

Report from the Accrediting Commission

February 27, 2017

Grant of Accreditation

Educatore School of Education

Founded in 2012

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Accredited Programs

- Teach-Now Teacher Preparation and Certificate Program
- Master's in Education Degree with Teacher Certification
- Master's in Education

The Commission took action to grant initial accreditation to Educatore School of Education for a period of three years 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. The institution is accredited through January 2020.

Renewal of Accreditation

Art Instruction Schools

Founded in 1914

Mr. Tom Stuart, President
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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55426
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Accredited Program

- Fundamentals of Art

The Commission took action to grant renewal of accreditation without condition to Art Instruction Schools for a five-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. The institution is accredited through January 2021.¹

Grantham University

Founded in 1961

Dr. Cheryl Hayek, Interim President

16025 West 113th Street

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Accredited Programs

- Advanced Cybersecurity Certificate
- Business Leadership Certificate
- Cybersecurity Concepts Certificate
- Human Resources Certificate
- Human Resources Graduate Certificate
- Introduction to Programming Certificate
- Medical Administrative Assistant Certificate
- Paraprofessional: Teaching Assistant Certificate
- Practical Entrepreneurship Certificate
- Project Management Certificate
- Project Management Graduate Certificate
- Associate of Arts in Business Management
- Associate of Arts in Business Administration
- Associate of Science in Computer Science
- Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice
- Associate of Science in Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology
- Associate of Arts in Engineering Management Technology
- Associate of Arts in General Studies
- Associate of Applied Science in Medical Coding and Billing
- Associate of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Accounting
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Business Management
- Bachelor of Business Administration – Concentration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security
- Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering Technology

¹ The institution's grant of accreditation is retroactive to January 2016.

- Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management Technology
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Financial Planning
- Bachelor of Arts in General Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Health Systems Management
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resource Management
- Bachelor of Science in Information Systems
- Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Procurement and Contract Management
- RN to BSN Degree Completion (Bachelor of Science in Nursing)
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration – Information Management
- Master of Business Administration – Project Management
- Master of Science in Business Intelligence
- Master of Healthcare Administration
- Master of Science in Health Systems Management
- Master of Science in Information Management Technology
- Master of Science in Information Technology
- Master of Science in Information Management – Project Management
- Master of Science in Nursing – RN to MSN Bridge
- Master of Science in Nursing – Case Management Specialization
- Master of Science in Nursing – Nursing Education Specialization
- Master of Science in Nursing – Nursing Informatics Specialization
- Master of Science in Nursing – Nursing Management & Organizational Leadership Specialization
- Master of Science in Performance Improvement

The Commission took action to grant renewal of accreditation without condition to Grantham University for a five-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. The institution is accredited through June 2021.²

Henley-Putnam University

Founded 1991

James Killin, Chief Executive Officer
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Santa Clara, CA 95054
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www.henley-putnam.edu
Accredited Programs
Bachelors Degrees

² The institution's grant of accreditation is retroactive to June 2016.

- Bachelor of Science in Intelligence Management
- Bachelor of Science in Strategic Security and Protection Management
- Bachelor of Science in Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Masters Degrees

- Master of Science in Intelligence Management
- Master of Science in Strategic Security and Protection Management
- Master of Science in Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Doctoral Degree

- Doctorate in Strategic Security

Certificates

- Advanced Physical Security and Risk Assessment
- Certificate in Arabic
- Certificate in Chinese
- Certificate in Dari
- Certificate in Farsi
- Certificate in French
- Certificate in Hindi
- Certificate in Intelligence and Terrorism Profiling
- Certificate in Intelligence Collection
- Certificate in Portuguese
- Certificate in Russian
- Certificate in Security Management
- Certificate in Spanish
- Certificate in Strategic Intelligence
- Certificate in Urdu
- Cybersecurity
- Entry Level Certificate in Counterterrorism
- Entry Level Certificate in Executive Protection
- Entry Level Certificate in Intelligence Analysis
- Homeland Security
- Intelligence Collection and Analysis
- Intelligence Collection and Analysis-Advanced
- Mid-Level Certificate in Counterterrorism
- Mid-Level Certificate in Executive Protection
- Mid-Level Certificate in Intelligence Analysis
- Physical Security and Risk Assessment
- Security Management
- Security Management Advanced
- Senior Level Certificate in Counterterrorism
- Senior Level Certificate in Executive Protection
- Senior Level Certificate in Intelligence Analysis
- Strategic Security Management

The Commission took action to grant renewal of accreditation without condition to Henley-Putnam University for a five-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. The institution is accredited through June 2021.³

University of the People

Founded 2009

Mr. Shai Reshef, President
225 South Lake Avenue, Suite 300
Pasadena, California 91101
uopeople.edu
www.uopeople.edu
Accredited Programs

- Associate in Business Administration
- Associate in Computer Science
- Bachelor in Business Administration
- Bachelor in Computer Science

The Commission took action to grant renewal of accreditation without condition to University of the People for a five-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. The institution is accredited through January 2022.

Vacate Show Cause Order and Grant Accreditation

American Business and Technology University

Founded in 2001

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St. Joseph, Missouri 64506
www.abtu.edu
info@abtu.edu
1 (800) 908- 9329 or (816) 279-7000

Accredited Programs

- Administrative Assistant Certificate
- Health Care Specialist Certificate
- Information Technology Certificate
- Technical Diploma in Business Administration and Information Technology

³ The institution's accreditation is retroactive to June 2016.

- Technical Diploma in Computer Programming and Systems Design
- Technical Diploma in Health Information Technology
- Technical Diploma in Network Administration and Information Security
- Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration and Information Technology
- Associate of Applied Science in Computer Programming and Systems Design
- Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology
- Associate of Applied Science in Network Administration and Information Security
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Management in the Global Economy
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Management in the Global Economy with Emphasis in Marketing Emphasis
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Systems Engineering with Emphasis in Networking and Security
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration - Project and Operations Management Concentration

The Commission moved to vacate the show cause order and renew the accreditation of American Business and Technology University without condition for a period of five years following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs. The institution has been found to meet each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution is accredited until June 2020.⁴

Show Cause Order

William Loveland College

Dr. David Lady

441 East 4th Street, #101

Loveland, Colorado 80537

Founded in 1923

The Commission took action to direct the institution to show cause why its accreditation should not be withdrawn. Information regarding this action is available on the DEAC website at <http://www.deac.org/Public-Notices/Institutions-On-Show-Cause.aspx>

Additional Sites

Anaheim University

1081 North Tustin Avenue

Suites 117-118

Anaheim, California 92807

⁴ The institution's grant of accreditation is retroactive to June 2015.

Aspen University

1660 South Albion Street, Suite 525

Denver, Colorado 80222

The Commission affirmed the addition of a new administrative site at 46 East 21st Street, Third Floor, New York, New York 10010

Change of Location

The Commission took action to affirm a new location for the following institutions.

Apollos University

600 Central Ave, Suite 215,

Great Falls, Montana 59401.

Genesis University (formerly AHS-Genesis)

4000 Alton Road, Miami Beach, Florida 33140.

The institution's previous site is now an administrative site located at 259 Grandview Avenue, Suffern, New York 10901

Change of Core Mission

The Commission took action to approve a change of core mission for the following institution.

National Paralegal College

717 East Maryland Avenue, Suite 115

Phoenix, Arizona 85014-1561

The institution's mission statement is,

The mission of National Paralegal College is to provide quality Internet-based education and training to individuals seeking to develop careers as paralegals or as other business, legal, and regulatory professionals. NPC seeks to provide its students with the knowledge and skills that are necessary to succeed by delivering high-quality instruction in an interactive learning environment that is conducive to student achievement and growth.

Change of Name

The Commission took action to approve a change of name for the following institutions.

Meta Business School changed its name to **California Institute of Management and Technology**.

AHS-Genesis Institute changed its name to **Genesis University**.

Change of Ownership

The Commission took action to accept the report on a change of ownership visit for New Charter University, 50 West Broadway, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101. The Ownership structure is as follows.

Global Heritage Education Holdings, Inc. (GHEH) a Delaware corporation owns Global Heritage Education, LLC (GHE), a Utah Limited Liability Company d/b/a New Charter University.⁵

Teach Out

The Commission approved plan for teaching out students at the at the following institution.

- **Art Instruction Schools**, Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Commission approved the institution's plan to teach out students enrolled in the Fundamentals of Art Program. The institution plans to teach out all students by December 31, 2018 and cease operating the educational program at that time.

Follow up on New Degree Programs

The Commission took action to approve the on-site evaluation reports and affirm the implementation of new degree programs at the following institutions:

Genesis University

- Associate of Science (with a concentration in education)
- Bachelor of Science (with a concentration in education)
- Associate of Arts - Religious (Judaic) Studies
- Bachelor of Arts- Religious Studies

⁵ Global Heritage Education, LLC (GHE) is a Utah Limited Liability Company is owned by Global Heritage Education Holdings, (GHEH) a Delaware C Corporation with two shareholders. GHEH is owned 90% by CL Heritage Limited, a British Virgin Island company and 10% by Knod Heritage Education, LLC. CL Heritage Limited, is owned by the Chan family, of which Chan, Eu Khin (aka Adam Chan) is the Chief Executive. CL Heritage Limited is a holding company. Knod Heritage Education, LLC (KHE) also a holding company and is wholly owned by Global Learning U.

New Programs

The Commission affirmed the following actions taken by the Academic Review Subcommittee of the Accrediting Commission. The Academic Review Subcommittee met on July 26, 2016 and approved the following programs:

Apollos University, Great Falls, Montana

- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

Penn Foster, Scranton, Pennsylvania

- Child Care Professional Diploma

The Academic Review Subcommittee met on September 16, 2016 and approved the following programs.

AHS-Genesis Institute, Suffern, New York

- Associate of Arts – Religious Studies (Judaic Studies) and Bachelor of Religious Studies (Judaic Studies)
- Associate of Science and Bachelor of Science (with a concentration in Education)

Grantham University, Lenexa, Kansas

- Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management

The Academic Review Committee met on November 18, 2016 and approved the following programs.

American College of Healthcare Sciences, Portland Oregon

- Certificate in Holistic Spa Management

American Sentinel University, Aurora, Colorado

- Doctor of Nursing Practice – Informatics Specialization

APT College, Carlsbad, California

- Associate of Applied Science in Information and Communications Technologies

City Vision University, Kansas City, Missouri

- Associate of Arts in Christian Ministry and Leadership
- Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry and Leadership

New Public Commissioners

The Commission voted to accept the recommendations of the nominating Committee to appoint the following public commissioners, each to a three-year term beginning April 1, 2017:

Dr. Jack Goetz

Dr. Goetz is the Associate Director of the Judge Judith O. Hollinger Program in Alternative Dispute Resolution at the University of Southern California (USC) Gould School of Law. Dr. Goetz is an arbitrator, mediator and temporary judge in the community. He has been the primary mediation trainer for two local non-profits since 2014, the California Academy of Mediation Professionals and the Center for Conflict Resolution. Dr. Goetz has been a dedicated volunteer and member of the DEAC community for seventeen years, and he has extensive experience in higher education

Mr. Lucien (Skip) Capone

Mr. Capone served as General Counsel for the University of North Carolina (UNC) Asheville. Skip has extensive experience in higher education, first as a legal representative of the UNC system while at the NC Attorney General's Office, then as General Counsel at two UNC campuses (UNC Greensboro and UNC Asheville). He has given numerous presentations on higher education legal topics at national conferences of higher education attorneys (e.g. NACUA), and accreditors such as DEAC and ASPA. He served on the Board of Directors of NACUA for three years and has served as a public member on three accreditation boards.

Election of New Institutional Directors

In accordance with the *Bylaws* of the corporation, Article IV, Section 5, the Commission will elect new directors to fill vacancies created by expiring terms. Candidates will be announced in a news release, and the election will occur at the Annual Business Meeting of the Corporation which will commence at the DEAC Annual Conference, April 23-25, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas.

2017-2018 Executive Committee

The Board of Directors elected the following members to the Executive Committee:

David Oxenhandler, Public Member – Chair

Caulyne Barron, Institution Member (Dunlap Stone University) – Vice Chair

Chris Reeves, Institution Member (Shiloh University) – Treasurer

Pat O'Malley, Public Member – Member at Large

2018-2019 Annual Dues and Fees

The Board of Directors is instituting an increase in the minimum amount for annual dues for the 2018-2019 year. The minimum amount is increasing from \$1,000 to \$3,000. This change is being made pursuant to the *Bylaws* of the corporation, Article III, Section 6 which states that annual dues and fees rates shall be set by the Board of Directors.

Dues for April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019

DEAC Dues shall be the following: Annual dues shall be eighty-six hundredths of one percent (.86% or .0086) of school cash collections up to \$3,500,000, but in no case shall an organization pay dues of less than \$3,000. For school cash collections exceeding \$3,500,000, the organization shall pay \$600 per million or part thereof. Subsequent changes in dues shall be based on the .86 percent amount and shall be stated as a percentage of organizational cash collections.

Call for Comment

DEAC has issued a Call for Comment on proposed revisions to its financial responsibility standards. The DEAC is receiving an increasing volume of applications from institutions that are owned by parent corporations that establish multi-level subsidiary structures between the ultimate parent and the institution. DEAC is also receiving an increasing number of change of ownership applications and applications for initial accreditation from corporations located outside of the United States. When institutions are reviewed for financial soundness, these complex structures require a detailed review to fully evaluate financial stability of the parent entity and parent's ability to assure that the institution can meet its financial responsibilities while fulfilling its obligations to students. DEAC's Accreditation Standard XI.C. requires audited or reviewed parent/guarantor statements under United States GAAP. The DEAC is seeking comments on a proposed a modification to its financial responsibility standards to strengthen the ability of the Accrediting Commission to obtain reliable documentation that financial resources are available from the parent company, if needed.

Institutions, students, government officials, and the public are invited to submit formal letters providing comments on the proposed changes. Comment letters are due April 28, 2017 to Dr. Leah Matthews (leah.matthews@deac.org). Please indicate "comments on Proposed Changes" in the subject line of your email.

Proposed changes to the DEAC *Accreditation Handbook* are indicated in **red, underlined font or strikethrough**.

PART 2, SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, DEAC *ACCREDITATION HANDBOOK* (p. 11)

- F. The institution documents, through audited or reviewed comparative financial statements that cover its two most recent fiscal years, that it is financially sound and can meet its financial obligations to provide instruction and service to its students. All financial statements submitted to DEAC are prepared in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) **and in accordance with the Financial Responsibility standards under Part 3, Section XI, Accreditation Standards.** ~~In the event the financial operations of the institution are supported by a parent company or a third party, audited or reviewed financial statements are provided by the supporting entity to demonstrate that the supporting entity possesses sufficient financial resources to provide the institution continued financial sustainability, as well as the commitment to do so.~~

PART 2, SECTION XVI – ANNUAL REPORTS, DEAC *ACCREDITATION HANDBOOK* (p. 59)

- C. **Significant Changes in Financial Condition:** The institution is required to report and explain the reasons for any significant change in financial condition since the last Annual Report.
1. An institution **is required to** submit audited or reviewed comparative financial statements **with its annual report.**
 2. **If the institution is a subsidiary or division of another company, audited or reviewed financial statements of the ultimate parent are required to be submitted**
 3. **In the event the financial operations of the institution are supported by shareholders or another entity, audited or reviewed financial statements of the supporting entity or a letter of credit as outlined in Standard XI.C and D., must be submitted.**
 4. **If the institution reports a loss in its net income or a decrease in net assets (not for profits)** or a deficit in working capital or total equity/fund balance, the Commission reviews the financial statements and determines whether further reporting is required or other appropriate action is necessary.
 5. An institution participating in Federal Student Assistance Title IV programs reports additional information describing its participation and submits audited comparative financial statements, including its compliance audit for its most

recent fiscal year, no later than June 30.

PART 3, SECTION XI – FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, ACCREDITATION STANDARDS, DEAC
ACCREDITATION HANDBOOK (pp. 96-97)

XI. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

C. FINANCIAL STABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

The institution maintains adequate administrative staff and other resources to operate effectively as a going concern and is not exposed to undue or insurmountable risk. Any risk that exists is adequately monitored, manageable, and insured. In the event the financial operations of the institution are supported by a parent company, shareholders or a third party, ~~audited or reviewed financial statements are provided by the supporting entity~~ **must provide one of the following to demonstrate that the supporting entity possesses sufficient financial resources to provide the institution continued financial sustainability, as well as the commitment to do so:**

- 1. Audited or reviewed financial statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of XI(D), or**
- 2. A letter of credit in an amount sufficient to cover any projected annual operating cash deficits for the institution's next year**

D. FINANCIAL REPORTING

Financial statements are prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America often referred to as "GAAP," including the accrual method of accounting. An independent certified public accountant (CPA) audit or review report accompanies these statements.

- 1.** The institution's financial statements reflect sufficient liquid assets to provide for a staff and faculty.
- 2.** Annually, the institution has the option of submitting one of these two types of financial statements, unless the Commission directs the institution to submit audited financial statements.
 - Audited comparative financial statements containing an audit opinion by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, or

- Reviewed comparative financial statements containing a review report by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
3. **Institutions that operate as subsidiaries or divisions must submit the parent company's audited or reviewed financial statements annually.**
 4. **Institutions that are financially supported by shareholders or another entity must submit audited or reviewed financial statements for the supporting entity or a letter of credit as outlined in Standard XI.C.**
 5. Financial statements submitted must include the institution's fiscal statement for either the most recent fiscal year end or the date specified by the Commission, the CPA's opinion letter or review report, and a letter of financial statement validation.