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 by [g-gollin](#) on Tue May 12, 2009 2:07 pm

[Wendy Halloran](#), award-winning investigative reporter for [WHNT news](#) will run the first of three consecutive stories on diploma mills tonight at 10 pm CDT.

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[Re: WHNT- Huntsville, Alabama story tonight](#)

 by [John Bear](#) on Thu May 14, 2009 6:55 am

This is an extremely important piece of investigative journalism. The findings on people with phony degrees in high military positions is impressively scary.

Irony here is that four years ago, I was invited to be the keynote speaker at the Dept. of Defense's every-3-years huge educational conference, and to shake them up with diploma mill information. 4,000 officers and education specialists. That afternoon, a 3-star General told me that he had just ordered 1,500 copies of my diploma mills book (he did!), and would put one on the desk of every key person under his command.

Of course at the time (irony 2), the head of Human Resources for the entire Dept. of Defense, Dick Abell, himself had a phony Master's degree. When Good Morning America exposed him (Rich Douglas, Allen Ezell and I were all on the program), the DoD response was that this was unimportant, because his job did not require a Master's degree. (ABC pointed out he was also a friend of Rumsfeld. And, in his new lobbyist/consultant role, he is still claiming that degree.)

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[Re: WHNT- Huntsville, Alabama story tonight](#)

 by [Eric](#) on Sun May 17, 2009 5:37 pm

Very interesting report.

But one sided!

SRU was very believable site. With supposed liberian board of education accreditation, making some RA universities accept students to their Master / graduate school with SRU undergrad degrees or even

in to post graduate degree programs.

I understand that no work for degree is immediately red light. But we do have valid APEL, VAE and similar portfolio assessments that do take persons career experience, training and expertise and award for that academic credential.

As I hold MCGI from City and Guilds Institute based on Portfolio.

My MCGI cost me a trip to London for interview welll I fly there a lot anyway.
And portfolio of avidace , documets signed by HR and Directors of companies that employed me, my other academic credentials, specialized vendor training and consulting training.

NACES charter member evaluated my credentials from City and Guilds establishing equivalency of my LCGI, GCGI and MCGI to us Bachelors and Masters degree from RA university.

TO obtain this credentials took months but to earn them took many years (25 or so).

I understand the serious nature of this report and issue and the open vulnerability to blackmail and national security but so is adultery and other activities of persons , they to open door for blackmail.

I think going to University to earn degree is the traditional way but there are non traditional ways. As long as it done with integrity and provided by recognized accredited body.

Not the case on this report. But this reporters need to be informed that such APEL and VAE routs exist to provide valid ethical full academic degrees to experienced people and not necessary years of study in classroom of university.
Eric

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[Re: WHNT- Huntsville, Alabama story tonight](#)

 by [g-gollin](#) on Sun May 17, 2009 6:00 pm

The next segment will run on May 20 and will include an interview with Congressman Tim Bishop (NY01), a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor and Judith Eaton, president of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Did you watch the 19 minute interview with Sgt. Major Gills? What a marvelously articulate, well-spoken fellow he is! I thought he described the army's concerns with the issue clearly and in depth.