

## Report from the Accrediting Commission

July 25, 2016

In accordance with its procedure for Notification and Information Sharing (Section X. F), Part II Processes and Procedures, DEAC Accreditation Handbook) and 34 Code of Federal Regulations §602.26(a)(1)&(2), the Distance Education Accrediting Commission provides written notice to the U.S. Secretary of Education, the appropriate state licensing or authorizing agencies, the appropriate accrediting organizations, and the public at the same time it notifies the institution of the decision, but no later than 30 days after the Commission makes its decision to accredit or reaccredit an institution.

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### Grant of Accreditation

#### **META Business School**

Dr. Heajun Clarissa Chaui  
100 Bayview Circle  
Newport Beach, California 92660  
www.metabusinessschool.com  
admissions@mbslearning.com  
1 (949) 872-2224  
Accredited Program

Founded in 2010

Renewal of Accreditation in 2019

- Master of Science in Business Administration

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

## Renewal of Accreditation

### **Antioch School of Church Planting and Leadership Development**

Founded in 2006

Mr. Jeff Reed, President

Renewal of Accreditation in 2020

2400 Oakwood Road

Ames, Iowa 50014

info@antiochschool.edu

www.antiochschool.edu

(515) 292- 9694

#### Accredited Programs

- Bachelor of Ministry
- Bachelor of Theology
- Master of Ministry
- Master of Theology
- Doctor of Ministry in Global C-BTE
- Doctor of Ministry in Theology in Culture
- Certificate of Ministry
- Certificate of Theology

The Commission awarded Antioch School of Church Planting and Leadership Development a renewal of accreditation without condition for a five-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs.<sup>1</sup> The institution has been found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation.

### **Huntington College of Health Sciences**

Founded in 1985

Dr. Arthur Presser, President

Renewal of Accreditation in 2021

117 Legacy View Way

Knoxville, Tennessee, 37918

studentservices@hchs.edu

[www.hchs.edu](http://www.hchs.edu)

(800) 290-4226

#### Accredited Programs

- Diploma in Comprehensive Nutrition
- Diploma in Dietary Supplement Science
- Diploma in Integrated Personal Training
- Diploma in Sports Nutrition
- Diploma in Women's Nutrition
- Diploma in Small Business Management
- Diploma in Natural Sciences

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<sup>1</sup> The period of accreditation is retroactive, beginning in June 2015 and continuing until June 2020.

- Diploma in Herbal Sciences
- Associate of Science in Applied Nutrition
- Associate of Health Science in Integrative Nutrition
- Bachelor of Health Science in Nutrition
- Bachelor of Health Science in Integrative Nutrition
- Master of Science in Nutrition
- Master of Health Science in Integrative Nutrition
- Doctor of Health Science in Integrative Healthcare

The Commission awarded Huntington College of Health Sciences a renewal of accreditation without condition for a five-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs.<sup>2</sup> The institution has been found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation.

**University of Fairfax**

Dr. Keith Nordmann, Interim Academic Dean  
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Roanoke, Virginia 24017  
info@ufairfax.edu  
www.ufairfax.edu  
(703) 790-3200

Founded in 2002  
Renewal of Accreditation 2020

**Accredited Programs**

- Cybersecurity Best Practices (CBP)
- Information Security Professional Practices (ISPP)
- Information Security Analysis (ISA)
- Information Security Auditing (IAU)
- Information Security Engineering (ISE)
- Information Security for the Enterprise (ISEN)
- Information System Certification (ISC)
- Doctorate in Information Assurance
- Master of Science in Information Security Management

The Commission awarded University of Fairfax a renewal of accreditation without condition for a five-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs.<sup>3</sup> The institution has been found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation.

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## **Continued Show Cause Directive**

### **Ellis University**

Dr. Virginia Carlin

Two Mid-America Plaza, Suite 834 ab

Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181

The Commission took action to continue the Show Cause Order for the institution.

Information regarding this action is available at

<http://www.deac.org/Public-Notices/Institutions-On-Show-Cause.aspx>.

## **New Administrative Site**

### **Aspen University**

Mr. Michael Mathews

Chairman and CEO

1660 South Albion Street, Suite 525

Denver, Colorado 80222

The Commission affirmed the addition of a new administrative site located at 11811 North Tatum Street, Suite 4001, Phoenix, AZ 85028

## **International Activities**

### **University of Management and Technology**

Dr. Yanping Chen

President

1901 Fort Myer Drive, Suite 700

Arlington, Virginia 22209

The Commission approved the institution's international activities at Room 201, Yi 11

Jemenli Bei Road, Haidian District Beijing, China 100088 and •Room 1804B 18/F, Tower 1

Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, China.

## **New Division**

### **Ashworth College**

6625 The Corners Parkway, Suite 500

Norcross, GA 30092

The Commission affirmed the creation of a new division called Madison School of Healthcare.

## **Teach Outs**

### **Humanities and Sciences Academy**

35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 440

Chicago, IL 60601

The Commission accepted notification of a completed teach out from this institution. The institution closed on June 4, 2016.

### **Northwest Institute of Literary Arts**

5611 Bayview Road, Langley, Washington, 98260

The Commission approved an agreement for teaching out students at the institution. The institution will close on August 15, 2016.

## **New Programs**

The Commission affirmed the following actions taken by the Academic Review Subcommittee of the Accrediting Commission. The Academic Review Subcommittee met on February 10, 2016 and approved the following programs:

### **Aspen University, Denver, Colorado**

- Master of Science in Nursing with an emphasis in Public Health
- Master of Science in Nursing with an emphasis in Informatics

### **Martinsburg College, Martinsburg, West Virginia**

- Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration

### **New Charter University, Salt Lake City, Utah**

- Bachelor of Science in Education

### **Shiloh University, Kalona, Iowa**

- Master of Arts in Theological Studies

### **University of the People, Pasadena, CA**

- Associate of Science in Health Studies, Community and Public Health Track
- Bachelor of Science in Health Studies, Community and Public Health Track
- Master of Business Administration

The Academic Review Subcommittee met on May 18, 2016 and approved the following programs.

### **Abraham Lincoln University, Los Angeles, California**

- Doctor of Business Administration

**California Intercontinental University, Irvine, California**

- Graduate Certificate in Banking and Finance
- Graduate Certificate in General Business
- Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Leadership
- Graduate Certificate in Knowledge Management
- Graduate Certificate in Marketing
- Graduate Certificate in Human Resources Management
- Graduate Certificate in Leadership
- Graduate Certificate in Organizational Behavior & Development
- Graduate Certificate in Project Management
- Graduate Certificate in Six Sigma & Total Quality Management
- Undergraduate Certificate in General Studies
- Undergraduate Certificate in Business Foundations
- Undergraduate Certificate in Entrepreneurial Management
- Undergraduate Certificate in Marketing
- Undergraduate Certificate in Small Business Management
- Undergraduate Certificate in Healthcare Administration
- Undergraduate Certificate in Internet Security Certificate
- Master of Business Administration (revised program)

**New York Institute of Photography, New York, New York**

- The Intensive Course in Nature and Landscape Photography

**Martinsburg College, Martinsburg, West Virginia**

- Communications and Support Specialist Certificate

## **Standards Committee**

The Commission approved the following appointments to the Standards Committee:  
Dr. Joseph Manjone, Assistant Provost for Special Programs, Columbia Southern University  
Ms. Janet Perry, Director of Compliance and Accreditation, Weston Distance Learning.

The Commission approved the continued appointment to the Standards Committee:  
Ms. Connie Dempsey, Chief Certification and Licensing Officer, Penn Foster.

## **PhD Pilot**

The Commission has approved a pilot project for the review of PhD programs. The pilot will help DEAC determine whether it is appropriate to pursue the inclusion of PhD programs within the scope of its accreditation activities and formally petition CHEA and USDE. DEAC-accredited institutions are invited to apply to participate in the pilot. Participation will

support the important work of testing and refining appropriate accreditation standards and procedures. Please visit the DEAC Applications and Reports page to review more information about the pilot.