CISSP	12/9/2025
VSC Group, Inc.	Certified Associate in Project Management Foundations	12/9/2025
Thompson’s Loving Touch Foundation, Inc.	GED Prep	12/9/2025
Momentum Scholars, LLC	English Language Skills Tutoring Program	12/9/2025
American Contractor Training & Education Services, LLC	Maryland Contractor Licensing Examination Preparation (MHIC PSI)	12/9/2025
LCJ Styles	Cosmetology Youth Program	02/06/2026
Maryland Secure	Maryland Security Guard Training	1/16/2026
Blueprint Decoded Holdings, LLC	Digital Mapping	1/16/2026
Constituent Services Worldwide Public Benefits Corporation	Pharmacy Technician; Electronic Medical Records; National Green Infrastructure; Paralegal; Governance, Risks, and Compliance	01/06/2026
Hewot LLC d/b/a RISR	Commercial Driver Training – CDL Class A; Commercial Driver’s License (CDL-B) Training Program; Security System Technician; Barbering Certificate Program; HVAC Refrigerant Technician Certificate; Solar Installation; Arc Welding; Property Maintenance Technician Certificate [Not Exempt] AI in Marketing; Project Management; Social Media Marketing; Digital Marketing [Not Regulated]	09/12/2025

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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: FY 2025 Biannual Report on VA Education Benefits: MD SAA Actions for April 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025

During this reporting period, the Maryland State Approving Agency (MD SAA)¹ for Veterans Education and Training Benefits reviewed **56** applications for approval and acted on **965** program related actions. The program activities listed below are related to institutions and training facilities approved to participate in the Veterans Education and Training programs administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The actions listed below are dictated by federal law and regulations.

State Approving Agency Program Related Activities	Number of Actions
Program Actions	599
Other Program Actions	366
Risk Based Surveys	0
Supervisory Visits	15
Inspection Visits	1
Technical Assistance	231
Total Actions	1,212

¹ MHEC serves as the Maryland State Approving Agency for Veterans Education and Training programs administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The statutory authority for State Approving Agencies is granted in accordance with Chapter 36 of Title 38 United States Code ([36 U.S.C. §3671](#)). This report was calculated following the Federal fiscal year.

Section I. Program Actions- Initial and revised program approval (Certificate, Diploma or Degree).

Type of Facility	IHL	NCD	APP	OJT	LACAS	PREP	FLT
Number Approved	489	24	5	8	60	3	10
Number Disapproved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Section II. Other Program Actions- Those actions taken to assess: (a) program and policy information contained in facilities’ publications; (b) contents of a supplement or an addendum to facilities’ publications; (c) revision to a policy or a practice; or (d) any actions that substantiate the continuation of an existing approval.

Type of Facility	IHL	NCD	APP	OJT	LACAS	PREP	FLT
Number Approved	150	97	22	7	35	10	45
Number Disapproved	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Section III. Visits to Facilities – See Appendix A for list of facilities.

	IHL	NCD	APP	OJT	LACAS	PREP	FLT
Risk Based Survey Visits (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Supervisory Visits (2)	5	10	0	0	0	0	0
Inspection Visits (3)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
DVA Requested Visits (4)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Visits (5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

1. A visit to a previously approved facility to monitor and assure continued acceptability of approval triggered by an indicator tracked by VA data.
2. A visit to a previously approved facility to monitor and assure continued acceptability of approval.
3. A visit to a new facility requesting approval or to an approved facility requesting approval of a new program.
4. Visits made at the request of the VA.
5. Visits made at the request of a facility for assistance, Licensure/Certification Test visits; etc.

Section IV. Technical Assistance- Technical assistance is any interaction designed to assist an individual, a school, or training site personnel with any portion of the approval function. Assistance could be rendered either before or after initial approval.

Type of Facility	IHL	NCD	APP	OJT	PREP	FLT	LACAS
Number of Technical Assistant Actions	145	36	7	8	4	17	14

Definitions

1. APP- Apprenticeship Program
2. CORR- Correspondence courses (i.e. by mail or electronic transmission)
3. FLT- Flight facilities
4. IHL- Institution of Higher Learning (i.e. colleges and universities)
5. LACAS- License and Certification (i.e. bar exam, cosmetology board exam)
6. NCD- Non-college degree facility (i.e. private career school)
7. OJT- On-the-job training program
8. SCO- School Certifying Official, the VA point of contact for an approved educational training institute.

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Appendix A

Supervisory Visits	
City of Frederick Police Academy	Frederick County Public Safety Academy
Strayer University- Anne Arundel	Strayer University- Prince George's
Strayer University- Rockville	Carroll County Sheriff's Office Training Academy
Mount St. Mary's Seminary	Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy
Maryland Dental Assistant School	Prince George's County Police Training Academy
Metro Transit Police Training Academy	Delmarva Beauty Academy
Garret College	Bennet School of Travel (withdrawn)
American Eagle Aeronautical Academy (withdrawn)	
Inspection Visits (for new VA facility approvals)	
Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine	
New Facility Approvals	
Havre De Grace High School (NCD)	Homewood Center (NCD)
Charles Herbert Flowers High School (NCD)	Linganore High School (NCD)
IBSS Corporation (APPR)	Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine (IHL)
Withdrawals	
Webster University- Andrews AFB (IHL)	Bayland Aviation (FLT)
Bennett School of Travel (NCD)	American Eagle Aeronautical Academy (FLT)