



COLORADO
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RE: DPOS Website Welcome Letter

Welcome to the homepage of the Division of Private Occupational Schools (DPOS), Colorado Department of Higher Education. This website is designed to provide consumers, students and businesses with current information and resources regarding private occupational schools. DPOS is responsible for providing educational standards for private occupational schools and protecting the public interest against substandard schools.

All private occupational schools are required to be licensed with DPOS. A private occupational school, or proprietary school, is a privately owned and operated post-secondary school that charges tuition to primarily teach vocational or occupational skills. There are over 300 private occupational schools licensed in Colorado to offer education and training in career fields as diverse as computer technology, medical assisting, real estate, cosmetology, massage therapy and trucking.

The Colorado Board of Private Occupational Schools, consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate have the vested authority in establishing educational standards, ethical business practices and financial responsibility and determining whether applicants (prospective schools) are qualified to operate a private occupational school.

Thank you for visiting our website. I hope you find the information contained in this site to be useful. If we can be of any assistance, please contact us.

Best Regards,

Lorna Candler, Director

