

Report from the Accrediting Commission

March 3, 2015

In accordance with its procedure for Notification and Information Sharing (Section D(3), Procedures, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*) and 34 Code of Federal Regulations §602.26(a)(1)&(2), the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC or the Commission) will provide written notice to the U.S. Secretary of Education, the appropriate state licensing or authorizing agencies, and appropriate accrediting agencies at the same time it notifies the institution of the decisions to accredit or reaccredit an institution and no later than 30 days after the Commission makes its decision. The Commission provides notice of its accreditation decisions to the public on its website. This is a report of the actions taken by the DEAC at its meeting held January 30, 2015.

Please also note that the Commission reviewed its accreditation standards and policies to include the implementation of changes to Section III of the Business Standards that went into effect on January 1, 2015. Following the announcement of accreditation decisions listed below; please see an announcement of proposed changes (call for public comment) to the *DEAC Accreditation Handbook* and clarifications that support the implementation of these standards.

Grant of Accreditation

EC-Council University

Dr. Sanjay Bavisi, President
6330 Riverside Plaza Lane, NW, Suite 210
Albuquerque, NM 87120
www.eccuni.us
info@eccuni.us
(505) 922-2886
Accredited Programs
Degree

Founded in 2003
Renewal of Accreditation in 2018

- Master of Security Science
- Graduate Certificates
 - Information Security Professional
 - Information Technology Analyst
 - Digital Forensics
 - Disaster Recovery
 - Executive Leadership in Information Assurance

The Commission awarded EC-Council University an initial grant of accreditation for a three-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs. The institution has been found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation.

Renewal of Accreditation

American Sentinel University

Ms. Mary Adams, President
2260 South Xanadu Way, Suite 310
Aurora, CO 80014
www.americansentinel.edu
info@AmericanSentinel.edu
(800) 729-2427

Founded in 2000
Initial accreditation 2005
Renewal of Accreditation in 2020

Accredited Programs

- Bachelor of Science Nursing (RN to BSN)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice – Educational Leadership
- Doctor of Nursing Practice – Executive Leadership
- Infection Prevention Control Certificate
- Master of Business Administration Healthcare
- Master of Science Business Intelligence and Analytics
- Master of Science Information Systems Management
- Master Science Nursing – Case Management
- Master of Science Nursing – Education
- Master of Science Nursing – Infection Prevention and Control
- Master of Science Nursing – Informatics
- Master of Science Nursing – Management Leadership
- Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science Nursing/Master of Science Nursing – Case Management
- Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science Nursing/Master of Science Nursing – Nursing Education
- Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science Nursing/Master of Science Nursing – Infection Prevention and Control
- Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science Nursing/Master of Science Nursing – Informatics
- Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science Nursing/Master of Science Nursing – Management Leadership
- Associate of Science Geographic Information Systems
- Bachelor of Science Geographic Information Systems
- Graduate Certificate Geospatial Information Systems
- Master Computer Science and Healthcare Computing
- Master Geospatial Information Systems
- Master Health Care Informatics
- Accelerated Master of Business Administration – General Management
- Associate of Science Business Administration
- Associate of Science Computer Science

- Associate of Science Information Systems
- Bachelor of Science Business – Management
- Bachelor of Science Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science Business Administration – Finance
- Bachelor of Science Business Administration – Healthcare Management
- Bachelor of Science Business Administration – Human Resources Management
- Bachelor of Science Business Administration – Leadership
- Bachelor of Science Business Administration – Management
- Bachelor of Science Business Administration – Marketing
- Bachelor of Science Computer Science (aka BS Computer Science, Software Development)
- Bachelor of Science Computer Science, Game Programming Specialization
- Bachelor of Science Health Informatics
- Bachelor of Science Information Systems
- Bachelor of Science Information Systems Security (aka BS Information Security)
- Bachelor of Science Information Technology (aka BS Information Technology Networking)
- Bachelor of Science Management Information Systems
- Bachelor of Science Technology Management
- Bachelor of Science Web Design and Development
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science Business Intelligence
- Master of Science Information Systems
- Master of Science Nursing
- Master of Science Health Systems Management
- Registered Nurse to Master of Science Nursing
- Registered Nurse to Master of Science Nursing – Case Management
- Registered Nurse to Master of Science Nursing – Education
- Registered Nurse to Master of Science Nursing – Infection Prevention and Control
- Registered Nurse to Master of Science Nursing – Informatics
- Registered Nurse to Master of Science Nursing – Management Leadership
- Master of Science Computer Science
- Master of Science Computer Science – Computer Programming
- Master of Science Computer Science – Information Systems Security

The Commission awarded American Sentinel University a renewal of accreditation without conditions for a five-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs. The institution was found to meet or exceed the Commission's standards for accreditation.

Apollos University

Dr. Paul Eidson, President
17011 Beach Boulevard, Suite 900
Huntington Beach, CA 92647
www.apollos.edu
info@apollos.edu
(714) 841-6252

Founded in 2005
Initial Accreditation 2012
Renewal of Accreditation in 2020

Accredited Programs

- Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Master of Science in Organizational Management
- Master of Business Administration
- Doctor of Business Administration

The Commission awarded Apollos University a renewal of accreditation without conditions for a five-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs. The institution was found to meet or exceed the Commission's standards for accreditation.

Aspen University

Mr. Michael Mathews, Chairman and CEO
720 South Colorado Boulevard, Suite 1150-N
Denver, CO 80264
www.aspen.edu
admissions@aspen.edu
(800) 441-4746

Founded in 1987
Initial Accreditation 1993
Renewal of Accreditation in 2019

Accredited Programs

- Certificate - Project Management
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Counseling
- Bachelor of Science in Medical Management
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice - Completion Program
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice - Criminal Justice Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice - Major Crime Scene Investigation Procedure
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice - Forensic Sciences
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Management
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice - Terrorism and Homeland Security
- Master of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Counseling
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Master of Science in Nursing - Nursing Education
- Master of Science in Nursing - Nursing Administration and Management
- Master of Science in Nursing - RN to MSN Bridge Program

- Master of Science in Nursing - RN to MSN Bridge Program - Nursing Education
- Master of Science in Nursing - RN to MSN Bridge Program - Nursing Administration and Management
- Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education - Completion Program
- Master in Education
- Master in Education - Curriculum Development and Outcomes Assessment
- Master in Education - Education Technology
- Master in Education - Transformational Leadership
- Doctorate in Education Leadership and Learning
- Doctorate in Education Leadership and Learning - Education Administration
- Doctorate in Education Leadership and Learning - Faculty Leadership
- Doctorate in Education Leadership and Learning - Instructional Design
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Completion Program
- Master in Business Administration
- Master in Business Administration - Entrepreneurship
- Master in Business Administration - Finance
- Master in Business Administration - Information Management
- Master in Business Administration - Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management
- Master in Business Administration - Project Management
- Certificate in Information Technology - Information Systems Management
- Certificate in Information Technology - Java Development
- Certificate in Information Technology - Object Oriented Application Development
- Certificate in Information Technology - Web Development
- Master of Science in Information Management
- Master of Science in Information Management - Management
- Master of Science in Information Management - Project Management
- Master of Science in Information Management - Technologies
- Master of Science in Information Systems
- Master of Science in Information Systems - Enterprise and Application Development
- Master of Science in Information Systems - Web Development
- Master of Science in Information Technology
- Master of Science in Technology and Innovation
- Master of Science in Technology and Innovation - Business Intelligence and Data Management
- Master of Science in Technology and Innovation - Electronic Security
- Master of Science in Technology and Innovation - Systems Design
- Master of Science in Technology and Innovation - Project Management

- Master of Science in Technology and Innovation – Vendor and Change Control Management
- Master of Science in Technology and Innovation - Application Development & Quality Assurance
- Doctorate of Science in Computer Science
- Associate of Fine Arts
- Associate in General Studies
- Bachelor in General Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Fine Arts - Drawing and Painting
- Bachelor of Science in Fine Arts - Entertainment 2D
- Bachelor of Science in Fine Arts - Entertainment 3D
- Bachelor of Science in Fine Arts – Illustration

The Commission awarded Aspen University a renewal of accreditation without condition until 2018 following a comprehensive review of the institution and its programs. The institution was found to meet or exceed the Commission’s standards for accreditation.

The Hadley School for the Blind

Mr. Charles Young, President

700 Elm Street

Winnetka, IL 60093-2554

www.hadley.edu

info@hadley.edu

(847) 446-9916

Accredited Programs

- Adult Continuing Education Program
- High School Program
- Family Education Program
- Hadley School for Professional Studies

The Commission awarded Hadley School for the Blind accreditation without condition for a five-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs. The institution was found to meet or exceed the Commission’s standards for accreditation.

New Learning Resources Online, Inc.

Dr. Nancy New, President

1430 Lelia Drive

Jackson, MS 39216

www.nlro.org

info@nlro.org

(601) 982-8003

Accredited Programs

- High School Diploma College
- High School Diploma Career

Founded 1920

Initial Accreditation 1958

Renewal of Accreditation in 2020

Founded 1992

Initial Accreditation 2010

Renewal of Accreditation in 2020

The Commission awarded New Learning Resources Online accreditation without condition for a five-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs. The institution was found to meet or exceed the Commission's standards for accreditation.

Shiloh University

Mr. Christopher Reeves, President

100 Shiloh Drive

Kalona, IA 52247

www.shilohuniversity.edu

admissions@shilohuniversity.edu

(319) 656-2447

Accredited Programs

- Associate of Arts
- Bachelor of Arts in Biblical and Pastoral Studies
- Master of Arts in Biblical and Pastoral Studies
- Master of Divinity

The Commission awarded Shiloh University accreditation without condition for a five-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs. The institution was found to meet or exceed the Commission's standards for accreditation.

Southwest University

Ms. Grayce Lee, President

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Kenner, LA 70062

www.southwest.edu

southwest@southwest.edu

(504) 468-2900

Accredited Programs

- Associate of Science in Business Administration
- Associate of Science in Criminal Justice
- Associate of Science in General Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Human Resource Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration International Business
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Leadership and Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Marketing
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Organizational Management
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration Management
- Master of Business Administration Organizational Management

Founded 2006

Initial Accreditation 2012

Renewal of Accreditation in 2020

Founded 1982

Initial Accreditation 2004

Renewal of Accreditation 2019

- Master of Arts in Management
- Master of Arts in Organizational Management
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice

The Commission awarded Southwest University accreditation without condition until 2019 following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs. The institution was found to meet or exceed the Commission's standards for accreditation.

Change of Ownership

APT College

Founded in 1993

APT College is a wholly owned subsidiary of APT Global, LLC, which is wholly owned by Prime APT, LLC. The majority interest in Prime is held by GWA Partners.

Change of Name

City Vision College

Founded in 1998

The Commission voted to grant the institution approval of the name change to City Vision University.

Change of Location

California Intercontinental University

Founded in 2003

Dr. Leslie Gargiulo, Chief Academic Officer and Chief Operating Officer
17310 Red Hill Avenue, Suite 200
Irvine, CA 92614

California National University for Advanced Studies

Founded in 1993

Mr. Carlton Bryant, President
18520 Hawthorne Boulevard, First Floor
Torrance, CA 90504

Ellis University (formerly John Hancock University)

Founded in 2008

Dr. Virginia Carlin, President
Two Mid America Plaza, Suite 824AB
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

New Learning Resources, Inc.

Founded in 1992

Dr. Nancy New, President
1430 Lelia Drive
Jackson, MS 39216

University of Fairfax

Founded in 2002

Dr. Dominic Boamah, President
1818 Electric Road
Roanoke, VA 24018

Institutional Resignations

The Commission accepted the voluntary resignation of accreditation from the following institutions effective February 25, 2015.

Griggs International Academy

Founded in 1909

Dr. Alayne Thorpe, President
8903 U.S. Highway 31
Berrien Springs, MI 49104-1950

Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology

Founded in 1930

Mr. David Smyth, President
243 Washington Street
Bath, ME 045300

New Courses and Programs

The Academic Review Subcommittee of the Accrediting Commission met on September 15, 2014 and approved the following courses/programs:

Abraham Lincoln University

- Master of Business Administration, Coaching Concentration
- Coaching Certificate
- Master of Business Administration, Power Generation Management Concentration
- Power Generation Management Certificate

Allied Business Schools

- 3-Hour TX-SML SAFE Course

Ashworth College

- Substance Abuse Counseling Career Diploma
- Event Planning Career Diploma

Columbia Southern University

- Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Science
- Bachelor of Science in Emergency Medical Services Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security

Distance Education Company

- The Complete Course in Event Planning
- Intensive Course in Photojournalism
- Intensive Course in Portrait Photography
- Intensive Course in Wedding Photography
- Intensive Course in Travel Photography

Grantham University

- Advanced Cybersecurity Certificate
- Practical Entrepreneurial Certificate

New Charter University

- New core course – CJ126 Corrections

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

- Master of Health Science in Athletic Training

The Academic Review Subcommittee of the Accrediting Commission met on December 8, 2014 and approved the following courses/programs:

Allied National High School

- Business Math A-B

Anaheim University

- Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Digital Filmmaking

Ashworth College

- Bookkeeping Career Diploma

Atlantic University

- Master of Arts in Leadership (Concentration: Mindful Leadership, Global Leadership, Organization Leadership)

Columbia Southern University

- Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration – Fire Investigation Concentration
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration – Arson Investigation Concentration
- Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Security w/ General Concentration and Homeland Security Concentration

Distance Education Co. (New York Institute of Art and Design)

- The Complete Course in Wedding Planning

Grantham University

- Bachelor of Business Administration – Financial Planning

Title IV Reports

The Commission met on January 30, 2015 and voted to approve the following institutions as compliant with **DEAC C.15 Policy on Institutions Participating in Title IV.**

Catholic Distance University

Founded 1983

Dr. Marianne Mount, President

120 East Colonial Highway

Hamilton, VA 20158

www.cdu.edu

cdu@cdu.edu

(888) 254-4238

Huntington College of Health Sciences

Founded 1985

Dr. Arthur Presser, President

117 Legacy View Way
Knoxville, TN 37918
www.hchs.edu
studentservices@hchs.edu
(800) 290-4226

Sonoran Desert Institute

Founded 2000

Mr. Paul Zagnoni, President
8767 East Via de Ventura, Suite 126
Scottsdale, AZ 85258
www.sdi.edu
info@sdi.edu
(480) 314-2102

Westcliff University

Founded 1993

Dr. David McKinney, President
University Tower, 4199 Campus Drive, #650
Irvine, CA 92612
www.westcliff.edu
services@westcliff.edu
(888) 491-8686 or (949) 825-5999

Proposed Changes (call for public comment)

The Commission approved the following changes for public comment in the area of disclosures of Federal Truth in Lending (TILA) and Regulation Z requirements. Affected institutions, students, and the public are invited to submit comments on the changes. To view these documents, please go to DEAC's website at www.detc.org and visit the "Public Notices" tab. New language is indicated by the underlined text. Comments are due **May 2, 2015** and should be sent to Sally Welch (sally.welch@deac.org). Please write "Comments on Proposed Changes" in the subject line of your e-mail, and expect an e-mail acknowledging receipt of your comments. New language is indicated by bold, red underlined font.

III. REQUIRED DISCLOSURES FOR CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS AND DISCOUNTS.

III.A.5. Truth-in-Lending

- a. **Appropriate state and local retail installment requirements (e.g., type size, notice to buyer, computation example, etc.), as well as appropriate Federal truth-in-lending requirements (Regulation Z) are disclosed when more than four payments are scheduled.**

- b. The enrollment agreement includes any truth-in-lending requirements and, if there is a separate payment contract, incorporates that document in the enrollment agreement by reference.

Clarification for Refund Schedule

The term “all costs” is revised to be consistent with the term used in the refund schedule chart displayed in Standards III.C.3.b, III.C.4.f., and III.C.5.b. Specifically, the term “all costs” has been replaced with “tuition”. The word “refundable” is deleted from each chart as an added measure of consistency with the language used in the standard.

Percentage completed by the student	Percentage of the refundable tuition returned to the student minus the application and/or registration fee	Percentage of the refundable tuition retained by the institution
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The word “after” is included in the chart under III.C.4.f. to provide additional clarification for implementing this standard.

Length of Term	Percentage of tuition returned to the student minus the application and/or registration fee <u>after</u>
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DEAC Benchmarks for 2015

The DEAC reviewed C.14. Policy on Student Achievement and Satisfaction and its methodology for establishing benchmarks for graduation rates. Policy C.14. states that these benchmarks will be set by the Commission. Upon reviewing the graduation rate data submitted in the 2014 Annual Reports, as well as the data submitted for the 2013 and 2012 Annual Reports, the Commission calculated a three-year average of the data to establish graduation benchmarks. The Commission determined that a three-year average stabilizes the benchmark year-to-year and utilizes a broader array of outcomes data for determining the benchmarks. Each year, the Commission may establish a revised three-year average by including the most recent year data and removing the most dated year (i.e., next year include 2014 data and remove 2012 data). In accordance with this methodology, the following benchmarks will be in effect for the period of March 1, 2015 – February 28, 2016.

Credential	Three-year Average Benchmarks	
	average	15 points below
For-profit Postsecondary	70	55
Specialized For-profit Postsecondary	78	63
Non-profit Postsecondary	83	68
Associate	48	33
Bachelor	60	45
Master's	63	48
First Professional	56	41
Doctorate	50	35

Next Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the DEAC will be June 24-26, 2015. All matters to be considered by the Commission should be brought to the attention of Dr. Leah K. Matthews, Executive Director by no later than May 2, 2015.