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Dr. David M Glassman
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Dear Dr. David Glassman,

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) administers the Board of Higher Education Act and the Academic Degree Act, two Illinois statutes regulating the operation and degree-granting activity of public colleges and universities in the State of Illinois. Under 23 Illinois Administrative Code Section 1050.10—Institutions Required to Receive Approval, the code states:

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, the Board of Trustees of Chicago State University, the Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University, the Board of Trustees of Governors State University, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University, the Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University, the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University, or the Illinois Community College Board, and the campuses under governance or supervision shall not hereafter undertake the establishment of any new unit of instruction, research or public service without the approval of the Board.

Eastern Illinois University is legally authorized to operate as an Illinois public post-secondary institution and grant Board-approved degrees in the Prairie region. Eastern Illinois University also has out-of-region approval for certain Board-approved degrees in the Central, South Metro, Southern, Southwestern, and West Suburban regions.

For degree-granting institutions approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, all academic programs are authorized regardless of modality, and the relevant Illinois Administrative Code (Ill. Admin. Code tit. 23, § 1050) do not require approval from IBHE to change mode of delivery. However, institutions must adhere to the Requirements for Technologically Mediated Instruction Offered at a Distance as described below:

Public four-year institutions ([Ill. Admin. Code tit. 23, § 1050.30 \(b\)\(1\)\(j\), 2017](#))

I hope this information addresses your need. A list of colleges and universities authorized in Illinois can be found at www.ibhe.org. If you have questions, please contact me at lohman@ibhe.org.

Sincerely,

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Senior Associate Director for Academic Affairs