

RESTRAINING ORDER

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July 7, 2010

Shereen Sanjevi Gendron
Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training Center Inc. operating as Rainbow Montessori
Teacher Training
1160 Maitland Avenue, Suite 104
Ottawa, ON K2C 2C2

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105 Baroness Drive
Ottawa, ON K2G 6S2

Attention: Shereen Sanjevi Gendron, Director

This is a **Restraining Order** issued under the authority of section 46 of the Private Career Colleges Act, 2005 (PCCA, 2005). As the Superintendent of Private Career Colleges, I HEREBY ORDER Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training Center Inc. operating as Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training (Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training) TO STOP OPERATING IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE *PRIVATE CAREER COLLEGES ACT, 2005* (PCCA, 2005).

The detailed reasons supporting my order are set out in Schedule A, attached. In brief, Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training is:

- advertising an unregistered private career college and advertising unapproved vocational programs, contrary to sections 11(1) and (2) of the PCCA, 2005, respectively.

Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training must provide written confirmation signed by a person with authority to bind the school, together with all available supporting evidence, that the steps outlined below have been taken. This written confirmation

must be delivered **immediately** by registered mail or courier to my attention and confirm that Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training:

- has stopped advertising an unregistered Private Career College and unapproved vocational programs that require approval.

If Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training is currently providing unapproved vocational programs as an unregistered Private Career College, these actions would be contrary to sections 7 and 8 of the PCCA, 2005 respectively. Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training would then be required to **immediately** take the steps outlined below in this order to comply with the PCCA, 2005.

Specifically, Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training:

- must stop operating an unregistered Private Career College;
- must stop providing unapproved vocational programs that require approval;
- must stop enrolling students into unapproved vocational programs that require approval;
- must provide the ministry with a list including the names and addresses of all current and former students;
- must provide refunds to students who were enrolled in unapproved vocational programs that require approval;
- must not hold, directly or indirectly, any monies owing to current, former, or prospective students of unapproved vocational programs that require approval;
- must hold student files to be available for the Superintendent's staff to review; and
- must not reopen as a Private Career College until such time, if any, as it has been registered.

Consequences of Failure to Comply with this Order

Failure to comply with this order may result in any or all of the following actions by the Superintendent:

1. Application for a court order from the Superior Court of Justice to Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training to comply;
2. The issuance of further Administrative Monetary Penalties.
3. Prosecution for offences under the Act. Upon conviction by a court of that offence
 - a. a corporation is subject to a fine of up to \$250,000;
 - b. an individual is subject to a fine of up to \$100,000, a prison term of up to one year, or both; and
 - c. an officer or director of a corporation who concurs in the commission of the offence, is subject to a fine of up to \$25,000, a prison term of up to one year, or both.

Obtaining a Copy of the PCCA, 2005

As noted above, the applicable legislation is the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005* and the regulations made thereunder. The legislation and regulations are available at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca. If you are unable to access any relevant information on e-laws, you may contact our offices at (416) 314-0500 to request that a copy of the legislation and regulations be sent to you.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Allan Scott
Superintendent
Private Career Colleges

Attachments: Schedule A – Detailed Reasons for Decision

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Contravention of section 11 of the PCCA, 2005 - Restrictions on advertising and soliciting

An internet search conducted on July 6, 2010 illustrates Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training is advertising itself as a private career college and advertising unapproved vocational programs on the website belonging to the institution (<http://www.rainbowmontessorischool.ca/rmtt.htm>).

The institution's webpage advertises the existence of its Teacher Training Course for becoming a Montessori Teacher, as follows:

Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training

Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training
RMTT

Where there's a rainbow, there's a future.

Course Level

Brochure

Application

Reading List

Student Handbook

Calendar

Contact Us

Dear friend,

Thank you for your interest in our program.

We are offering the Teacher Training Course in order to provide you with skills you'll need to become a Montessori educator.

We are dedicated to providing you with the best, most diverse, and challenging Montessori education.

Whatever career path you chose to follow, the RMTT program will offer you the necessary skills to be the best you can be!

I invite you to experience the joy and fulfillment of educating children, by enrolling in our course.

My warmest regards

Agata Attersoll (RMTT Founder, CASA Program Director)

<http://www.rainbowmontessorischool.ca/RMTT.htm>[07/06/2010 10:15:11 AM]

The institution's website contains the following headings: course level, brochure, application, reading list, student handbook, calendar and contact us.

The “Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training RMTT” brochure which can be downloaded from the institution’s website (<http://www.rainbowmontessorischool.ca/rmtt.htm>) provides the institution’s address (1160 Maitland Ave, Ottawa, ON K2C 2C2) telephone number (613-596-3461), fax number (613-596-3462) email address (rainbowmontessori@bellnet.ca) and website (www.rainbowmontessorischool.ca). The brochure provides a description of Montessori education and specifies that “completion of the RMTT Early Childhood program qualifies you to become a Montessori Educator in the three to six year age level.” A description of the course of study, including the practicum phase, and lecture schedule from July 6, 2009 until July 9, 2010 is referenced.

The 20 page Student Handbook found on the institution’s website reads “You have chosen to enrol in the Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training Early Childhood Education Course;” and provides the following detailed information:

- The duration of the course is 12 months from July 2009 – July 2010;
- Successful completion of the course earns students a certificate, qualifying them for work at the Primary (ages 3 through 6) level at Montessori schools;
- “The year is broken down into two parts: “the Theory” and “the Practicum”. The theory takes place in the summer (July 2009 and August 2009)... The Practicum begins in September 2009 and lasts for ten months until June 2010...The cycle ends with one week in July 2010, where the student will participate in final, oral examinations to determine the success rate of the student’s progress;”
- Tuition costs are \$6800. There is a \$500 non-refundable deposit fee. A \$150 certification fee is included in the fees and is applied, after the successful completion of the course, to the certification process;
- Course oral examinations take place between Monday, July 5th, 2010 – Friday, July 9th, 2010; and
- Important dates during the school term, attendance policies, description of course content, expected performance and standards for completion, units and grading, information about instructors for the course, student assessment and evaluation, grievance procedures, policies and procedures for dismissal, responsibilities and rights of the student at their placement school and information about handing in assignments.

An application form for 2009-2010 can be downloaded from the institution’s website which is entitled “Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training.” The form specifies a registration fee of \$500 and tuition fees of \$6800. The downloadable school calendar on the institution’s website spans from July 2009 until July 2010 and indicates oral examinations are scheduled to take place between July 5 and 8, 2010.

The contact page indicates Judi Keenan should be contacted for admissions questions and states “*Contact us soon, spaces are limited.*”

Teacher training is considered a vocation under the PCCA, 2005 requiring registration. Early Childhood Educators and Assistants fall under federal NOC Code 4214.

As Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training's Montessori Teacher training is over 40 hours and exceeds \$1000 in cost, the institution is in contravention of section 11 of the PCCA, 2005 for advertising an unregistered private career college and an unapproved vocational program.

BACKGROUND

Prescreening and Registration Application

Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training pre-screened its Montessori Teacher Training Program for Early Childhood Education with the Ministry and was advised on Thursday, February 12, 2009 that the program required the approval of the Superintendent of Private Career Colleges as it is intended to provide students with the skills and knowledge required to obtain employment in a recognized vocation.

Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training submitted an application for registration of its Montessori Teacher Training Program for Early Childhood Education which is 862.50 hours in length and costs \$8300. However, to date Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training has not been registered as a private career college nor received approval by the Superintendent of Private Career Colleges to offer this program.

Legal and Operating Entities

A corporate search conducted on July 6, 2010 indicates Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training Center Inc. is registered as an Ontario corporation and was incorporated on March 2, 2010. The legal name of the corporation is Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training Center Inc. The registered corporate name is Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training.

The registered office address is 1160 Maitland Avenue, Suite 104, Ottawa, Ontario, K2C 2C2.

There is 1 director listed: Shereen Sanjevi Gendron.

Another Ontario corporation, Rainbow Montessori School Inc., is registered at 1160 Maitland Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K2C 2C2. There is no Suite number specified in this registration. It was incorporated on July 1, 2005 and Shereen Gendron is listed as the Director and Officer in a number of capacities (Treasurer, Past President and Secretary).

REQUIRED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE:

Written confirmation that Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training:

- has stopped advertising an unregistered Private Career College and unapproved vocational programs that require approval.

NOTE: Nothing in this Order prevents Rainbow Montessori Teacher Training from advertising or operating a Montessori school for children.