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9	BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOR THE BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION	
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11	STATE OF CA	ALIFORNIA
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13	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:	Case No. BPPE23-0160
14	JADE BEAUTY AND BARBER COLLEGE	STATEMENT OF ISSUES
15	Application for Renewal of Approval to Operate an Institution Non-Accredited	STATEMENT OF ISSUES
16	Institution Code No. 90323886	
17	Respondent.	
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19	<u>PARTIES</u>	
20	Deborah Cochrane (Complainant) brit	ngs this Statement of Issues solely in her official
21	capacity as the Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, Department of	
22	Consumer Affairs.	
23	2. On or about November 18, 2020, the l	Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
24	received an Application for Renewal of Approval	to Operate an Institution Non-Accredited
25	(Renewal Application) from Respondent Jade Bea	auty and Barber College (Respondent). On or
26	about August 26, 2020, Respondent signed its Rer	newal Application, under penalty of perjury, that
27	the answers it provided in the Application and the	documents attached to that Renewal
28	Application were true and correct. Between Dece	mber 2020 and November 2022, the Bureau and
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1	not satisfy the requirements to operate in California, that the institution is appealing the bureau's
2	decision, and that the loss of the appeal may result in the institution's closure.
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4	STATUTORY PROVISIONS
5	10. Section 94834 states:
6	"Distance education' means transmission of instruction to students at a location separate
7	from the institution."
8	11. Section 94837 states:
9	"Educational program' means a planned sequence composed of a set of related courses or
10	modules, or a single course or module if not offered as a component of a set of related courses or
11	modules, that provides education, training, skills, or experience, or a combination of these, except
12	that 'educational program' does not include a single course, workshop, seminar, continuing
13	education course, or other instruction that consists of 32 hours of instruction or less that is not
14	designed to lead to employment."
15	12. Section 94893 states:
16	"If an institution intends to make a substantive change to its approval to operate, the
17	institution shall receive prior authorization from the bureau. Except as provided in subdivision (a)
18	of Section 94896, if the institution makes the substantive change without prior bureau
19	authorization, the institution's approval to operate may be suspended or revoked."
20	13. Section 94894, subdivision (g) states:
21	"The following changes to an approval to operate are considered substantive changes and
22	require prior authorization:
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24	"(g) A significant change in the method of instructional delivery."
25	14. Section 94895 states:
26	"The bureau shall, by January 1, 2011, adopt by regulation the process and procedures
27	whereby an institution shall seek authorization for substantive changes to an approval to operate.'
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"(b) For the purposes of this section, a change in circumstance is "material" if, without the inclusion of the new or different information into the application, the information contained in or the supporting documentation to the application would be false, misleading, or incomplete."

19. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71475 states, in part:

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"(d) In addition to the form required in (b), the institution shall submit all information required by section 71100(b), and the appropriate renewal fee as provided in Sections 94930.5(b)(1) and 94930.5(b)(2) of the Code, as applicable, to the Bureau. Except for the financial statements required by subdivision (e) of this section and the statement required in subdivision (f) of this section, if the information required in order to renew its approval to operate is substantially similar to the information submitted by the institution in its last renewal application, or initial application if it is the first renewal, the institution may state that there are no substantial changes.

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"(t) In addition, the institution shall list in the application, the following for each educational program offered unless there have been no substantive changes since the last submission. If there have been no substantive changes made the institution may so state and is not required to provide documentation.

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- "(7) Whether the educational program is designed to fit or prepare students for employment in any occupation. If so, the application shall identify each occupation and job title to which the institution represents the educational program will lead.
- "(v) If the institution offers an educational program, or a portion of it, in a language other than English, the application shall contain a description of all of the following for each educational program or portion thereof unless there have been no substantive changes since the last submission. If there have been no substantive changes made the institution may so state and is not required to provide documentation.

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- "(1) The language in which each educational program will be offered.
- "(2) A statement that the institution has contracted with sufficient duly qualified faculty who will teach each language group of students.
- "(3) The language of the textbooks and other written materials to be used by each language group of students.

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"(y)(1) For each program offered, the application shall contain a description of the facilities and the equipment which is available for use by students at the main, branch, and satellite locations of the institution unless there have been no substantive changes since the last submission. If there have been no substantive changes made the institution may so state and is not required to provide documentation.

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"(3) The application shall include, in addition to the description of the physical facilities, building diagrams or campus maps to assist the Bureau in locating these facilities. The diagrams or maps shall identify the location of classrooms, laboratories, workshops, and libraries unless there have been no substantive changes since the last submission. If there have been no substantive changes made the institution may so state and is not required to provide documentation.

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- "(kk) An incomplete application filed under this section will render the institution ineligible for renewal."
 - 20. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71600, subdivision (a) states:
- "(a) An institution seeking to make a significant change in its method of instructional delivery shall complete the 'Significant Change in Method of Instructional Delivery' form (INS rev. 2/10) to obtain prior authorization. For the purposes of this section a 'significant change in instructional delivery' is any change that alters the way students interact with faculty or access significant equipment. The form shall be submitted to the Bureau along with the appropriate fee as provided in Section 94930.5(c) of the Code. For an institution approved under section 94885

1	"(4) sequence and frequency of lessons or class sessions;
2	"(5) complete citations of textbooks and other required written materials;
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4	"(7) instructional mode or methods.
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6	24. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71715 states, in part:
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8	"(b) The institution shall document that the instruction offered leads to the achievement of
9	the learning objectives of each course.
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11	"(d) Distance education as defined in section 94834 of the Code, does not require the
12	physical presence of students and faculty at the same location but provides for interaction
13	between students and faculty by such means as telecommunication, correspondence, electronic
14	and computer augmented educational services, postal service, and facsimile transmission. In
15	addition to the other requirements of this chapter and the Act, an institution offering distance
16	education shall:
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18	"(3) ensure that the materials and programs are current, well organized, designed by faculty
19	competent in distance education techniques and delivered using readily available, reliable
20	technology;
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22	25. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71735 states:
23	"(a) An institution shall have sufficient facilities and necessary equipment to support the
24	achievement of the educational objectives of all of the courses and educational programs in which
25	students are enrolled. If an institution represents that the educational service will fit or prepare a
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student for employment in a particular occupation or as described in particular job titles, either of the following conditions shall be met:

- "(1) The equipment used for instruction or provided to the student shall be comparable in model type or features to equipment generally used in those occupations or job titles at the time the instruction is offered.
- "(2) The institution shall establish that the equipment used for instruction or provided to a student is not obsolete and is sufficient for instructional purposes to reasonably assure that a student acquires the necessary level of education, training, skill, and experience to obtain employment in the field of training and to perform the tasks associated with the occupation or job title to which the educational program was represented to lead.
- "(b) An institution's facilities, including heating and cooling, ventilation, lighting, classrooms, laboratories, and campus environs, shall be well-maintained. The institution shall maintain all valid permits required by any public agencies relating to the health and safety of the institution's facilities and equipment on file, and such permits shall be available to the Bureau upon request."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND, PART I (INSTRUCTION IN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH)

A. Respondent Represented that it Offers Instruction Only in English

- 26. Respondent represented to the Bureau that it offers instruction only in English. In particular:
- a. In its Renewal Application, referenced in paragraph 2, above, Respondent stated, under penalty of perjury, that it does not offer instruction in a language other than English. In addition, Respondent attached to its Renewal Application a student catalog that reads, in part: "Class instruction is given in English[.] Jade Beauty and Barber College does not provide English as a second language instruction[.] The language proficiency in English should be equivalent to 10th grade level and up."
- b. In the process of attempting to cure deficiencies in its Renewal Application, in versions of the catalog Respondent submitted to the Bureau on or about March 20, 2021; April

location separate from the institution."

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faculty competent in distance education techniques and delivered using readily available, reliable technology, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71715, subdivision (d)(3). (Educ. Code §§ 94885, subds. (a)(1) and (a)(3) and 94891, subd. (b); and Cal. Code Regs., title 5, §§ 71700 and 71715, subd. (d)(3).) The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 30, above.

B. Instruction Unrelated to Educational Program

- 32. When Bureau staff visited the institution on October 21, 2022, one of the few English-speaking students explained she is a Manicuring student. She confirmed that she attends morning lecture to earn theory hours towards completion of her program, and she "clocked in" accordingly when she arrived. But the scheduled class she was attending was directed at Cosmetology students and was observed in part to include instruction in the area of facial care and make-up (PowerPoint slides were generally in English despite verbal instruction being in Vietnamese; white board notes were alternately in both languages).
- 33. While Cosmetology and Esthetician students may count instruction in such subjects towards their theory hours, the Manicuring curriculum does not include instruction in these areas. Thus, a student was observed to be earning credit for theory hours in a subject unrelated to her program's intended learning outcomes. A student earning hours for instruction in subjects unrelated to their area of study will result in the student failing to acquire instruction in all of the subject areas that are necessary to achieve the educational objectives of the educational program in which the student is enrolled.

C. Student Attendance

34. Although approximately ninety-five students were enrolled in the institution at that time, during their campus visit on October 21, 2022, Bureau staff observed that only approximately twenty-six students were in attendance (between the hours of 9:30 am and 7:00 pm). Thus, only about one quarter of the students were in attendance during theory instruction in the morning (some may have attended offsite using distance education) and during the designated hours of practical instruction offered in the afternoon and evening.

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FOURTH CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Educational Program)

- Respondent's Renewal Application is subject to denial in that Respondent's 35. educational program is not sufficient to meet its mission and objectives or designed to lead to employment. (Educ. Code §§ 94837; 94885, subd. (a)(1); and 94891, subd. (b); and Cal. Code Regs, title 5, §§ 71475, subd. (t)(7); 71700; and 71710, subds. (a) and (b)). In particular, as described in paragraphs 32 through 34, above:
- Respondent's educational program is not sufficient to meet its mission and a. objectives in that Respondent's curriculum includes subject areas that are unnecessary for a student to achieve the educational objectives of the educational program in which the student is enrolled, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (a).
- b. Respondent's educational program is not sufficient to meet its mission and objectives in that Respondent's curriculum is not presented in a logically organized manner or sequence to students, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (b).
- c. Respondent has failed to demonstrate that its educational program is designed to lead to employment, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71475, subdivision (t)(7).

Unapproved Distance Education for Non-English Speaking Students D.

- 36. The Bureau previously approved the institution's use of distance education for Respondent's four programs approved by the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (specifically, Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetician, and Manicurist) as well as Respondent's Cosmetology or Barber Instructor course via a "hybrid course (theory only)" online method of instruction, using Milady (by Cengage) software. To date, the Bureau has not approved of Respondent providing instruction in Vietnamese, including distance education in Vietnamese.
- 37. During the Bureau staff's visit on October 21, 2022, a Vietnamese-speaking student, who did not competently speak English, explained with the assistance of a bilingual student /////

translator that she was enrolled in Respondent's distance education program and she was permitted to earn theory hours by completing bookwork and exams at home.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Unapproved Method of Instruction)

38. Respondent's Renewal Application is subject to denial in that Respondent made a substantive change to its method of instruction without Bureau approval. (Educ. Code §§ 94885, subds. (a)(1), (a)(3), and (a)(9); 94886; 94893; 94894, subd. (g); and 94895; and Cal. Code Regs., title 5, § 71600, subd. (a) and 71700.) The circumstances are set forth in paragraphs 36 through 37, above.

<u>FACTUAL BACKGROUND, PART III</u> (DESCRIPTION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS)

A. Cosmetology or Barber Instructor Syllabus

- 39. Respondent's Cosmetology or Barber Instructor syllabus contains the following deficiencies:
- a. The syllabus is disjointed and at times self-contradictory. It does not coherently communicate program requirements. It is unclear whether those subject areas that are necessary for a student to achieve the educational objectives of the educational programs are all contained within the program. In addition, subject areas/modules are not presented in a logically organized manner or sequence.
- b. The only objective identified on the Cosmetology or Barber Instructor syllabus is a career objective. There are no articulated educational objectives to be taught and assessed as outcomes. Additionally, the career objectives span far beyond the intended scope of the class, including outcomes like beauty product sales representatives. It is unclear how an instructor program would prepare students for such a career.
- c. The syllabus includes a course outline totaling only 450 hours, but the program is a 600 hour program. Accordingly, the program length is unclear.
 - d. The syllabus is missing the sequence and frequency of class sessions.

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- e. The syllabus does not include the textbooks and other required written materials.
- f. The syllabus contains a "Description of the Instruction" section detailing technical and practical instruction to be offered in the program, which does not correspond to the simple objective of the program: to teach students how to instruct a Cosmetology or Barber program. Respondent did not document how the instruction offered will lead to the achievement of the stated learning objectives.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Description of Educational Programs – Cosmetology or Barber Instructor Syllabus)

- 40. Respondent's Renewal Application is subject to denial in that Respondent's Cosmetology or Barber Instructor syllabus is not compliant with regulations intended to ensure that Respondent's educational program meets its missions and objectives. (Educ. Code §§ 94855, subd. (a)(1) and 94891, subd. (b); and Cal. Code Regs., title 5, §§ 71700; 71705; 71710, subds. (a), (b), (c)(2), (c)(3), (c)(4), and (c)(5); and 71715, subd. (b).) In particular:
- a. The syllabus does not include those subject areas that are necessary for a student to achieve the educational objectives of the educational program in which the student is enrolled, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (a). The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 39, subdivision (a), above.
- b. The syllabus is not presented in a logically organized manner or sequence to students, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (b). The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 39, subdivision (a), above.
- c. The syllabus does not contain a statement of educational objectives, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (c)(2). The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 39, subdivision (b), above.
- d. The syllabus does not state the length of the educational program, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (c)(3). The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 39, subdivision (c), above.

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- e. The syllabus does not state the sequence and frequency of lessons or class sessions, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (c)(4). The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 39, subdivision (d), above.
- f. The syllabus does not contain complete citations of textbooks and other required written materials, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (c)(5). The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 39, subdivision (e), above.
- g. Respondent has not documented that the instruction offered leads to the achievement of the learning objectives of each course, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71715, subdivision (b). The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 39, subdivision (f), above.

B. Massage Therapy Program

- 41. Respondent has not provided a syllabus for its Massage Therapy Program. In particular, the final syllabus Respondent provided for its Massage Therapy Program appears to mirror the format of Respondent's other program syllabi. As a result, the Massage Therapy program syllabus contains the following deficiencies:
- a. The identified objectives include "such occupations as a Certified Massage therapist," which is unachievable for graduates of this program because Respondent's institution is not approved by the California Massage Therapy Council. Approval by the California Massage Therapy Council is a prerequisite for graduates to be eligible to apply for certification as a Certified Massage therapist.
 - b. The sequence and frequency of class sessions is missing.
 - c. Complete citations of textbooks and other required written materials is missing.

SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Description of Educational Programs – Massage Therapy Program Syllabus)

42. Respondent's Renewal Application is subject to denial in that Respondent's Massage Therapy Program syllabus is not compliant with regulations intended to ensure that Respondent's educational program meets its missions and objectives. (Educ. Code §§ 94855, subd. (a)(1) and

94891, subd. (b); and Cal. Code Regs., title 5, §§ 71700; 71705; and 71710, subds. (c)(2), (c)(4), and (c)(5).) In particular, as stated in paragraph 41, above:

- a. The syllabus does not contain a statement of educational objectives, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (c)(2).
- b. The syllabus does not state the sequence and frequency of lessons or class sessions, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (c)(4).
- c. The syllabus does not contain complete citations of textbooks and other required written materials, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (c)(5).

EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Prohibited Representation)

43. Respondent's Renewal Application is subject to denial in that Respondent's Massage Therapy Program syllabus makes a promise or guarantee employment, or otherwise overstate the availability of jobs upon graduation, in violation of Section 94897, subdivision (b). (Educ. Code §§ 94855, subd. (a)(1); 94891, subd. (b); and 94897, subd. (b); and Cal. Code Regs., title 5, § 71700.) The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 41, above.

C. Distance Education Syllabi

- 44. Through its Renewal Application, Respondent seeks to obtain Bureau approval to continue to offer many of its programs through distance education via a "hybrid course (theory only)" online method of instruction. Respondent's syllabi references this method of instruction, but the syllabi do not describe or identify how Respondent provides distance education. Instead, the syllabi reference "Audios, visual films, tapes, disc, slides." This statement is contrary to Respondent's representation to the Bureau that it continues to offer distance education via Milady (by Cengage) software. Accordingly, Respondent's Renewal Application inconsistently communicates the methods by which the institution provides distance education.
- 45. In addition, none of Respondent's syllabi offering distance education include complete citations of textbooks to be used. Instead, Respondent only describes supplemental learning materials.

NINTH CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Description of Educational Programs – Distance Education Syllabi)

- 46. Respondent's Renewal Application is subject to denial in that Respondent's syllabi offering distance education are not compliant with regulations intended to ensure that Respondent's educational program meets its missions and objectives. (Educ. Code §§ 94855, subd. (a)(1) and 94891, subd. (b); and Cal. Code Regs., title 5, §§ 71700 and 71710, subds. (c)(5) and (c)(7).) In particular:
- a. The syllabi do not state instructional mode or methods, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (c)(7). The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 44, above.
- b. The syllabi do not contain complete citations of textbooks and other required written materials, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (c)(5). The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 45, above.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND, PART IV (FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT)

A. Respondent's Facilities

- 47. During their October 21, 2022 campus visit, Bureau staff observed that the campus was in need of cleaning and clearing of clutter. The campus could not reasonably be described as well-maintained.
- 48. Bureau staff also found that Respondent's location lacks sufficient facility space to deliver all approved programs. In addition, the Bureau staff observed that no section of the campus is set up to offer Respondent's Massage Therapy Program.
- 49. Additionally, Respondent's campus diagram/map is not consistent with how the Bureau staff observed the space was actually used. In particular:
- a. The nail care area was actually used as lockers and storage (including large precariously stacked boxes).
- b. Students were setting up for Manicuring practicals on the main floor walkway adjacent the main lecture room.