



Oregon

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**Oregon Student Assistance Commission
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CEASE AND DESIST WARNING LETTER

August 16, 2010

Joseph T. Wrabek
City of Lafayette
Box 55
Lafayette OR 97127

Dear Mr. Wrabek:

It has come to our attention that you may be claiming a BS degree in Public Administration from the degree mill called "Redding University" in Redding, California. Many people are unaware that Oregon only allows use of degrees from institutions accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (or the foreign equivalent of such accreditation), and those approved by ODA (ORS 348.609). Degree users may also use unaccredited degrees from state-approved schools in other states and from foreign countries that have formally authorized the school and its degrees.

Redding University is unaccredited, is not ODA-approved and has no approval to issue degrees from any U.S. state. It likewise does not have recognizable approval from a foreign country. It is a fake. As a consequence, a "degree" acquired from Redding University cannot legally be used as a credential in Oregon.

We regret the necessity of communicating with you about this matter, but our statutory duty to ensure that college degrees remain meaningful in Oregon necessitates such contact. Please send ODA a letter within 30 days agreeing to cease claiming a degree from Redding University as a credential in Oregon. A standard form for this purpose is provided for your convenience. ODA does not take enforcement action against people who may have been unaware of the law and who voluntarily agree to cease using an invalid degree in Oregon.

Oregon law (ORS 348.596) states that "It is the purpose of ORS 348.594 to 348.615 to provide for the protection of the citizens of Oregon and their post-secondary schools by ensuring the quality of higher education and preserving the integrity of an academic degree as a public credential."

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this degree claim.

Sincerely,

Alan L. Contreras
Administrator



To: Office of Degree Authorization

Fr: _____
printed name

printed address

Date: _____

Re: Use of degree

I, _____, hereby agree to cease claiming as a public credential for use in Oregon a _____ (*indicate BA, MA, PhD etc.*) degree from _____ (*name of institution*). I understand that if, after signing this statement, I use this degree as a credential in Oregon, the Office of Degree Authorization may take appropriate enforcement action as provided under ORS 348.594-348.992 and other laws of the State of Oregon.

(*signature*)