The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (the Commission) met on January 20, 2023. This report summarizes the accreditation actions taken by the Accrediting Commission in accordance with its procedure for Notification and Information Sharing (Section XV.A., E., and F.), Part Two, Processes and Procedures, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*. In addition, the Report provides notice of changes to the DEAC fees, an update to the Processes and Procedures section of the *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*, and appointment of the DEAC Executive Committee.

**Initial Accreditation**
The Commission took action to grant initial accreditation to the following institutions.

**Agora University**

Fr. Michael Sorial, President  
7406 Alban Station Court, Suite B207  
Springfield, Virginia 22150  
www.agora.ac  
askagora@agora.ac  
(866)462-4672  
Accredited Programs

**Degrees**  
- Master of Theology in Orthodox Theology  
- Master of Theological Studies in the Christian East and the Contemporary World

The institution is accredited through January 2026.

**Nexford University**

Mr. Fad Al Tarzi, Chief Executive Officer  
1140 Third Street, NE, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20002  
www.nexford.org  
help@nexford.org  
(202)381-7766  
Accredited programs

**Degrees**  
- Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration  
- Bachelor of Business Administration  
- Bachelor of Business Administration w/ Specialization in Doing Business Across Emerging Markets  
- Bachelor of Business Administration w/ Specialization in Digital Transformation  
- Bachelor of Business Administration w/ Specialization in 360' Marketing
- Bachelor of Business Administration w/ Specialization in Building a Tech Startup
- Bachelor of Business Administration w/ Specialization in Product Management
- Bachelor of Business Administration w/ Specialization in Business Analytics
- Bachelor of Business Administration w/ Specialization in Intro to AI & the Future of Automation
- Bachelor of Business Administration w/ Specialization in Supply Chain & E-Commerce
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration w/ Specialization in AI & the Future of Automation
- Master of Business Administration w/ Specialization in Sustainability
- Master of Business Administration w/ Specialization in Managing Hyperconnectivity
- Master of Business Administration w/ Specialization in Doing Business Across the World
- Master of Business Administration w/ Specialization in Enabling E-Commerce

Advanced Certificates
- Artificial Intelligence and Robotics
- Global Business
- Global Issues

Intermediate Certificates
- 360' Marketing
- Building a Tech Start-Up
- Business Analytics
- Digital Transformation
- Doing Business Across Emerging Markets
- Intro to AI and the Future of Automation
- Product Management
- Supply Chain & E-Commerce

The institution is accredited through January 2026.

United Medical Institute
Dr. Inna Lisker, President
5750 Sunrise Boulevard, Suite 105
Citrus Heights, California 95610
www.unitedmedicalinstitute.com
info@unitedmedicalinstitute.com
(949)510-5892
Accredited Programs
Nondegree
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography

The institution is accredited through January 2026.
Renewal of Accreditation
The Commission took action to renew the accreditation of the following institutions.

California Miramar University  Founded 2005
Dr. Chitpasong Vazquez, President
3550 Camino Del Rio North
San Diego, CA 92108
The institution also includes a learning site at 1720 Walnut Avenue, La Puente, California 91744.
www.calmu.edu
info@calmu.edu
(858)653-3000
Accredited Programs
Degrees
• Associate of Science in Business Administration
• Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
• Master of Business Administration
• Master of Science in Computer Information Systems
• Doctor of Business Administration
The institution is accredited through June 2026.

Harrison Middleton University  Founded 1998
Dr. Michael Curd, Chief Executive Officer
3345 South Rural Road
Tempe, Arizona 85282
www.hmu.edu
information@hmu.edu
(877)248-6742
Accredited Programs
Degrees
• Master of Arts
• Doctor of Arts
• Doctor of Education
The institution is accredited through January 2028.

Holmes Institute  Founded 1972
Dr. C.C. Coltrain, President
573 Park Point Drive
Golden, Colorado 80401
www.holmesinstitute.edu
ccoltrain@homesinstitute.edu
(720)279-8992
Accredited Programs
Degree

- Master of Consciousness Studies
The institution is accredited through January 2028.

Viridis Graduate Institute  
Founded 2011

Dr. Lori Pye, President  
3345 South Rural Road  
Tempe, AZ 85282  
https://Viridis.edu  
viridis@viridis.edu  
(805)889-0169

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Master of Arts in Social Sciences with Emphasis in Ecopsychology and Environmental Humanities
- Doctor of Arts in Ecopsychology and Environmental Humanities

The institution is accredited through June 2027.

William Carey International University  
Founded 1977

Dr. Paul Cornelius, President  
1010 East Union Street, Suite 110  
Pasadena, CA 91106  
www.wciu.edu  
info@wciu.edu  
(626)398-2222

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Master of Arts in Development Studies
- Master of Arts in Transformational Urban Leadership

The institution is accredited through January 2028.

Teach-Out Plan

The Commission took action to accept a report on a continuing teach-out plan from the following institution.

Shiloh University  
Founded 2006

Dr. Mark Glenn, President  
316 North Cody Road, Le Claire, IA 52753.

Shiloh University submitted a teach-out plan in accordance with DEAC procedures. The Commission approved the teach-out plan; the institution will remain accredited through December 31, 2023 while the current students complete their programs.
Vacate the Show Cause Directive
The Commission acted to vacate the February 28, 2022 Show Cause directive pertaining to the following institution:

Citizens’ High School  Founded 1981
Mr. Jim Etters, President
1590 Island Lane, Suite 44,
Fleming Island, FL 32002

Voluntary Withdrawal from Accreditation
The following institution voluntarily withdrew from accreditation, effective February 13, 2023.

Columbia Southern University  Founded 1993
Mr. Ken Styron, Chief Executive Officer
21982 University Lane
Orange Beach, AL 36561

Staff Follow-up Visits
The DEAC conducted staff visits in accordance with guidance from the U. S. Department of Education that requires recognized accrediting agencies to conduct a limited in-person site visit as soon as practicable following a decision to grant accreditation that is based upon a record that includes a virtual site visit.¹ The Commission reviewed staff visit reports and voted to accept reports on the following institutions.

- American Denturist College, 145 East 12th Alley, Eugene, OR 97401
- Hondros College Of Business, 4140 Executive Parkway, Westerville, OH 43081
- Shiloh University 316 North Cody Road, Le Claire, IA 52753

Substantive Changes

Change of Location
The Commission took action to confirm changes of location for the following institutions. The current approved addresses are shown below.

- Dunlap-Stone University, 16165 North 83rd Avenue, Suite 200 Peoria, AZ 85382
- Patten University, 2433 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601
- Shiloh University, 316 North Cody Road, Le Claire, IA 52753

¹ Federal Register: Federal Student Aid Programs (December 11, 2020)
Change of Name
The Commission affirmed a change of name for the following institution.

- **Patten University**, 2433 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601
  American Graduate University changed its name to Patten University, effective July 29, 2022.

Change in Core Mission
The Commission affirmed a change in core mission for the following institution.

- **Patten University**, 2433 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601.
  The institution’s mission is approved as follows:
  
  The mission of Patten University is to develop, inspire, and empower leaders to effect global and community transformation by delivering accessible, rigorous, and practical undergraduate and graduate distance education in the areas of Christian ministry, business, leadership, management, and technology.

Change of Ownership
The Commission took action to confirm a change of ownership for the following institution.

- **Patten University**, 2433 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601. Patten University was acquired by the Patten Educational Foundation (PEF) on May 2, 2022. PEF is a California nonprofit corporation. AGU, LLC, is now a wholly owned subsidiary of PEF.

In-Residence Component
The Commission took action to confirm in-residence components for the following institutions.

- **American National University**, 1813 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153. The in-residence components are offered at 1813 East Main Street. Salem, VA 24153.
- **Chi University**, 9650 West Highway 318, Reddick, FL 32686. The in-residence components are offered at 9650 West Highway 318, Reddick, FL 32686.
- **University of Fairfax**, 1813 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153. The in-residence components are offered at 1813 East Main Street. Salem, VA 24153.
- **Wright Graduate University for the Realization of Human Potential**, N7698 County Highway H, Elkhorn, WI, 53121. The in-residence components are offered at N7698 County Highway H, Elkhorn, WI, 53121.

Approval of New Programs
The Commission affirmed the approval of the following new programs.

- **Abraham Lincoln University**, 100 W. Broadway, Suite 600, Glendale, CA 91210
  Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies
- **American College of Healthcare Science**, 5005 South Macadam Avenue, Portland, OR 97238

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2 Wright Graduate University for the Realization of Human Potential has a site in Illinois that operates under the DBA, Wright Graduate School for the Realization of Human Potential.
Doctor of Science in Integrative Health

- **City Vision University**, 3101 Troost Avenue, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64109
  Master of Arts in Christian Ministry and Leadership

- **Lakewood University**, 2231 North Taylor Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44112
  Medical Coding & Administrative Medical Assistant Diploma
  Medical Billing & Administrative Medical Assistant Diploma
  Pharmacy Technician & Medical Coding Diploma
  Pharmacy Technician & Administrative Medical Assistant Diploma
  Pharmacy Technician & Medical Billing Diploma
  Paralegal & Mediation Diploma
  Paralegal & Criminal Justice Diploma
  Criminal Justice & Mediation Diploma
  Medical Billing & Medical Coding Diploma

- **The Art of Education University**, 518 Main Street, Suite A, Osage, IA 50461.
  Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

- **University of Fairfax**, 1813 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153
  Bachelor of Science in Network Administration
  Bachelor of Science in Network Administration and Cybersecurity
  Master of Science in Information Technology
  Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

**Appointments to the DEAC Board of Directors**
The Commission voted to appoint the following individuals as public members of the board to terms that begin on April 1, 2023 and end on March 31, 2026.

- **Dr. Peter Smith**
  Peter Smith recently retired from the University of Maryland Global Campus where he served as a professor of innovative practices in higher education. He has served as a Vermont State Senator, Lieutenant Governor of Vermont, and a U.S. Congressman. He has been the founding president of three higher education institutions: the Community College of Vermont, California State University—Monterey Bay, and Open College @ Kaplan University. He has also served as dean of George Washington University’s Graduate School of Education and Human Development, executive director of the U.S. Commission on Responsibilities for Funding Post-Secondary Education, and assistant director general for Education of UNESCO. He has written several books on higher education. Smith earned a BA in History from Princeton University and a MAT and EdD from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.
• **Dr. Marcia Ditmyer**

Marcia Ditmyer is dean of the College for Health and Human Services at Saginaw Valley University (SVSU) in Saginaw, Michigan. She came to SVSU after serving as the associate dean for education and professor in residence with Emerita at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), School of Dental Medicine, where she provided leadership and assumed oversight for all educational programs and learning environments within the school. Dr. Ditmyer also served as vice president of the Academy for Advancing Leadership (AAL) from 2014 to 2016 and has remained as a senior consultant since 2016. In this role, she developed and conducted customized leadership and professional development training programs, provided institutional effectiveness and accreditation guidance, and implemented workforce and feasibility planning studies. As a Michigan native, Ditmyer received an MBA from Central Michigan University, an MS from California College for Health Sciences, and a PhD from the University of Toledo. Dr. Ditmyer is an active subject specialist and education standards evaluator for DEAC.

**Appointments to the DEAC Executive Committee**

The Commission appointed the following members to the Executive Committee:

- Dr. Wanda Nitsch, Chair (public member)
- Ms. Traci Lee, Vice-Chair (institution member)
- Mr. Michael Harter, Treasurer (public member)
- Mr. Stephen Haas, Member-at-Large (institution member)

**Change to DEAC Accreditation Fees**

The Commission voted to implement changes to certain DEAC accreditation fees. The changes are effective April 1, 2023 and are available for review on the DEAC website.