



Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Professional Regulation

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VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted in 68 Illinois Administrative Code § 1175.110, I hereby grant a school licensed pursuant to Article IIID of the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding, and Nail Technology Act of 1985 (hereinafter “BCENT”), a variance from 68 Illinois Administrative Code § 1175.330(a), 1175.331(b), 1175.332(b), 1175.335(a), 1175.336(a), 1175.530(a), 1175.531(b), 1175.532(a), 1175.535(a), 1175.536(a), 1175.835(a), 1175.836(b), 1175.840(a), 1175.842(a), 1175.1135(a), 1175.1136(b), 1175.1140(a), 1175.1142(a), 1175.1535(a), 1175.1175.1540(a), which state, in part, that online hours in theory shall not exceed 10% of the hours required in subsequent subsections.

This Variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation initially issued on March 09, 2020 and most recently reissued on February 05, 2021.

In order to contain the spread of COVID-19, the Department has become aware that schools are closing campuses and moving to online instruction when possible. As a result, students at schools licensed pursuant to Article IIID of BCENT who have begun instruction through April 30, 2021 may end up exceeding the 10% limit for online theory courses and theory portions of practicum courses. This Variance shall be permitted to allow a school licensed under Article IIID of BCENT to teach online theory courses and theory portions of practicum courses in excess of the 10% of the hours of each subsection listed above, to a maximum of 50%. This Variance shall only apply to students considered current students prior to April 30, 2021. Pursuant to this Variance, coursework allowed to be done online shall exclude the following:

- Usage of hazardous chemicals
- Use of a razor on skin
- Application of eyelash extensions, tabs, and strips on skin
- Procedures outlined in 68 Illinois Administrative Code § 1175.530(e)(7), (8), & (9)
- Procedures outlined in 68 Illinois Administrative Code § 1175.530(f)(1), (2), (3), & (4)
- Procedures outlined in 68 Illinois Administrative Code § 1175.835(a)(3)(G), (H), (I), & (J)
- Procedures outlined in 68 Illinois Administrative Code § 1175.1135(a)(3)(A), (B), (C), and D)

Notwithstanding the aforementioned rules, this Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any other statute, rule, or regulation on curriculum requirements for schools licensed under Article IIID of BCENT. Said schools shall be subject to comply with all additional rules and regulations contained in BCENT and applicable administrative rules. This Variance shall expire April 30, 2021.

I have determined that the provisions from which this variance is granted are not statutorily mandated; no party will be injured by the granting of this variance; and the rules from which this variance is granted would, in this particular case, be unreasonable.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
of the State of Illinois
Deborah Hagan, SECRETARY, by



Cecilia Abundis, Acting Director
Division of Professional Regulation

February 9, 2021

Date