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RE: Partner Institutions for Transfer of Credit

To Whom It May Concern:

Over the last few years, we've had a number of changes affect the partner institutions that work with us for transfer of credit for ISOM® students. This letter serves to clarify and update current students and alumni regarding those changes.

Explanation of Vision International Structure

Due to some common misunderstandings, we wanted to start by clarifying the structure of what is commonly referred to as "Vision" or "Vision International University".

First, *Vision International Education Network* (VIEN) has changed its name to *International Training & Education Network* (ITEN). ITEN is not a single institution or headquartered organization, per se, but an affiliation of associate schools. ITEN is the umbrella network to Vision International University, USA (VIU), Vision International College Australia (VICA), and Vision International College & Seminary (VICS) Louisiana, among others. Each school is independently operated, though common courses and curriculum are typically utilized. Also, there are variances in each school's local and regional accreditations and government-approvals, based on the scope and focus of each school. At times, those accreditations and approvals are transferable to other institutions within the ITEN network, but not definitively.

Former VIEN Australian-Accredited Award

VIEN (as it was called then, now ITEN) had offered an Australian-Government vocationally-accredited Diploma of Christian Ministry. Due to the ability of students to use it for employment purposes, it held great value for those who were able to receive it before the cutoff on Aug. 31, 2011. There was also a brief period in early 2012 where VIEN tentatively agreed to make these same awards available for \$350 USD. This tentative agreement came to a quick and sudden stop due to changes in Australia's accreditation structure. New requirements were made by the government, and consequently ISOM students no longer meet the minimum requirements for these awards.

As such, we discontinued facilitating those transfer awards in July 2012.

However, we do still maintain a relationship with VICA (who holds ASQA Australian-government vocational accreditation) and there is always the possibility that something may work out for the future. If so, most likely, additional requirements would need to be completed for ISOM students to be eligible for a VICA-issued transfer award.

Future Awards from ITEN

At the same time that VICA was experiencing accreditation changes, Vision International University in California (under Dr. DeKoven) was undergoing structural changes as well. VIU maintains the name Vision International University (VIU) under a California State-approved program. Due to those changes, transfer awards for ISOM

students will now be issued through an affiliate campus in the ITEN network, Vision International College & Seminary (VICS) in Louisiana.

Awards from “Vision” for ISOM Graduates will now be issued by VICS exclusively. These will be non-government accredited, religious-exempt degrees.

Wagner Leadership Institute

WLI has also undergone major structural changes. WLI formerly consisted of 4 regional USA offices plus a Canadian office. Since 2010, the Canadian office and all 4 USA regional offices have been consolidated to a single operational office in Pasadena, California. As a result, effective July 2012, WLI is not available for Transfer of Credit for ISOM students. If something changes in the future, we’ll re-introduce them as an option on our website.

Current Transfer Awards Available

The following are the transfer awards that are available as of the date of this letter (subject to change without any grandfathering requirements for currently enrolled students):

Partner Institution	Associate-Level Awards (\$150 USD)*	Bachelor Level Awards (\$200 USD)*
Vision International College and Seminary (VICS)	Associate of Biblical Studies	Bachelor of Theological Studies
Covenant Theological Seminary (CTS)	Associate of Biblical Studies	Bachelor of Ministry
Christian Leadership University (CLU)	Associate of Biblical Studies	N/A ‡
Christian Leadership Seminary (CLS)	N/A ‡	Bachelor of Ministry

** Prices listed are for Western/Developed World countries. Other countries vary. Contact ISOM for details.*

‡ CLU issues the Associate-level award while CLS issues the Bachelor-level award. Both organizations are under the leadership of Dr. Mark Virkler/ Communion with God Ministries.

Though we make every attempt for current Partner Institutions’ transfer agreements to remain in effect, changes in association and structure sometimes alter or cancel the agreement for ISOM Students, without prior notice, and outside of Good Shepherd Ministries’ control. In such cases, GSMI will make every attempt to provide a similar alternative, but obviously no guarantees can be made.

As we progress along, our website at www.isom.org/transfer will be the most up-to-date source of information regarding available “Transfer” awards, including the fee and requirements involved.

For further questions, contact our offices at 800-901-8175.

Sincerely,

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