

Secretary of State Office
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Pierre, SD 57501
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**APPLICATION FOR
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION TO
PROVIDE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

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Please mark the appropriate box:

- INITIAL APPLICATION CHANGE OF PRIMARY ADDRESS
 CHANGE OF NAME CHANGE IN ADDITIONAL SITES (ATTACHMENT A)
 CHANGE IN ACCREDITATION OTHER CHANGE(S)

1. Name of Applicant (*the institutional name under which postsecondary educational programs are provided*):

Grace Communion Seminary

2. Applicant's Main Address (*Additional sites listed on Attachment A*):

2011 E. Financial Way

(Street Address)

Glendora

CA

91741-4602

(City)

(State)

(ZIP Code)

www.gcs.edu

(Website)

3. Contact Person:

Susan Earle

(Name)

800-851-2611

(Telephone Number)

registrar@gcs.edu

(Email Address)

Registrar

(Title)

626-650-2307

(Fax Number)

4. Does the Applicant operate at other sites than the address stated above? YES NO

If "YES", please be advised that Attachment A to this Application must be completed, which shall comprise part of this Application, and any subsequent changes to the information provided in Attachment A must be submitted with a revised Application to the Secretary of State Office, within thirty (30) days of such change.

5. Does the Applicant have a parent organization (non-profit, corporate, or otherwise)? YES NO

If "YES", please indicate the following:

Grace Communion International (church)

(Parent Organization Name)

2011 E. Financial Way

(Street Address)

Glendora

CA

91741-4602

(City)

(State)

(ZIP Code)

6. Is the Applicant an instrumentality of the State under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Board of Regents?

YES NO

If "NO", please indicate whether the Applicant is either (check one of the following):

An instrumentality of another state (please list the state agency which has jurisdiction over Applicant)

State California Agency Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education

Address 2535 Capitol Oaks Dr., Suite 400

City Sacramento State CA Zip Code 95833

Contact Phone Number 916-431-6959

Contact Website www.bppe.ca.gov

Legally established to operate in South Dakota as a private business entity

South Dakota Corporate ID _____

South Dakota Corporate Name _____

Legally established to operate in South Dakota as a not-for-profit corporation.

South Dakota Corporate ID _____

South Dakota Corporate Name _____

7. Is the Applicant accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education?

YES

Accrediting Agency: Distance Education and Training Council

1601 18th Street, NW, Suite 2

(Street Address)

Washington

D.C.

20009-2529

(City)

(State)

(ZIP Code)

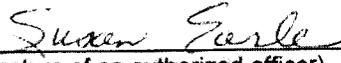
Effective date of most recent grant of accreditation: June 15, 2012
Term or expiration date of most recent accreditation: 3 years (June 15, 2015)

NO Application submission must include documentation of an affiliation agreement whose terms make another postsecondary institution, which is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, responsible for awarding academic credit and educational credentials to its students and maintaining transcripts for such students:

The undersigned acknowledges that Applicant is required to notify the Secretary of State Office within thirty (30) days of a change in information set forth in this Application, including any changes in information set forth in any Attachments or other accompanying information. The undersigned has executed the foregoing document and, under penalties of perjury, certifies that the information provided herein, and in support thereof, is true and correct.

The application must be signed by an authorized officer of the postsecondary educational institution:

Dated 10/20/2014



(Signature of an authorized officer)

Susan Earle

(Printed name)

Registrar

(Title)

Submit Application to:
South Dakota Secretary of State
Corporations Division
500 East Capitol, Suite 204
Pierre, SD 57501

Or email us at:
SOS.EDU@state.sd.us

Exemptions

If the institution falls under one or more of the following categories, the institution is exempt from registering.

- Established by the government of the United States;
- Established by the government of an Indian tribe whose tribal lands are located, in whole or in part, in South Dakota;
- Established, owned, controlled, operated, and maintained by a religious organization lawfully operating as a nonprofit religious corporation and awarding only religious degrees or certificates for the purpose of conferring clerical status or authority within that religion; or
- Subject to the jurisdiction and regulations to the South Dakota Cosmetology Commission.



State and Consumer Services Agency - Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
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VERIFICATION OF EXEMPTION

March 24, 2011

Russell Duke
Ambassador College dba Grace Communion Seminary
PO Box 5005
Glendora, CA 91740-0730

RE: Verification of Exempt Status – Application No. 22511

INSTITUTION: Ambassador College dba Grace Communion Seminary

EXEMPTION: Education Code section 94874(e)(1)

The Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education has completed the review of the application from Ambassador College dba Grace Communion Seminary for Verification of Exempt Status pursuant to the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (Act) based on the application received on June 28, 2010.

The application demonstrates that Ambassador College dba Grace Communion Seminary has met the exemption from regulation under the Act, pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94874(e)(1);

“An institution owned, controlled, and operated and maintained by a religious organization lawfully operating as a nonprofit religious corporation...”

This exemption will continue until:

- the institution offers degrees or diplomas outside the scope of the beliefs and practices of the church, religious denomination, or religious organization;
- the institution offers degrees in any area of physical science;
- the institution is no longer a religious nonprofit organization;
- or any other factor, that would render the institution ineligible for an exemption under the CEC section 94874(e)(1).

If you require additional assistance on this matter, please contact Angela Smith at (916) 431-6917.

Sincerely,

LEEZA RUFFREDI
Manager, Licensing Unit