

## Links to Guidance for Verifying Applicant Education

Good examinations, reference checks and probationary periods help to protect against the hiring of unqualified employees. However, there exists the possibility of applicant fraud. For example, there are “diploma mills” on the internet which can be used to create documents that do not accurately represent genuine knowledge, skills and abilities acquired through legitimate accredited education.

Listed below are several links that may be useful in further verifying applicant information.

### **US Fed Trade Commission brochure for HR: “Avoid Fake-Degree Burns”**

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/buspubs/diplomamills.shtm>

### **US Department of Education Database of Accredited Post-Secondary Institutions and Programs**

<http://www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>

### **For verifying that education acquired in a foreign country is recognized, please refer to the following website:**

<http://www.grad.wisc.edu/admin/iadmiss/countrylist.html>

This website provides a list of foreign universities whose undergraduate education is recognized by the University of Wisconsin (UW) as being equivalent to an undergraduate degree in the United States. However, this list is not exhaustive and contains the names of foreign institutions from which the UW receives the largest number of applications. This means that, if a specific university is not on the list, it **cannot** be assumed that education gained through that university is not equivalent to an undergraduate degree in the United States. Rather, it should be used as a guide.