

Postsecondary Education Links

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Career Education Consumer Report

<http://www.mycareereducation.org/>

The Career Education Consumer Report functions as Michigan's workforce eligible training provider list. Michigan's Career Education Consumer Report is an electronic service in America that can help you find career education programs that are available in your area and help you choose one that fits your needs.

Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)

<http://www.chea.org/default.asp>

CHEA is an association of 3,000 degree-granting colleges and universities and recognizes 60 institutional and programmatic accrediting organizations. This website is an authoritative source of data and information about regional, faith-based, private career and programmatic accreditors. It also contains databases and directories of accredited institutions and programs and accreditation or quality assurance bodies.

Federal Student Aid: Closed School Information

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/closedschool.jsp?tab=attending>

Information on how to receive a student loan debt discharged if your school closed while you were enrolled.

Federal Student Aid: The Office of Ombudsman

<http://www.ombudsman.ed.gov/>

The Federal Student Aid Ombudsman of the Department of Education helps resolve disputes and solve other problems with federal student loans.

Federal Trade Commission Facts for Consumers: Choosing a Career or Vocational School

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/products/pro13.pdf>

Provides tips on how to choose a career or vocational school that is reputable and trustworthy.

How To Check Any Online School's Accreditation Status in One Minute or Less

<http://distancelearn.about.com/od/accreditationinfo/ht/checkaccredit.htm>

Here's how to find out if a school is accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education

Job Seeker Tools

<http://careeronestop.org/jobseekertools/>

Contains a list of top-rated job tool Web sites that include information on job openings, careers, and career advancement.

Michigan Association of Career Colleges and Schools (MACCS)

<http://www.careerschoolsmi.com/>

The Michigan Association of Career Colleges and Schools website acquaints you with the services, member schools, and outstanding career training opportunities available through MACCS schools. MACCS is a non-profit association of Michigan's leading private schools that specialize in the training and preparation of students for many of today's most popular and promising careers. MACCS' mission is to promote awareness of career training opportunities and ensure the delivery of quality training through a network of institutions that adhere to the highest ethical standards and practices.

Michigan Licensed Occupations

<http://www.michigan.gov/mdcd/0,1607,7-122--60358--,00.html>

An alphabetical list of the occupations that require a license within the State of Michigan.

National Association of State Administrators and Supervisors of Private Schools (NASASPS)

<http://www.nasasps.org/>

The National Association of State Administrators and Supervisors of Private Schools (NASASPS) is non-profit tax-exempt charitable organization whose mission is to improve and promote effective state regulation of private postsecondary education.

Non-Accredited Colleges/Universities

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Non-accreditedSchools_78090_7.pdf

This is a partial listing of colleges and universities from which degrees will not be accepted by the Michigan Civil Service Commission to satisfy educational requirements indicated on job specifications.

Student Financial Aid

<http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid>

The Student Financial Services Bureau website assists citizens in pursuing postsecondary education by providing equality of access to student financial resources and information.

Student Loan Borrower Assistance

<http://www.studentloanborrowerassistance.org/>

National Consumer Law Center's Student Loan Borrower Assistance Project is a resource for borrowers, their families, and advocates representing student loan borrowers. This site is for people who already have student loans and want to know more about their options and rights.

The Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs

<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>

Each of the postsecondary educational institutions and programs contained within the database is, or was, accredited by an accrediting agency or state approval agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a "reliable authority as to the quality of postsecondary education" within the meaning of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The database does not include a number of postsecondary educational institutions and programs that elect not to seek accreditation but nevertheless may provide a quality postsecondary education.

What You Need to Know About Diploma Mills

<http://distancelearn.about.com/od/accreditationinfo/a/diplomamills.htm>

A diploma mill is a company that awards unaccredited degrees and provides either an inferior education or no education at all. If you're considering attending an online school, learn as much about diploma mills as you can. This article will teach you how to spot them, how to avoid them, and how to take action if you've been a victim of a diploma mill's false advertising.

Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center

<http://misbtdc.org/>

The Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) has four teams of consultants to provide services to Michigan's existing, growing, technology-based and start-up companies. These teams are: 1) The Small Business Regional Teams, 2) The Growth Group Team, 3) The Finance Specialist Team, and 4) The Technology Commercialization Team. The SBTDC provides a full range of services to growing businesses that includes not only strategic needs assessment and market analysis but also ongoing strategy development, financial analysis and access to capital.

Guide to Starting and Operating a Small Business

<http://misbtdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/Guide-to-Starting-and-Operating-a-Small-Business-FINAL-June-2012.pdf>

A key activity of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and of state government in general, is to help businesses open and grow. This is designed to ease a person's entry into the business world, outlining as clearly as possible many of the issues and questions facing prospective entrepreneurs.

Michigan Economic Development Corporation

<http://www.michiganadvantage.org/>

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation is a public-private partnership serving as the state's marketing arm and lead agency for business, talent and jobs, tourism, film and digital incentives, arts and cultural grants, and overall economic growth. MEDC offers a number of business assistance services and capital programs for business attraction and acceleration, economic gardening, entrepreneurship, strategic partnerships, talent enhancement and urban and community development.

Michigan Business One Stop

<http://www.michigan.gov/business/0,4539,7-255-52647---,00.html>

Take a brief tour of the Michigan Business One Stop and discover firsthand how this online service makes it easier than ever to do business. In our Resource Center, you will find an array of resources and tools to help you start and operate a business in Michigan. From tips on writing a business plan to financing your business, our resource center has it all.

You just got your college acceptance letter. Now what?

<http://www.consumerfinance.gov/blog/you-just-got-your-college-acceptance-letter-now-what/>

For many students, the excitement of being one step closer to realizing their dream or reaching a major life milestone is coupled with anxiety about how to pay for it all and the prospect of taking on student loan debt. This website allows students to compare financial aid offers. Now you can compare offers from community college, bachelor's, certificate, and graduate programs.