



## **OBPVS / OKLAHOMA BOARD OF PRIVATE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS**

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### **1<sup>st</sup> OBPVS Update to Former Vatterott College Students For issue to known Email Addresses on December 22, 2018**

By now, you know that **Vatterott College ("Vatterott")** at **4843 S. 118<sup>th</sup> East Ave.** in **Tulsa, OK** closed on Monday, December 17, 2018. The Tulsa campus closed at the same time as about (15) other Vatterott College and related Schools in (4) other states. For a while, Vatterott will keep a small administrative staff in Missouri that will manage the School's Website, work on Transfer (Teach-Out) Agreements, issue Transcripts for the students actively enrolled on December 17<sup>th</sup>, then work to make permanent arrangements for Transcript retention.

#### **What to Do & Where To Start**

The OBPVS was the State Agency that licensed the Tulsa Vatterott College. **The OBPVS Staff will from time-to-time email updates to you, just like this one, or send regular mail.** That means ***it is very important*** for you to contact the OBPVS by emailing [angela.moore@obpvs.ok.gov](mailto:angela.moore@obpvs.ok.gov) OR by telephoning the Agency during business hours (405/528-3370) to:

- **1<sup>st</sup> - CHECK to be SURE that the Contact Information that Vatterott gave to us is current and correct.** Of the students that contacted us so far, about 1/3 asked us to make corrections! The Contact details we need include: mailing and email addresses and the best telephone number for us to reach you only when absolutely necessary.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> - Let us know if/when any of your Contact Information changes over the coming months.**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> - Periodically check your email and WATCH for more emails from the OBPVS.**
- **4<sup>th</sup> - If we email you and ask you to call us or leave a voicemail message for you, please do call us back as quickly as you can!**

The OBPVS will try not to issue updates until we are ***as certain as possible*** about the information we will be sharing. This 1<sup>st</sup> Update contains sections of information about:

- Veterans Resources
- Vatterott's Vital, Miscellaneous Information
- Federal Student Financial Aid Resources and Private Student Loans

#### **Veterans Resources**

Please refer to the 1-Page Flyer attached as Page 3 of this Update.

#### **Vatterott's Vital, Miscellaneous Information**

**Right away, start using** the Website [www.vatterott.edu](http://www.vatterott.edu) The site has been transformed into a **Post-Closing Information Center** for Students. Currently, details near the top tell you about **getting your personal property back** and **Transcripts** (with a Link to obtain a Transcript if you graduated or left Vatterott before the 12/17/2018 Closure). Or, here is the Link to Vatterott's Transcript Request Form:

<http://www.vatterott.edu/okc/VEC%20Transcript%20request.pdf>

Vatterott's Site is also being updated with a **list of the Schools that, so far, have volunteered to meet with you to consider accepting you for Transfer**. Soon, the OBPVS expects details to be added to the Vatterott Site about the formal Teach-Out Arrangements for which contracts have been approved by Vatterott's Accreditor (the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges), the Department, and the OBPVS.

**What's a Teach-Out?** It's an Agreement between Vatterott and another School to accept any/all Students in a Program who **choose** to Transfer. The Vatterott Program is already assessed, a crosswalk created, and a determination made for ALL students applying how many Transfer Credits the successor School can award. Unlike an ordinary Transfer, your Program won't have to be assessed; it's done.

### **Federal Student Financial Aid Resources**

For details about Perkins or other Direct Federal Loans, **USE Federal Websites!** Later, you may receive information straight from the U.S. Department of Education ("Department") or your Loan Servicer. The Department plans to provide a series of free Webinars about Financial Aids. If those are handled like the Department's past Webinars, a "saved" Webinar will later be posted, on-line.

- **Step # 1** – To access and search *extensive* Department and Financial Aid information, go to [StudentAid.gov/closures](http://StudentAid.gov/closures) - OR –  
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/announcements/closed-school>
  - The top of the Page provides Links to Student Loan topics a lot of callers have asked us.
  - Then, Scroll down and look for the **Vatterott College** row of the **Closed School Listing**. Once there, click on the "**Oklahoma Fact Sheet**" (in the middle column), or watch the right column for a listing of available **Webinars**.
  - **The Fact Sheet will provide an enormous amount of information for you!**
  - When you visit, also notice the Frequently Asked Questions that appear immediately BELOW the List of Closed Schools.
  
- **Step #2** - The OBPVS and other States were advised that Vatterott will be working to update/finalize Student Title IV amounts. This step takes some time! Periodically, until you see the posted, final information, go to the Federal site [www.NSLDS.ed.gov](http://www.NSLDS.ed.gov) (stands for National Student Loan Data System) to access information about **your** Loan History, and to print a History to review and to retain.
  
- **Step #3** – If you decide to apply for a Closed School (or other) Discharge, it takes an actual Application. **It is NOT automatic**. After completing the portions of the Application that have to be returned, submit those pages to **YOUR LOAN SERVICER** (there's a list on page 4 of the **Fact Sheet**). Please do **NOT** submit the Application to the OBPVS. We **cannot** process the Application. If you start the process: 1) Keep a copy of the Discharge Application; be **sure** to 2) write down where you sent it and on what day; and 3) then LOG all future contacts about that application.

### **Private Loans**

Contact the Lender directly to see what options you may have.  
A Federal Loan action does not impact or address a private loans.

**Remember!** If you haven't already done so,  
**contact the OBPVS to confirm/correct the Contact Info.** on-file for you  
**AND keep on watching your email for future updates!**



## Contact Information for VA Education Benefits

### Oklahoma State Accrediting Agency Information (OKSAA)

Website: [www.ok.gov/saa](http://www.ok.gov/saa)

Group Email: [oksaa@saa.ok.gov](mailto:oksaa@saa.ok.gov)

Address: 4045 Northwest 64th Street, Suite 205, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116

Main Phone Line: (405) 879-9600

Fax: (405) 879-3400

### United States Department of Veteran Affairs Information

VA Educational Phone Line: (888) 442-4551

Website: [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/gibillEducation](http://www.facebook.com/gibillEducation)

Ask A Question (Secure VA Communications Portal):

[https://gibill.custhelp.com/app/utills/login\\_form/redirect/ask](https://gibill.custhelp.com/app/utills/login_form/redirect/ask)

### Helpful Links:

GI Bill® Comparison Tool: <https://www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool>

WEAMS (Search Schools and Employers):

<https://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/searchInst.do#content-area>

VA GI Bill Feedback/Complaint System: [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/feedback.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/feedback.asp)



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