



MODIFIED CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To: Kern Valley Career Center, LLC., dba Kern Valley Medical College (formerly known as Kern Valley Career Institute) 1401 Commercial Way Suite 220 Bakersfield, CA, 93309 Institution Code: 70166218	Citation Number: 25260309
	Total Fine Amount: \$5,000.00
	Order of Abatement Included: Yes

Elizabeth Elias issues this modified citation in her official capacity as Bureau Chief at the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, California Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau").

LICENSING HISTORY

1. On or about March 7, 2024, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 70166218, to Kern Valley Career Center, LLC. dba Kern Valley Medical College (formerly known as Kern Valley Career Institute), hereinafter referred to as the "Institution." This Approval to Operate will expire on or about March 7, 2029, unless renewed.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

2. The Institution has no prior discipline history

CITATION JURISDICTION

3. This administrative citation is issued to the Institution pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) section 75020 et seq. for the violation(s) described below.

CITATION HISTORY

4. On or about June 29, 2026, the Bureau issued Citation No. 25260309. On or about July 6, 2026, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an

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informal conference. The informal conference was held on August 4, 2026. New substantive information was presented during the informal conference; therefore, the Bureau modifies the citation as follows:

**CAUSE FOR CITATION &
MODIFIED ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND/OR ORDER OF ABATEMENT**

5. The Institution is in violation of the following Bureau laws and regulations:

Violation #1:

5 CCR section 76140 – Record-Keeping Requirements and 5 CCR section 71930(a) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about August 21, 2025, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). As part of the inspection process, Bureau staff mailed an Announced Inspection Letter which requested the Institution's supporting documentation to substantiate the data reported on the Institution's Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) form for the 4th quarter reporting period of 2024 and the 1st quarter reporting period of 2025, prior to the onsite inspection. The Institution failed to provide the required STRF supporting documents within 14 days upon written request, pursuant to 5 CCR section 76140.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class B" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,001.00

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$1,001.00 to \$500.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a "Class B" violation to "Class D" violation.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and will ensure that the substantiating data for STRF is maintained in an electronic format and readily available to a Bureau representative upon request pursuant to 5 CCR sections 76140 and 71930. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

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Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #2:

CEC section 94902(b)(3) – General Enrollment Requirements and CEC section 94912 – Signature, Initials Required

Cause for Citation: On or about August 21, 2025, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed seven student files and found that all seven of the student files reviewed failed to contain a School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS) which is a required institutional record.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a “Class A” violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$2,501.00.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$2,501.00 to \$1,500.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a “Class A” violation to “Class B” violation.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records follow the law pursuant to CEC sections 94902 and 94912. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that all student records contain signed and dated SPFS. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #3:

CEC section 94902(a) – General Enrollment Requirements and 5 CCR section 71920(b)(3) – Student Records

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Cause for Citation: On or about August 21, 2025, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed seven student files and found that three of the student files reviewed contained enrollment agreements that were not fully executed. The enrollment agreements did not contain a signature of an authorized employee of the institution, a general enrollment requirement.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$5,000.00.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$5,000.00 to \$1,500.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a "Class A" violation to "Class B" violation.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records follow the law pursuant to CEC section 94902 and 5 CCR section 71920. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that all student records contain signed enrollment agreements. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

Violation #4:

5 CCR section 71800(c) and (d) – Enrollment Agreement

Cause for Citation: On or about August 21, 2025, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed seven student files and found that the Institution failed to fill in required information on the student's enrollment agreement pursuant to 5 CCR section 71800; specifically, subsections (c) and (d).

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$2,501.00.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$2,501.00 to \$1,500.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a "Class A" violation to "Class B" violation.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure the Institution fully executes its enrollment agreements with students. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure enrollment agreement contains all required information. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed.

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

6. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5 CCR sections 75020 and 75040, the Bureau issues the order(s) of abatement described above. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement must be submitted to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of issuance of this modified citation. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement may sent by mail or email to:
 - Mail: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Attn: Discipline Unit – Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225
Sacramento, CA 95834
 - Email: bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov
 - In the subject line, please include the Institution name and citation number.

COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSMENT OF FINE

7. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936, and 5 CCR section 75020 et seq., the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fines in the total amount of \$5,000.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of

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service of this modified citation. To assist the Bureau in processing the payment of fines, please submit the enclosed *Payment of Fine – Waiver of Appeal* form.

Payment must be sent to the Bureau by mail at:

- Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Attn: Discipline Unit – Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225
Sacramento, CA 95834

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

8. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75040(d), the modified decision is considered final, unless a request for a hearing was filed timely.

If the Institution requested a hearing and no longer chooses to proceed with the hearing, the Institution may request to withdraw the request for a hearing.

COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE

9. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75050, payment of the fine and/or compliance with any order of abatement does not constitute an admission of the violation charged and shall be represented as satisfactory resolution of the matter for the purposes of public disclosure.

Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75050, failure to comply with this citation order, its order of abatement, and/or administrative fine by the required due date is grounds for denial or discipline of an approval to operate. Where a citation is not contested and fine is not paid, the full amount of the assessed fine shall be added to the fee for renewal of the approval to operate. An approval to operate shall not be renewed without payment of the renewal fee and fine. The Bureau may also enforce the administrative fine as if it were a money judgment pursuant to CEC section 94936.

BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION

10. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi, Citation Analyst by email at Aurzella.Izmarai@dca.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 574-7344.

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Elizabeth Elias
Bureau Chief

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Enclosures:

- Payment of Fine
- Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Hearing
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail