

Report from the Accrediting Commission February 25, 2019

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) met on January 25, 2019. This report summarizes the accreditation actions taken by the Accrediting Commission in accordance with its procedure for Notification and Information Sharing, Section X(F), Policies and Procedures, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*.

Grant of Initial Accreditation

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

Chi Institute of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine

Founded 1998

Mr. Zhen Zhao
Campus Director
9650 West Highway 318
Reddick, FL 32686
zhen@tcvm.com
<http://www.tcvm.com/MastersDegree.aspx>
(352) 591-5385

Accredited program:

- Master of Science in Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine

The Commission voted to grant initial accreditation to Chi Institute of Chinese Veterinary Medicine following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its program and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through January 2022.

Hawthorn University

Founded 2002

Dr. Dorothy M. Germano
President and Chief Academic Officer
475 Hungry Gulch Road, Suite C
Whitethorn, CA 95589
germano@hawthornuniversity.org
www.hawthornuniversity.org
(707) 986-4153

Accredited programs:

Degrees

- Doctor of Science in Holistic Nutrition (DSC)
- Master of Science in Holistic Nutrition (MSHN)
- Master of Science in Health and Nutrition Education (MHNE)
- Master of Science in Traditional Nutrition (MSTN)

Certificates

- Nutrition Consultant Certificate (NC)
- Scientific Foundations of Holistic Nutrition Certificate (SFHN)
- Wise Traditions Nutrition Certificate (WTNC)
- Holistic Health Certificate (HH)

The Commission voted to grant initial accreditation to Hawthorn University following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through January 2022.

Renewal of Accreditation

The Commission took action to renew the accreditation of the following institutions.

American College of Healthcare Sciences

Founded 1978

Ms. Dorene Petersen

President

5005 SW Macadam Avenue

Portland, OR 97238

achs@achs.edu

<http://www.achs.edu>

(800) 487-8839

Accredited programs

Vocational

- Diploma in Aromatherapy Master Aromatherapist
- Diploma in Dynamic Phytotherapy
- Diploma in Herbal Studies Master Herbalist
- Diploma in Holistic Health Practice
- Certificate in Aromatherapy
- Certificate in Wellness Consulting
- Certificate in Holistic Nutrition Consulting
- Certificate in Iridology Consulting
- Certificate in Natural Products Manufacturing
- Certificate in Herbal Retail Management
- Certificate in Homeopathy Consulting
- Certificate in Dynamic Phytotherapy Consulting
- Certificate in Holistic Spa Management
- Certificate in Integrative Health and Fitness Training
- Graduate Certificate in Nutrition
- Graduate Certificate in Complementary Alternative Medicine
- Graduate Certificate in Aromatherapy
- Graduate Certificate in Wellness Coaching
- Graduate Certificate in Herbal Medicine
- Graduate Certificate in Botanical Safety

- Graduate Certificate in Anatomy & Physiology

Degrees

- Associate of Applied Science in Complementary Alternative Medicine
- Associate of Applied Science in Health and Wellness
- Bachelor of Science in Integrative Health Sciences
- Bachelor of Science in Holistic Nutrition
- Master of Science in Aromatherapy
- Master of Science in Complementary Alternative Medicine
- Master of Science in Health and Wellness
- Master of Science in Herbal Medicine
- Master of Science in Holistic Nutrition

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of American College of Healthcare Sciences following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through June 2023.

American Graduate University

Founded 1969

Mr. Paul McDonald

President

733 North Dodsworth Avenue

Covina, CA 58671

info@agu.edu

www.agu.edu

(626) 966-4576

Accredited programs:

Master's Degrees

- Master of Acquisition Management
- Master of Project Management
- Master of Contract Management
- Master of Supply Chain Management
- Master of Leadership and Management
- Master of Business Administration

Master's-Level Certificates (Transferable to degree)

- Master's Certificate in Acquisition and Contracting
- Master's Certificate in Project/Program Management
- Master's Certificate in Financial Management and Pricing
- Master's Certificate in Management
- Master's Certificate in Supply Chain Management

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of American Graduate University following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through June 2023.

Aspen University

Founded 1987

Mr. Michael Mathews

President

1660 South Albion Street, Suite 545

Denver, CO 80222

admissions@aspen.edu

http://www.aspen.edu

(800) 373-7814

Accredited programs

Certificates

- Certificate in Project Management
- Certificate in e-Learning Pedagogy

Associate Degree

- Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education

Bachelors

- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Counseling
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Completion Program)
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a specialization in Criminal Justice Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a specialization in Major Crime Investigation Procedure
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (Completion Program)
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education (Completion Program)
- Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Completion Program) RN-BSN
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (pre-licensure Program)

Master's Degrees

- Master in Business Administration
- Master in Business Administration with a specialization in Finance
- Master in Business Administration with a specialization in Information Management
- Master in Business Administration with a specialization in Project Management
- Master of Education
- Master of Education with a specialization in Curriculum Development and Outcomes Assessment
- Master of Education with a specialization in Educational Technology
- Master of Education with a specialization in Transformational Leadership
- Master of Education with a specialization in e-Learning Pedagogy
- Master of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Counseling
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice with a specialization in Forensic Sciences

- Master of Science in Criminal Justice with a specialization in Law Enforcement Management
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice with a specialization in Terrorism and Homeland Security
- Master of Science in Information Management
- Master of Science in Information Systems
- Master of Science in Information Systems with a specialization in Enterprise and Application Development
- Master of Science in Information Systems with a specialization in Web Development
- Master of Science in Information Technology
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Nursing Education
- Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Administration and Management
- Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Forensic Nursing
- Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Informatics
- Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Public Health
- Master of Science in Nursing RN-MSN Bridge Program
- Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Administration and Management (RN to MSN Bridge Program)
- Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Nursing Education (RN to MSN Bridge Program)
- Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Forensic Nursing (RN to MSN Bridge Program)
- Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Public Health, (RN to MSN Bridge Program)
- Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Informatics (RN to MSN Bridge Program)
- Master of Science in Technology and Innovation

Doctorates

- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning with a specialization in Higher Education Leadership
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning with a specialization in Organizational Psychology
- Doctor of Education with a specialization in Organizational Leadership
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning with a specialization in Healthcare Administration and Leadership
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning with a specialization in K-12 Educational Leadership
- Doctor of Science in Computer Science
- Doctor of Nursing Practice

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of Aspen University following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through January 2024.

Babel University School of Translation

Founded 2000

Mr. Tomoki Hotta

President

1833 Kalakaua Avenue, #208 PBN Building

Honolulu, HI 96815

pst@babel.edu

<http://www.babel.edu>

(808) 946-3773

Accredited program:

- Master of Science in Translation

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of Babel University School of Translation following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through June 2022.

Diamond Council of America

Founded 1944

Mr. Terry Chandler

President

120 Broadway, Suite 2820

New York, NY 10271

lissa@diamondcouncil.org

<http://www.diamondcouncil.org>

(615) 385-5301

Accredited Educational Offerings

- Beginning Jewelry Sales
- Advanced Jewelry Sales
- The Diamond Course
- The Colored Gemstone Course

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of Diamond Council of America following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through June 2023.

Gemological Institute of America

Founded 1931

Mr. Duncan Pay

President and Chief Academic Officer

5345 Armada Drive

Carlsbad, CA 92008

info@gia.edu

<http://www.gia.edu>

(800) 421-7250

The scope of GIA's accreditation extends to the following addresses. The institution is accredited through June 2023. The accreditation includes approval of international activities at the international locations listed here.

Suites 301 and 201, GIA Centre
Diamond Technology Park
Plot 67782, Block 8
Gaborone, Botswana

Office 02 G, Floor 02 AU
Tower (Gold) Cluster I,
Jumeirah Lakes Towers
P.O. Box 625786
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

50 West 47th Street, 8th
Floor New York NY 10036

10th Floor, Trade Centre
Bandra Kurla Complex
Bandra (East)
Mumbai 400 098, India

U Chu Liang Building, 2nd Floor
968 Rama IV Road
Silom
Bangkok, Thailand 10500

104 Great Russell Street
London, United Kingdom WC1B 3LA

3F, 270 Nanjing E. Road,
Sec. 3
Taipei, Taiwan ROC 10551

3rd Floor, New World Tower II,
18 Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong

Kangnamku Apkujeongro 320
Keuk Dong Building 5th FL
Seoul, South Korea 06017

Yamaguchi Building 7, 7th Floor

4-19-9, Taito

Taito-ku,

Tokyo, Japan

110-0016

Accredited educational offerings:

- Graduate Diamonds
- Graduate Colored Stones
- Graduate Pearls
- Graduate Gemologist

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of Gemological Institute of America following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met.

Genesis University

Founded 2007

Mr. Robert Frankel

Chief Academic Officer

4000 Alton Road

Miami Beach, FL 33140

info@genesisu.edu

<http://www.genesisu.edu/>

Accredited programs:

Vocational

- Religion
- Education

Degrees

- Bachelor of Religious Studies
- Associate of Religious Studies
- Bachelor of Education
- Associate of Education

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of Genesis University following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through January 2024.

National Tax Training School

Founded 1952

Mr. Robert Frankel

President

67 Ramapo Valley Road, Suite 102 P.O. Box 767

Mahwah, NJ 07430

info@nattax.com

<http://www.nattax.com>

(201) 684-0828

The scope of National Tax Training School's accreditation extends to the administrative site located at 259 Grandview Avenue, Suffern, NY 10901.

Accredited educational offerings:

- Higher Course in Federal Taxes
- California Tax Preparer Course
- Federal Income Tax
- CTEC CPE Course
- IRS AFSP CPE Course
- Annual Federal Tax Refresher

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of National Tax Training School following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through January 2024.

Realtor® University

Mr. Bob Goldberg

President

430 North Michigan Avenue, 6th Floor

Chicago, IL 60611

admissions@realtoruonline.net

<http://www.realtoru.edu>

(855) 786-6546

Accredited programs

Degree

- Master of Real Estate

Certificate

- Graduate Certificate in Real Estate Association Management

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of Realtor® University following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through January 2024.

Union University of California

Mr. Linh Doan

President and Chief Executive Officer

14200 Goldenwest Street

Westminster, CA 92683

info@uuc.edu

<http://www.uuc.edu>

(714) 903-2762

Accredited programs:

Degrees

- Doctor of Ministry (English)
- Doctor of Ministry (Vietnamese)
- Master of Arts in Ministry (English and Vietnamese)

- Master of Divinity (English and Vietnamese)

Certificates

- Certificate in Biblical and Theological Studies (English and Vietnamese)
- Certificate in Leadership (English and Vietnamese)
- Certificate in Christian Education (English and Vietnamese)
- Certificate in Mission (English and Vietnamese)
- Certificate in Ministry (English and Vietnamese)
- Certificate in Spirituality (English and Vietnamese)

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of Union University of California following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through January 2024.

Change of Ownership

The Commission acted to affirm a change of ownership for the following institution.

- **Penn Foster**, 925 Oak Street, Scranton, PA 18515
Penn Foster, Inc. is owned 100 percent by Penn Foster Education Group, Inc., which is owned 100 percent by Education Holdings 1, Inc., which is owned 100 percent by TVG-I-E PFE Acquisition, Inc., which is owned 100 percent by BCDI Nexus Acquisitions, Inc., which is owned 100 percent by BCDI Nexus Holdings, Inc., which is owned 70.1 percent by Bain Capital Double Impact Fund, 26.6 percent by minority investors and 3.3 percent by the management team.

Change of Location

The Commission acted to affirm a change of location for the following institutions.

- **Abraham Lincoln University**, 100 West Broadway, Suite 600, Glendale, CA 91210
- **Grace Communion Seminary**, 3120 Whitehall Park Drive, Charlotte, NC 28273
- **Westcliff University**, 16715 Von Karman, #100, Irvine, California 9260

Change in Core Mission

The Commission acted to affirm a change in core mission for the following institutions.

- **California Institute of Management and Technology**, 2361 Campus Drive, Suite 180 Irvine, CA 92612
The mission of California Institute of Management and Technology is to offer a dynamic distance learning environment addressing the business, economic, and social issues of global management and career training with an emphasis on cross-cultural awareness.
- **University of Fairfax**, 3361 Melrose Avenue, NW, Roanoke, VA 24017
The mission of the University of Fairfax is to offer flexible, in-demand distance education programs that meet the needs of employers in a changing global marketplace. The University designs quality programs that foster critical thinking, effective communication, and collaboration in career-focused disciplines. The programs offer students a practitioner-focused curriculum that advances applied knowledge and research in applicable contemporary career fields.

Denial of a Substantive Change

The Commission acted to deny a substantive change for the following institution.

- **New Charter University**, 50 West Broadway, Suite 300
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

In accordance with DEAC policy, the institution has filed an appeal of the Commission's decision.

Lapse of Accreditation

The following institution has decided to allow its accreditation to lapse. The institution's accreditation will lapse effective March 31, 2019. Students who graduate on or before March 31, 2019 will graduate from an accredited institution.

- **Southwest University**, 2220 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Suite 108
Kenner, LA 70062

Show Cause Order

The Commission acted to direct the following institutions to show cause why their accreditation should not be withdrawn.

- **APT College**, 333 University Avenue, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95825
The Commission voted to continue the Show Cause Order issued on December 18, 2018.
- **Brighton College**, 8777 Via de Ventura, Suite 300, Scottsdale, AZ 87258
The Commission voted to continue the Show Cause Order issued on May 23, 2018.
- **Hypnosis Motivation Institute**, 18607 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 310,
Tarzana, CA 91356
The Commission voted to place the institution on Show Cause.

Information regarding the show cause orders is available to the public on the DEAC website at <http://www.deac.org/Public-Notices/Institutions-On-Show-Cause.aspx>.

New Programs

The Commission affirmed the following actions taken by the Academic Review Committee of the Accrediting Commission.

American Business and Technology University, 1018 West St. Maartens Drive
St Joseph, MO 64506

Vocational or non-degree program

- Information Technology Support Specialist

Ashworth College, 6625 The Corners Parkway, Suite 500
Norcross, GA 30092

Vocational or non-degree programs

- Personal Style

- Home Staging

Bachelor's Degree

- Bachelors in Veterinary Practice

New division

- Ashworth High School (a new high school division for adult students)

Distance Education Company/ New York Institute of Art and Design, 192 Lexington Avenue, Suite 701

New York, NY 10017

Vocational or non-degree programs

- Creative Writing
- Graphic Design

Distance Education Company/ New York Institute of Career Development 192 Lexington Avenue, Suite 701, New York, NY 10017

Vocational or non-degree program

- Veterinary Assisting
- Travel Agent

Martinsburg College, 341 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404

Vocational or non-degree program

- Healthcare Administrative Specialist

Penn Foster College, 925 Oak Street, Scranton, PA 18515

Degree

- Associate of Science in Industrial Supervision
- Associate of Science in Manufacturing

Study.com, 100 View Street, #202, Mountain View, CA 94041

AQC

- AQC approval of 20 courses offered by Study.com

The Art of Education University

Substantive Change

- The institution changed its name from The Art of Education to The Art of Education University

Degree

- Master of Arts in Art Education

The TEFL Academy, Mocatta House, Trafalgar, Place, Brighton, East Sussex, United Kingdom BN14DU

AQC

- AQC approval of Level 5 TEFL course

Union University of California, 14200 Goldenwest Street, Westminster, CA 92683

Degree

Doctor of Ministry (Vietnamese)

University of Fairfax

Degrees

- Master of Computer Science and Engineering
- Doctorate of Software Development

University of the People, 225 South Lake Ave., Suite 300, Pasadena, CA 91101

Degree

- Master of Education in Advanced Teaching

Westcliff University, 16715 Von Karman, #100, Irvine, California 92606

Degree

- Master of Science in Computer Science
- Master of Science in Engineering Management
- Master of Science in Information Technology

Withdrawal from AQC

The following non-institutional provider has voluntarily withdrawn all of its courses from DEAC's AQC status.

- **Straighterline**

Change to the DEAC Board of Directors Executive Committee

Mr. Chris Reeves, Chair of the DEAC Accrediting Commission and a member of the Executive Committee, resigned his position, effective January 31, 2019. The Board of Directors appointed Ms. Stella Garlick to replace Mr. Reeves on the Executive Committee as an at-large member.

Call for Comment on Proposed Changes to DEAC Accreditation Handbook

The Accrediting Commission is seeking comments on proposed changes to the *DEAC Accreditation Handbook* in accordance with its procedures set forth in *Section XIX.D. Processes and Procedures for Adoption*. Please visit <https://www.deac.org/Public-Notices/Document-Out-For-Public-Comment.aspx> to review the Call for Comment Documents. Some proposed changes are minor editorial revisions or technical and conforming amendments. Other changes are more substantive. All are welcome to [provide any written comments via email](#). Comments are due by **April 15, 2019**.