APPENDIX D LICENSURE AND APPROVAL BY OTHER AGENCIES

Application for course/degree program certification that requires licensure in Arkansas will be submitted to the respective agencies for their regulations as part of the certification process. Proposals for licensure through other agencies will first be sent to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) in the certification process. The appropriate agencies will then be contacted by ADHE for their review of the proposals for licensure approval.

If licensure or certification by other government agencies or entities is required for legal operation, the institution must document that approval. Out-of-state institutions also must submit documentation that the institution is licensed or certified to operate the licensure program in its home state.

Arkansas State Board of Examiners in Counseling

Curriculum standards for counseling licensure programs are set by the Arkansas State Board of Examiners in Counseling. www.arkansas.gov/abec

Teacher Education Courses/Degree Programs

Prior to ADHE consideration, institutions applying to offer education course/degrees requiring teacher licensure or certification must be approved by the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Teacher Certification Department. www.arkansased.org

Applicants for teaching licensure in Arkansas must complete education course/degrees at National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredited institutions. The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification requires NCATE for any teacher education program. The applying institution must submit documentation of NCATE accreditation to ADHE.

Nursing Courses/Degree Programs that Lead to Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse Licensure

The Arkansas State Board of Nursing (ASBN) must approve nursing programs that lead to licensure for the Practical Nurse and the Registered Nurse. www.asbn.org

Psychology Courses/Degree Programs

The Arkansas State Board of Psychology (ASBP) is responsible for the licensure of psychologists in Arkansas. www.asbp.org

Other Professional Programs

If licensure or certification by other government agencies or entities is required for practice of the profession, the institution must provide documentation of external reviews of the program, and approval by the licensure/certification agency.

Arkansas State Board of Private Career Education (SBPCE)

This agency regulates post-secondary private career schools offering certificates and diplomas. www.sbpce.org