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# News Release: Updated schools associated with Florida investigation Operation Nightingale

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## **Nursing Commission names schools associated with Florida investigation and denies related nursing applications (update)**

*July 21, 2023, Tumwater, WA* – In conjunction with an ongoing investigation into the legitimacy of multiple Florida-based nursing schools, the Washington state Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) takes action to rescind licenses or deny applicant licenses associated with certain Florida-based nursing schools.

These schools have been identified as participants in the scheme to issue fraudulent nursing diplomas and supporting documents through a federal investigation known as *Operation Nightingale*. The federal agents involved in *Operation Nightingale* advise nursing regulatory bodies to carefully review any license applications associated with graduates of these programs.

### **Florida-based school list:**

- Carleen Health Institute
- Carleen Home Health School II
- Ideal Professional Institute, Inc.
- Jay College of Health LLC
- Med-Life Institute – West Palm Beach
- Med-Life Institute of South Florida

- Med-Life Institute School of Nursing
- Palm Beach School of Nursing
- Quisqueya Health Care Academy
- Quisqueya School of Nursing
- Sacred Heart International Institute Inc.
- Siena College of Health
- Siena College of Health II LLC
- Siena Education Center LLC
- Sigma College
- Sigma Institute of Health Careers
- Sunshine Academy
- Techni-Pro Institute
- The Enfimye Institute

**Employers are encouraged to verify the license of any new or existing employee.**

- For nurses with a single-state WA license, verify via the [DOH Provider Credential Search](#).
- For nurses with a multistate license (MSL) from other states, verify through [Nursys](#).

Employers should carefully review employees' or applicants' nursing education. Consider whether nurses received their nursing education from one of the schools identified above.

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