

# DEGREE / DIPLOMA MILLS

Sometimes IEHPs may submit another credential, for example, a Registered Nurse (RN) who presents a post graduate degree in naturopathic medicine during the recruitment and selection process. In this case the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) would have assessed the applicant's credential in nursing and not in naturopathic medicine. What if this credential is issued by a diploma mill organization?

The following is a list of resources to help you understand diploma mills. However, the best way to identify a diploma mill is to have an assessment agency verify the credential.

## Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)

<http://www.chea.org/degremills/default.htm>

This site posts valuable information about diploma mills or degree mills:

- General information about the definition of a diploma mill
- Combating site-based and distance-based degree mills – Suggestions for effective practice
- CHEA/UNESCO Statement on Effective Practice to Discourage Degree Mills in Higher Education

## US Department of Education: Diploma Mills

<http://www2.ed.gov/students/prep/college/diplomamills/diploma-mills.html>

This website gives helpful information about how to identify a diploma or degree mill.

## GetEducated.com: The Consumer's Guide to Online Education

<http://www.geteducated.com/diploma-mill-police>

This article provides information on operations that may be online degree mills.

## eLearners.com: Information about Diploma Mills

<http://www.elearners.com/online-education-resources/degrees-and-programs/diploma-mills/>

This resource also provides information concerning how to determine if an online program is legitimate.