INFORMATION ON THE CLOSURE OF THE ART INSTITUTE-TX LOCATIONS

THE ART INSTITUTES INFORMED THECB THAT ALL LOCATIONS PERMANENTLY CLOSED AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING TEXAS LOCATIONS:

- The Art Institute of Austin, a branch of The Art Institute of Houston
 - o Address: 1204 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, TX 78602
- The Art Institute of Dallas, a branch of Miami International University of Art & Design
 - o Address: 8080 Park Ln, Ste 100, Dallas, TX 75231
- The Art Institute of Houston
 - o Address: 4140 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77027
- The Art institute of San Antonio, a branch of The Art Institute of Houston
 - o Address: 10000 IH-10 W, Suite 200, San Antonio, TX 78230

The Art Institutes CLOSED SCHOOL INFORMATION PAGE

Information updated as of November 3, 2023.

Students may check this information for additional information as it is received.

THE ART INSTITUTES CONTACTS

The Art Institutes has provided the following contacts. Due to the closure, students are encouraged to make necessary contacts as soon as possible.

Financial Aid Records are retained at Campus Ivy, 7771 W Oakland Park Blvd Suite 108, Sunrise, FL 33351.

Students can continue to **contact their respective campus with questions and/or requests through the end of 2023** as The Art Institutes will have limited academic and student financial aid staff available to assist students affected by the closure. Please feel free to reach out to the campus presidents for any additional updates that may be needed:

- LaToya Williams, Irwilliams@aii.edu
- Leslie Baughman, Ibaughman@aii.edu

Additional staff if needed:

- · Melanie Lindenmeyer, mlindenmeyer@aii.edu
- Denis Yevstifeyev, dyevstifeyev@aii.edu
- · Claude Brown, clbrown@aii.edu

OWNERSHIP FOR THE ART INSTITUTES AT TIME OF CLOSURE:

OWNER:

• Education Principle Foundation, 57 W 57th St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10019

ACCREDITATION

At the time of closure, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) (www.sacscoc.org) accredited The Art Institute of Houston and the Miami International University of Art & Design, along with the branch campuses. For more information on accreditation, please contact the institutional accreditor.

RECORDS

CATALOGS

The 2022-2023 Art Institute student catalog addendum which were in effect at the time of closure are available upon request by contacting the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at studentrecords@highered.texas.gov.

- The Houston catalog covers the Austin and San Antonio branch campuses.
- The Miami International University of Art & Design covers the Dallas branch campus.

Students are encouraged to retain a copy of the student catalog applicable to their programs for future reference. Other institutions often request additional information on courses taken or degree plans. Having the catalog as reference may assist students in transferring credits.

TRANSCRIPTS

The Art Institutes closed school page provides the following information:

To ensure that all current students including those on approved leaves of absences receive the necessary academic records required for possible transfer of credit to other institutions, **The Art Institutes** will mail each current student five official copies of their transcripts, at no cost to the student on or after October 1, 2023. Students who do not have current mailing addresses on file may experience a delay in receipt of the transcripts or may not receive their transcripts during this one and only mailing. [Please note: THECB is not part of this transcript mailing and can't answer questions on the status of a current student's transcript promised through this process.]

The National Student Clearinghouse provides 24/7 online transcript ordering. There is a fee (varies) for each transcript request. This is the only means to obtain a transcript for a closed Art Institute campus. Click here to request your transcript.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) is in the process of obtaining copies of transcripts. This process may take several weeks to complete. Once the transcripts have been processed, a student can request a copy of his/her transcript on file with THECB by completing a transcript request form on the <u>Student Academic Record or Transcript Requests</u> web page.

DIPLOMAS

The Art Institutes closed school page provides the following information:

Replacement Diplomas are available through the Registrar. This is the only means by which to obtain a diploma. Please email <u>aiiregistrar@aii.edu</u> to request a copy.

POSSIBLE TRANSFER PROGRAMS

THECB can't advise individual students on their best option for continuing education. Students are encouraged to research the best option for their situation. Students might consider accreditation, location, comparability between The Art Institute program and the transferring-in program, any preference for type of institution, and any financial or credit accommodations which an individual institution can provide.

THE ART INSTITUTES:

The Art Institutes will update on its closure page as transfer opportunities are identified.

The Art Institutes provided the following information on transfer and articulation agreements:

The Art Institutes have entered into formal transfer and/or articulation agreements with the following institutions that are ready to assist students complete their education. Please note that some programs are offered in both an on campus and an online format, which can provide opportunities to continue working toward your degree without relocating.

Schools with agreements. in alphabetical order.

Academy of Art University has over 120 art and design degree options and your transfer credits can open the door to fulfilling your art and design career.

- Agreement Signed.
- Online and on campus programs; undergraduate and graduate programs.
- Application fee and enrollment fee waived for Art Institute students.
- Ai Transfer Student Website: https://www.academyart.edu/art-institute-transfer-students/.
- Ai Transfer Application: https://www.academyart.edu/apply-for-admission-ait/.
- International Students: Please contact the Academy of Art University's International Admissions Manager, Najo Noaman, with any questions relating to continuing your studies in the United States. He can be reached at nnoaman@academyart.edu.
- Veteran Students: Please refer to the hybrid modality on The Art Institutes/Academy of Art University transfer page. To explore this and other exciting opportunities for our Military population contact John Belardo at jbelardo@academyart.edu.
- Transfer information session:
 - Wednesday, October 18, 7 p.m. Eastern. Please register here.
 - [THECB additional information: Website: <u>Art and Design School | Academy of Art University (academyart.edu)</u>.
 Accreditor: WASC Senior College and University Commission THECB-recognized accreditor.]

Barry University offers personalized, values-based education centered on experiential learning gives students the tools and real-world experience that transforms concepts into impact and produces graduates who are leaders in solving society's critical challenges. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)

- On campus programs in Miami Shores, Florida
- Website: To schedule a transfer credit review, please visit:

https://www.barry.edu/en/admissions/undergraduate/transfer-credit-review

Beulah Heights University

- Atlanta, Georgia
- Website: https://beulah.edu/
 - [THECB additional information: Website: Accreditor: Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) - THECB-recognized accreditor.]

Florida International University, Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management

- Biscayne Bay Campus, North Miami, Florida
- Online and on ground programs
- Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management
- Information Sesson: Oct6ober 19 at 3:00 p.m. or Thursday, November 16 at 3:00 p.m. Register Here
- Contact: Dawn Fagnan, Associate Director for College Recruiting. Schedule an appointment.
 - [THECB additional information: Website: Florida International University in Miami, FL (fiu.edu); Accreditor: Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)- THECB-recognized accreditor.]

Helms College

- Macon and Augusta, Georgia
- Culinary Arts programs only, offers certificate, diploma, and associate's degrees
- Entrance exams waived for Ai students
- Website: https://www.helms.edu/
 - [THECB additional information: Accreditor: Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) - THECB-recognized accreditor.]

Morris Brown University

- Atlanta, Georgia
- Hospitality Management students only.
- Website: https://morrisbrown.edu/
 - [THECB additional information: Accreditor: Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) - THECB-recognized accreditor.]

New York Film Academy

- South Beach, Miami Florida, New York City, Online and other global campuses
- Website for Ai Transfers: https://www.nyfa.edu/art-institutes-transfer-to-nyfa/
- Application fee, letters of recommendation, and creative portfolio requirement are waived for Ai transfers
- Transferability options for undergraduate programs
 - Ai Computer Animation (BFA) to NYFA 3D Animation and Visual Effects (BFA)
 - Ai Digital Filmmaking & Video Production (BFA) to NYFA Filmmaking (BFA)
 - Ai Digital Photography(BFA) to NYFA Photography (BFA)
 - Ai Digital Photography or Digital Image Management (Diploma) to NYFA Photography (Certificate)
 - Ai Game Art & Design (BFA) to NYFA Game Design (BFA)
 - Ai Media Arts & Animation (BFA) to NYFA 3D Animation and Visual Effects (BFA)
- Transferability options for graduate programs
 - Ai Design and Media Management (MA)
 - Ai Visual Arts (MFA)
- Students from all programs are encouraged to inquire about transferability into NYFA programs.
 - [THECB additional information: Accreditor: WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) -THECB-recognized accreditor.]

Piedmont University

- Piedmont University is a residential campus nestled in the foothills of the north Georgia mountains. Founded in 1897, Piedmont is a comprehensive liberal arts institution offering a variety of career-oriented majors in the arts and sciences, business, education, and nursing.
- On campus instruction in Demorest, Georgia
- Welcome Video from Piedmont Dean of the College of Arts and
 Sciences: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tMv5IWaHbNom1RGmnHHsqkbhkGfxJLiv/view?usp=sharing
- Virtual transfer sessions offered. For days and times, please contact: <u>bboonstra@piedmont.edu</u> or <u>ckelly@piedmont.edu</u>
- Website: https://www.piedmont.edu/academics/
- No Application Fee or Enrollment Fee
- Degree completion program developed for Art Institute students.
- BA in Art or BFA in Art with various concentration
- BA in Film Production
 - [THECB additional information: Accreditor: Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)- THECB-recognized accreditor.]

Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design

- Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design (RMCAD) is available to help Art Institute students as they start making decisions on next steps! This year, RMCAD is proud to celebrate 60 years as a college, 20 years on our historic campus, and 10+ years as a leader in online learning. Exceptional student support services
- Learn from anywhere online and campus programs available!
- Institutional and national accreditation
- Affordable tuition + Ai transfer grant of \$1,500 per semester to eligible students.
- Website for Ai students: https://www.rmcad.edu/admissions/art-institute-transfers/
- Contact an admissions representative, call 1-800-888-2787 and select option 1, or visit the information page to complete a contact form.
- Programs with direct transferability.
 - o Ai Audio Production (BS) to RMCAD Music Production (BFA)
 - Ai Digital Photography (AA/BFA) to RMCAD Photography (BFA)
 - o Ai Fashion Design (BFA) to RMCAD Fashion Design (BFA)
 - o Ai Game Art & Design (BFA) to RMCAD Game Art (BFA)
 - o Ai Graphic & Web Design (BFA), Graphic Design Concentration or Web Design
 - Concentration to RMCAD Graphic Design (BFA)
 - Ai Illustration (BFA) to RMCAD Illustrative Design (BFA)
 - Ai Interior Design (BFA) to RMCAD Interior Design (BFA)
 - Ai Media Arts & Animation (BFA) to RMCAD 2D Animation (BFA), 3D Animation (BFA), or Illustration –
 Concept Art Concentration (BFA)
 - Ai Visual Arts (BFA) to RMCAD Illustration (BFA)
 - Learn about the RMCAD programs here.
- Art Institute students currently pursuing an associate's degree, certificate, or diploma are eligible to apply for a BFA at RMCAD.
 - [THECB additional information: Accreditor: Higher Learning Commission (HLC) THECB-recognized accreditor.]

Virginia Wesleyan University

- Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Website: https://www.vwu.edu/
- VWU offers Ai related programs including Media and Communication (BA) and Music Production (BA Online).
 - [THECB additional information: Accreditor: Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)- THECB-recognized accreditor.]

The Art Institutes is working with the accrediting agency, Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Colleges to assist Texas students.

TEXAS INSTITUTIONS:

The Art Institute students can search <u>THECB's degree program search</u> for similar programs at public and private postsecondary institutions. Students can also search <u>TWC's Licensed Career Schools and Colleges Directory</u> for similar course areas of study.

Some Texas institutions may develop transfer options for The Art Institutes students. For specific informational pages, please see:

- Houston Community College
- Lone Star College
- KD Conservatory

- Brazosport College
- <u>University of Houston-Downtown</u>
- Dallas College

The Art Institutes has stated, "For any THECB licensed school that shows interest in providing The Art Institute students with transfer credit evaluations and assistance with accelerated acceptance and enrollment, we can support their outreach by emailing pertinent information to the students directly. In addition, if the schools are willing to hold an event, such as an Open House or Transfer Event, we could provide that information to students."

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS - PRIMARILY OUT-OF-STATE OR ONLINE:

The Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design (AICAD) provided the following background and transfer possibilities with several of its member institutions:

"We [AICAD] are a non-profit consortium of leading arts and design institutions across the US and Canada. While the Art Institute was not a member of our consortium, we wanted to assist impacted students who may be looking for an appropriate institution at which to continue and complete their studies. Many of our member institutions have dedicated transfer admissions counselors at the ready to assist impacted students".

Following is an AICAD-provided list of schools which it identified as prepared to assist with specific transfer admissions contacts and any additional assistance they are prepared to provide:

School	Admissions contact (name & email)	Special resources (waive application fee, transfer scholarships, etc.)
Art Academy of Cincinnati [THECB additional information: Website: https://www.artacademy.edu/ Accreditor: Higher Learning Commission - THECB- recognized accreditor.]	Nico Tsangaris, nico.tsangaris@artacademy.edu	No application fee, letters of rec, or personal statement essay. All applications are currently open for Spring 2024 and Fall 2024 at artacademy.edu. Transfer scholarships are available. Large, suite-style, oncampus housing assistance is available. Flexible start dates, dependent on student needs, are available. Financial aid and professional development guidance is available.
ArtCenter College of Design [THECB additional information: Website: https://www.artcenter.edu/ Accreditor: WASC Senior College and University Commission - THECB-recognized accreditor.]	Jocelynn Nobouphasavanh, Jocelynn.Nobouphasavanh@Artcenter.edu	Waive application fee; eligible for Transfer Student scholarships; transfer credit consideration.
California College of the Arts [THECB additional information: Website: https://www.cca.edu/ Accreditor: WASC Senior College and University Commission - THECB- recognized accreditor.]	transfer@cca.edu	Waive application fee; transfer scholarship available; on-campus transfer housing available; Spring 2024 and Fall 2024 applications open.
Cleveland Institute of Art [THECB additional information: Website: https://www.cia.edu Accreditor: Higher Learning Commission - THECB-recognized accreditor.]	tgreen@cia.edu	No application fee; spring & fall entrance available; scholarships/housing guaranteed; waived letters of recommendation.

School	Admissions contact (name & email)	Special resources (waive application fee, transfer scholarships, etc.)
College for Creative Studies [THECB additional information: Website: https://www.ccsdetroit.edu/ Accreditor: Higher Learning Commission - THECB- recognized accreditor.]	rshoemaker@ccsdetroit.edu	No application fee; winter and fall start terms available; transfer student scholarships; need-based aid consideration based on FAFSA submission; no letters of recommendation or essay required; website: ccsdetroit.edu.
Columbus College of Art & Design [THECB additional information: Website: https://www.ccad.edu/ Accreditor: Higher Learning Commission - THECB-recognized accreditor.]	Ashley Deal, adeal@ccad.edu	Waive application fee; no letters of recommendation or essay required. Transfer scholarships available, with the opportunity for additional financial aid support after FAFSA completion. Oncampus housing available. Application is currently open for Spring 2024 and Fall 2024 at ccad.edu.
Maine College of Art & Design [THECB additional information: Website: https://www.meca.edu/ Accreditor: New England Commission of Higher Education - THECB-recognized accreditor.]	Emily Brighi, ebrighi@meca.edu	No application fee; eligible for transfer merit scholarship up to \$19,000 per year; grant funds based on financial need; financial aid guidance; apartment-style on campus housing. We have a dedicated transfer Admissions Counselor and are here to help with your Spring 2024 or Fall 2024 application; meca.edu; @mecaart.
Maryland Institute College of Art [THECB additional information: Website: https://www.mica.edu/Accreditor: Middle States Commission on Higher Education - THECB-recognized accreditor.]	Jason Morgan, Jmorgan@mica.edu	Dedicated transfer admissions counselor. Waive application fee; oncampus housing available; Spring 2024 and Fall 2024 applications open. All students who apply will be reviewed for merit scholarships. Additional financial resources may be available through financial aid.

School	Admissions contact (name & email)	Special resources (waive application fee, transfer scholarships, etc.)
Massachusetts College of Art	Shannon Gallagher,	Waive application fee and letters of
& Design	sagallagher@massart.edu	recommendation; spring and fall 2024
[THECB additional		applications currently open.
information:		
Website: https://massart.edu/		
Accreditor: New England		
Commission of Higher		
Education - THECB-		
recognized accreditor.]		
Milwaukee Institute of Art &	matthewsothan@miad.edu	No application fee. Spring and Fall 2024
Design		applications are open. All students who
[THECB additional		apply will be reviewed for merit
information:		scholarship. Additional financial
Website:		resources may be available through
https://www.miad.edu/		financial aid.
Accreditor: Higher Learning		illianciai aiu.
Commission - THECB-		
recognized accreditor.]		
Moore College of Art & Design	sconniff@moore.edu	Waite and in the Calculation
,		Waive application fee. Scholarships
[THECB additional		available up to \$25,000. Priority
information:		transfer. Housing available in both
Website: https://moore.edu/		Spring and Fall.
Accreditor: Middle States		
Commission on Higher		
Education - THECB-		
recognized accreditor.]		
PNCA at Willamette	amiltenberger@willamette.edu	No application fee; spring and fall
University		entrance; scholarships starting at
[THECB additional		\$22,000 with an additional \$5,000 AI
information:		Transfer Scholarship (all renewable
Website:		annually), as well as additional grants
https://pnca.willamette.edu/		based on financial need. Transfer
Accreditor: Northwest		guidance as well as financial aid
Commission on Colleges and		guidance, No letters of recommendation
Universities - THECB-		
recognized accreditor.]		required. Help with housing.

School	Admissions contact (name & email)	Special resources (waive application fee, transfer scholarships, etc.)
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Sioban Lombardi slombardi@saic.edu	Waive application fee. Transfer scholarships available. Spring start.
[THECB additional information: Website: https://www.saic.edu/Accreditor: Higher Learning Commission - THECB-recognized accreditor.]		
University of the Arts [THECB additional information: Website: https://www.uarts.edu/Accreditor: Middle States Commission on Higher Education - THECB-recognized accreditor.]	Megan Kaulfers, mkaulfers@uarts.edu	Waive application fee; letters of recommendation optional; transfer scholarships available; spring and fall 2024 start terms open.
Woodbury University [THECB additional information: Website: https://woodbury.edu/ Accreditor: WASC Senior College and University Commission - THECB- recognized accreditor.]	Cynthia Cifuentes, cynthia.cifuentes@woodbury.edu	Application fee waivers available. Transfer merit scholarships of up to \$20,000 per year are available. Spring & Fall 2024 applications are open. Dedicated transfer admissions counselor.

STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCY CONTACTS

- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
 - o For questions on degree programs and transcripts.
 - o https://www.highered.texas.gov/
 - o Private Postsecondary Institutions Director: Cathie Maeyaert (cathie.maeyaert@highered.texas.gov)
 - o Private Postsecondary Institutions Manager: Paul Shuler (<u>paul.shuler@highered.texas.gov</u>)
 - Transcript Repository Specialist: Kathy Ivey (<u>kathy.ivey@highered.texas.gov</u>; <u>studentrecords@highered.texas.gov</u>)
- Texas Veterans Commission
 - o For questions on veterans' benefits.
 - o https://www.tvc.texas.gov/education/
 - Veterans Education Program Director: David Salgado (education@tvc.texas.gov)
- US Department of Education, Student Financial Aid
 - For questions on federal student financial aid and possible loan discharge, students should send inquiries through <u>studentaid.gov</u> or by calling 1-800-433-3243.
 - General information on student loans, forgiveness: https://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-college.html?src=rn
 - Closed school discharge information: https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/closed-school
 - Recorded webinar and general fact sheet for The Art Institute students: Look for information under <u>Art Institute</u>, The (September 2023 Closure)

CONSUMER PROTECTION COMPLAINTS

Students may contact the Texas Office of Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division regarding filing a consumer complaint.

- https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection
- Online complaint form: https://txoag.secure.force.com/CPDOnlineForm/
- Consumer Protection Hotline: 1.800.621.0508

QUALIFYING EVENT FOR DEGREE STUDENTS TUITION RECOVERY

The Art Institutes were required to maintain a surety instrument sufficient to allow fulfillment of its educational obligations of the <u>current term</u> to its enrolled students if the institution violated any minimum standard which resulted in loss of prepaid tuition or fees or was unable to continue to provide instruction to its enrolled students. THECB has determined that the September 30, 2023 closure was a Qualifying Event in which a student or enrollee of the school or his/her parent or quardian may be determined to have suffered loss of tuition or fees.

The following programs were offered at the time of closure under a Certificate of Authorization issued by THECB.

Degree students may qualify for tuition and fee reimbursement. An application claim form and additional information is available HERE. Claims must be initiated with a completed application claim form within 12 months of a Qualifying Event.

- AAA-Fashion Design (Dallas)
- AAA-Graphic Design (Dallas)
- AAA-Graphic & Web Design (Dallas)
- AAS-Baking and Pastry (Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio)
- AAS-Culinary Arts (Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio)
- AAS-Digital Filmmaking & Video Production (Dallas)
- AAS-Digital Photography (Dallas)
- AAS-Graphic Design (Austin, Houston, San Antonio)
- AAS-Restaurant & Catering Management (Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio)
- AAS-Web Design and Interactive Media (Austin, Houston, San Antonio)
- BFA-Advertising (Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio)
- BFA-Digital Filmmaking & Video Production (Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio)
- BFA-Digital Photography (Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio)
- BFA-Fashion Design (Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio)
- BFA-Fashion Marketing & Management (Dallas)
- BFA-Game Art & Design (Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio)
- BFA-Graphic & Web Design (Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio)
- BFA-Graphic Design (Houston, San Antonio)
- BFA-Interior Design (Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio)
- BFA-Media Arts & Animation (Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio)
- BFA-Web Design & Interactive Media (Dallas, San Antonio)
- BS-Audio Production (Austin, Dallas, Houston)
- BS-Culinary Management (Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio)
- BS-Design & Technical Graphics (Austin, San Antonio)
- BS-Fashion & Retail Management (Austin, Houston, San Antonio)
- BS-Food and Beverage Management (Austin, San Antonio)
- BS-Hospitality Management (Austin, San Antonio)
- BS-Visual Effects and Motion Graphics (Austin, Houston, San Antonio)
- MA-Design and Media Management (Dallas)