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Posted by warn, inform and protect - 2012/10/30 23:17

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Re:Southern Bible Institute and Seminary, Augusta, GA/SBIS Evans, GA

Posted by VickyPhillips - 2012/11/01 12:54

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Hello,

Thank you for your inquiry about the Southern Bible Institute and Seminary of GA and its accreditation status.

The first challenge is to make sure we are all tallking about the same Southern Bible Institute, as there are several.

In this case we are talking about Southern Bible Institute and Seminary in GA
http://sbisevans.org/

Southern Bible Institute & Seminary
1116 Fury's Ferry Road
Evans, Georgia 30809

To begin, this institute is NOT accredited by any agency recognized by the US Government to award colleges degrees.

AS such, credits and degrees earned here will not be met with wide acceptance across the USA.

The Association of Christian Schools International
http://www.acsiglobal.org/

SBIS currently claims "membership in the ACSI." However, ACSI itself does not accredit university or college level study or degrees and is NOT by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or the United States Department of Education as a college accreditation agency.

AS you stated in your posting, ACSI does accredited primary school and secondary school programs and is recognized as an accreditor for K-12 private schools. Being a member, however, is not the same as "being accredited." In terms of offering college degrees ACSI membership or accreditation (which ever they claim) is not relevant.

SEE What it means to attend an "unaccredited" university or college bcs. SBIS is an UNACCREDITED college degree provider as near as we can tell.

SEE:
http://www.geteducated.com/diploma-mills-police/college-degree-mills/203-what-is-online-college-accreditation/

At present the SBIS GA site lists courses that are offered but the site has taken down or marked through their associate degree listings. WE do not know what that means BUT we reiterate that this school is NOT accredited by any recognized agency to award college level degrees based on your review of their status this morning.

You mention some other "accrediting agencies" that may have had a historical relationship with SBIS:
1) Southern Bible Christian Accrediting Association (SBCAA)
2) Association of Academics Accreditation (AAA)
3) National Accrediting Agency For Private Schools (NAAPS)

NONE of these agencies are recognized by the US Dept of Education or CHEA to accredit degree granting colleges or universities.

There is a long discussion of this same school and its status / history at DegreeInfo that may help others understand the issues with this institution and its satellite campuses: SEE: http://www.degreeinfo.com/accreditation-discussions-ra-detc-state-approval-unaccredited-schools/41542-southern-bible-institute-seminary-augusta-ga.html

There is a great deal of chatter and speculation about this school.

Religious schools often decide to operate based on religious mandate and doctrine rather than accreditation. Consumers who choose to attend unaccredited colleges should understand the limits on recognition of these types of degrees -- which are many if one wants to use a degree to obtain a job or certification or other common consumer activities.

I would approach this school wit caution because it lacks the necessary accreditation to award college degrees that would be recognized in the world at large.

All the best
Vicky Phillips
Founder Get Educated

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