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## HECC Statement on Plan to Discontinue Onsite Programs at Art Institute of Portland

*Salem, Oregon* | Statement from Dr. Veronica Dujon, director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission offices for Public University Academic Policy and Private Postsecondary Education:

"We were informed late last week by Dream Center Education Holdings (DCEDH) that the Art Institute of Portland will discontinue its onsite programs in Portland this year, shifting to online programs. DCEDH will discontinue onsite campus operations at 18 locations, including Portland, by December 31, 2018. This is regrettable, as the Portland campus has prepared thousands of talented Oregonians with certificates and degrees in arts and design fields over the years. DCEDH has stated that they intend to help students to either complete their programs of study during this period, or explore options for transfer. HECC is prepared to support the 428 students currently enrolled at the Portland campus in every way we can, and we are collecting information to inform our efforts.

The Art Institute of Portland is authorized by the HECC to confer degrees and certificates in Oregon. The HECC has notified the institution that distance education options provided to students must be at accredited institutions authorized to offer degree programs to Oregon students (ORS 348.606). The institution also has obligations with the State due to discontinuing its operation of the Portland campus to provide the HECC with student records (OAR 583-30-0044). We stand ready to assist the institution with these processes, and to facilitate collaboration in the Oregon higher education community to help students transfer and complete their education goals.

Students, staff and faculty are likely to have many questions, and we encourage them to access resources the

institution makes available. The HECC will post future state updates on our [Consumer Alerts page](#), and questions on state efforts may be directed to [info.pps@state.or.us](mailto:info.pps@state.or.us)."

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