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Posted by hdr - 2012/08/24 14:53

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Re:Northwester Theological Seminary: is it real?

Posted by VickyPhillips - 2012/08/24 16:53

Hi HDR,

Can you tell us the exact name of the school and where it is located?

Did you mean "northwestern" or is "norwester" correct?

There are SEVERAL schools with names like Northwester Theological Seminary, all operating at different locations in the USA and Europe with different types of accreditation, state approval and/or licensing.

I need to make sure WHICH theological school you are referencing so I do the same in responding to your degree mill query.

Thanks!
Vicky Phillips

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Re:Northwestern Theological Seminary: is it real?

Posted by hdr - 2012/08/28 21:57

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Re:Northwestern Theological Seminary: is it real?

Posted by vicky - 2012/09/02 19:02

Hi HDR,

Yes, the seminary schools you mention do NOT hold regional accreditation.

To understand what accreditation means, which are the vslid agencies, and how that will impact your transfer credit status late see our FAQ on college accreditation and online learning.

To find out more about online theology and seminary schools try Baker's Guide to Christian Distance Education. Dr. Jason Baker, who runs this guide, would be the best person to guide you in selecting options for christian online learning and degrees.

Dr, Baker's Christian Online Degree Directory features over 650 online undergraduate and graduate degrees from over 125 Christian colleges and universities, Bible colleges, and theological seminaries. This is the best source for more info on the types of online theology or ministry degrees you seek.

Good Luck!
Vicky Phillips
Founder - GetEducated.com

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Re:Northwester Theological Seminary: is it real?

Posted by regretfulexperience - 2013/02/12 19:04

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Re:Northwester Theological Seminary: is it real?

Posted by VickyPhillips - 2013/02/15 12:31

That's all very unfortunate.

As I said Northwestern Theological is not accredited. That makes it difficult to tell if they employ any standard practices for student records and assessment. One of the downsides of attending an unaccredited school is that they are not bound to standards or external review for record keeping, grading, and so on. This puts grads at high risk for the schools disappearing leaving students with no access to records post graduation.

Perhaps others will chime in if they have had experiences with this seminary online.

All the best
Vicky

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Re:Northwester Theological Seminary: is it real?

Posted by Bishop - 2013/02/18 19:18

MODERATOR'S NOTE: The post below was edited prior to posting. Please do not make personal attacks and threats when posting. When responding to another member just state the facts. Well-stated facts speak for themselves;

Mr. Lubbers:

Concerning your comments against NTS: I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER these statements ON YOUR PART.

After reading your mails, I am appalled at your fleshly, mean spirited behavior as reflected in the numerous exaggerations that you are using. Please note below in BOLD my response to each exaggeration. I will itemize and follow your statements with the TRUTH in Bold, below.

Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 10:24 AM
Subject: Internet Postings against NTS

As you are probably aware, there are a lot of websites wondering if NTS is a legitimate seminary.

FALSE.. THERE ARE NOT AND NEVER HAS BEEN A LOT OR MANY WEBSITES QUESTIONING THE LEGITIMACY OF NTS. THIS IS A LIE AND EXTREME EXAGGERATION.

As mentioned previously, instead of pursuing a legal route to bring justice to NTS and let people know some of the disadvantages of attending, I am posting on the Internet to alert people of NTS' extremely inefficient administration structure.

FALSE.. YOU HAD NO LEGAL RECOURSE SINCE THERE WAS NO CRIMINAL INTENT OR LIBELOUS BEHAVIOR ON THE PART OF NTS AND NO GROUNDS FOR A LAWSUIT. YOU WERE JUST ATTEMPTING TO MANIPULATE THE SEMINARY. NTS HAS A VERY EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE. NOW YOU ARE THREATENING TO POST YOUR FALSE STATEMENT ATTACKING NTS ON THE INTERNET WHICH IS GROUNDS FOR A LAWSUIT FORM NTS AS YOU ARE NOW LIABLE FOR DEFAMATION OF AN ORGANIZATION

Please check the below statements for accuracy.

Mr. Lubbers: I have itemized and posted the truth to counter your lies and false allegations below. Sincerely, Bishop; HM Sarkela

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DECEPTIVE STATEMENT; YOU ENROLLED IN A DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIRING COMPLETION OF BOTH DEGREES AND PAYMENT OF THE FULL TUITION FOR BOTH DEGREES, PRIOR TO ANY DEGREE AWARD. IN 2012 WE CHANGED THIS POLICY AND ALLOWED YOU TO CHANGE YOUR PROGRAM TO A SINGLE DEGREE PROGRAM AND WE DID AWARD YOUR DEGREE. IINCIDENTALLY YOUR DEGREE AWARD WAS A B.TH.. THERE IS NO SUCH DEGREE AS A Ba.Th. ?

1) The actual program is average, You get what you pay for.

DECEPTIVE STATEMENT: HOW MANY THEOLOGICAL DEGREE PROGRAMS HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN TO COMPARE US TO IN ORDER TO CALL US AVERAGE? HAVE YOU READ OUR ARCHIVE OF STUDENT TESTIMONIALS? DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT MANY ARE VERY IMPRESSED WITH OUR EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS AND THAT WE HAVE NUMEROUS STUDENTS AND ALUMNI WHO HAVE COME TO US FROM MAJOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SUCH AS LIBERTY UNIVERSITY ETC?

2) Administration is extremely negligent and inefficient for alumni. Two years after I graduated I still did not have a diploma, so I requested a diploma and transcripts as I was applying to be a minister. I followed up for two months via email, fax, phone, and snail-mail with no reply. Only after threatening LEGAL ACTION did they respond and say they would send the documents. Almost two more months past with no documents. I contacted a lawyer, who contacted them, with no reply. Finally, after 3 months, and 27 separate requests, they sent a diploma...NO transcripts and to the WRONG address (wrong city, in fact).

DECEPTIVE: YOU PASS JUDGMENT BASED ON FALSE ASSUMPTION. NTS IS A VERY REFINED AND EFFICIENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM. AGAIN, YOU KNOW THAT YOU DID NOT GRADUATE AS YOU WERE ONLY 1/2 DONE WITH YOUR DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM (ONCE AGAIN A VERY DECEPTIVE STATEMENT). POLICY CHANGED IN 2012 AND WE DID AWARD YOUR BACHELOR DEGREE. IN ANOTHER E-MAIL FORM YOU, YOU STATED THAT WE DID NOT RESPOND TO YOUR LEGAL THREAT SENT BY YOUR FRIEND AS YOUR ATTORNEY. NOW YOU STATE THAT WE DID RESPOND?? WHICH IS IT? WE RESPONDED TO YOUR FALSE ASSUMPTIONS AND BASELESS ALLEGATIONS WHICH HELD NO LEGAL MERIT FOR ANY FORM OF LAWSUIT. YOU ARE THE ONE WHO WILL NO BECOME LIABLE IF YOU PUBLICLY POST THE LIES THAT YOU HAVE SENT IN THIS E-MAIL AS THEY ARE LIBELOUS THROUGH MALICIOUS ATTACKS BASED ON FALSEHOOD AND DECEPTION WHICH WE CAN PROVE THOUGH OUR RECORDS CLEARLY DOCUMENTING EACH. YOU DID NOT GRADUATE AS YOU WERE ENROLLED IN A DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM WHICH REQUIRED COMPLETION OF BOTH DEGREES PRIOR TO GRADUATION. YOU KNEW THIS AS DID EVERY OTHER STUDENT ENROLLED IN A DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM AT NTS. GRADUATION DOES NOT OCCUR UNTIL BOTH DEGREES WERE COMPLETED AND THE TUITION WAS PAID IN FULL. YOU DID NOT COMPLETE BOTH PROGRAMS OR PAY TUITION FOR BOTH DEGREES IN FULL. WE LATER CHANGED THIS POLICY AND AWARDED YOUR B.Th. DEGREE. ALMOST 2-MONTHS DID NOT PASS. YES, SOME WEEKS PASSED BECAUSE NTS LIKE ALL OTHER SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS/ STUDENT BREAK. (AGAIN A MANIPULATIVE DECEPTIVE ATTACK BASED ON FALSEHOOD). FINALLY ONCE MORE, THERE ARE YOUR LIES AGAIN; AFTER SAYING WE DID RESPOND TO YOUR LEGAL THREAT, YOU THEN GO ON TO SAY THAT WE DID NOT RESPOND TO YOUR LEGAL THREATS, WHEN YOU ALREADY SAID THAT WE DID RESPOND?? FINALLY, YOUR DEGREE WAS MAILED TO YOUR ADDRESS OF RECORD. EVERY STUDENT KNOWS THAT IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO UPDATE THEIR STUDENT RECORDS WHEN THEY CHANGE POSTAL ADDRESS. YOU DID NOT COMPLY AND THEN ATTACK US FOR MAILING TO YOUR ADDRESS OF RECORD.

3) I still have not received the transcripts and have been delayed in entering ministry because of this.

DECEPTIVE STATEMENT: EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SEND TRANSCRIPTS TO STUDENTS/GRADUATES. TRANSCRIPTS ARE SENT ONLY BASED ON THE REQUEST OF A 3RD PARTY BE IT A POTNETIAL MINISTRY EMPLOYER OR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ETC.

All that to say, if you want to pay someone to help you to read textbooks and write papers, NTS might be for you. If you want a degree...it might not be for you."

YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE DONE FAR MORE GOOD, IN ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE A QUALITY, CHRIST CENTERED, SEMINARY EDUCATION FOR YOU, THAN YOU HAVE STATED ABOVE.

Sincerely,
Joshua Lubbers

I DEMAND AN APOLOGY..

WE WILL FORGIVE YOU, BUT YOU NEED TO REALIZE THAT WE HAVE FULFILLED OUR OBLIGATION TO YOU AS A STUDENT.

POSTING ON THE INTERNET WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE ACTION ON OUR PART. WE WILL EITHER CANCEL YOUR DEGREE, OR NOTE APPROPRIATELY IN YOUR TRANSCRIPTS AS TO YOUR POOR SELF CONTROL, LACK OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY, INABILITY TO RELATE RESPECTFULLY TO AUTHORITY ETC, ETC..

NTS HAS FULLY COMPLIED AND FULFILLED ALL OBLIGATIONS TO YOU AS A FORMER STUDENT OF NTS AND NOW AN NTS ALUMNI.

In Christ,
Bishop; Howard M. Sarkela
CAM/ WCJC/ NTS/ NCU

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