

## **Report from the Accrediting Commission February 28, 2022**

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (the Commission) met on January 28, 2022. 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 II Processes and Procedures, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*. In addition, the Report provides notice of final changes that the Commission adopted for the DEAC Standards of Accreditation.

### **Initial Accreditation**

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

#### **Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

**Founded 1920**

Ms. Julie S. Tye, President

700 Elm Street

Winnetka, IL 60093

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

[info@hadley.edu](mailto:info@hadley.edu)

1(800)323-4238

Accredited Program

- Business Enterprise Program Licensee Training (BEPLT)

The institution is accredited through January 2025.

#### **Hondros College of Business**

**Founded 1981**

Ms. Tina Lapp, President

4140 Executive Parkway

Westerville, OH 43081

[www.hondroscollegeofbusiness.com](http://www.hondroscollegeofbusiness.com)

[info@hondros.com](mailto:info@hondros.com)

1(800) 783-0097

Accredited Program

- Associate Degree of Applied Business In Business Management

The institution is accredited through January 2025.

### **Renewal of Accreditation**

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

#### **Ashworth College**

**Founded 1987**

Ashworth College includes Ashworth College, Ashworth Career School, Madison School of Healthcare, James Madison High School, and PCDI Canada.

Ms. Heather D. McAllister, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

5051 Peachtree Corners Circle, Suite 200

Norcross, GA 30092

<https://www.ashworthcollege.edu/>

[education@ashworthcollege.edu](mailto:education@ashworthcollege.edu)

1(800)-957-5412

Accredited Programs

Bachelor's Degrees

- Bachelor of Arts in General Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management
- Bachelor of Science in Management
- Bachelor of Science in Marketing
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Associate Degrees

- Associate of Arts in General Studies
- Associate of Science in Accounting
- Associate of Science in Computer Information Systems
- Associate of Science in Construction Management
- Associate of Science in Criminal Justice
- Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education
- Associate of Science in General Business
- Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration
- Associate of Science in Human Resource Administration
- Associate of Science in Marketing
- Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies
- Associate of Science in Psychology
- Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technician

Undergraduate Certificates

- Accounting
- Business Management
- Computer Information Management
- Construction Management
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education

- Finance
- General Studies
- Healthcare Management
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing
- Paralegal Studies
- Security Management

Career Diplomas

- Administrative Assistant
- AutoCAD
- Automotive Technician
- Basic Electronics
- Bookkeeping
- Carpentry
- Child Care Provider
- Dental Office Assistant
- Diesel Mechanic
- Dog Obedience Trainer
- Electrician Training
- Electronic Health Records Management
- Event Planning
- Floral Design
- Forensic Science
- Gourmet Cooking and Catering
- Heating and Air Conditioning
- Home Health Aide
- Home Inspection
- Hotel & Restaurant Management
- Introduction to Psychology
- Landscape Design
- Locksmithing
- Medical Billing and Coding
- Medical Office Assistant
- Medical Transcription
- Nutrition, Diet and Health Science
- Occupational Therapy Aide
- Paralegal Studies
- Payroll Clerk

- Personal Financial Planning
- Pharmacy Technician
- Physical Therapy Aide
- Plumbing
- Private Investigation
- Property Management
- Retail Management
- Security Services
- Small Business Management
- Social Services Assistant: Substance Abuse
- Sterile Processing
- Tax Preparation
- Travel Agent
- Veterinary Assisting

#### Career Certificates

- Advanced Medical Coding
- Automotive Automatic Transmissions
- Automotive Engine Performance
- Automotive HVAC
- Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate
- Civil Litigation
- Criminal Law & Procedure
- Electronic Medical Records
- HIPAA Compliance
- Medical Billing
- Medical Office Assistant: Admin Procedures
- Medical Office Receptionist
- Medical Terminology
- Medical Transcription Fundamentals
- Real Estate Law
- Sterile Compounding

#### High School

- High School - General Diploma
- High School - College Prep Diploma

#### PCDI Canada - offers the following Ashworth programs:

- Administrative Assistant
- AutoCAD
- Basic Electronics

- Child Care Provider
- Dental Office Assistant
- Dog Obedience
- Electrician Training
- Event Planning
- Floral Design
- Forensic Science
- Gourmet Cooking and Catering
- Heating and Air Conditioning
- Home Health Aide
- Home Inspection
- Hotel and Restaurant Management
- Introduction to Psychology
- Landscape Design
- Locksmithing
- Medical Office Assistant
- Medical Transcription
- Nutrition, Diet and Health Science
- Occupational Therapy Aide
- Physical Therapy Aide
- Plumbing
- Property Management
- Retail Pharmacy Assistant
- Small Business Management
- Travel Agent
- Veterinary Assisting
- High School Diploma

The institution is accredited through January 2027.

**Laurus College**

**Founded 2006**

Mr. Jeff Redmond, Chancellor  
421 East Betteravia Road, Suite 100  
Santa Maria, CA91101

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

[admin@lauruscollege.edu](mailto:admin@lauruscollege.edu)

1(805)267-1690

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Occupational Associate Degree in Digital Arts & Computer Animation

- Occupational Associate Degree in Information Technologies & Network Systems
- Occupational Associate Degree in Medical Billing & Coding
- Occupational Associate Degree in Professional Business Systems
- Occupational Associate Degree in Web Design
- Bachelor's Degree in Business Systems Management
- Bachelor's Degree in Digital Arts & Computer Animation
- Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology Systems Management
- Bachelor's Degree in Web Design & Development
- Associate of Science in Business Administration
- Associate of Science in Information Technologies and Network Systems
- Associate of Science in Visual Design and Multimedia
- Associate of Science in Web Design

The institution is accredited through June 2026.

### **Chi University**

**Founded 1998**

Mr. Zhen Zhao, Chief Executive Officer

9650 West Highway 318

Reddick, FL 32686

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

[zhen@chiu.edu](mailto:zhen@chiu.edu)

1(800)860-1543

Accredited Programs

#### Degrees

- Master of Science – Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine
- Master of Science in Integrative Veterinary Medicine – Canine
- Master of Science in Integrative Veterinary Medicine – Equine

#### Certificates

- Certified Veterinary Acupuncture

The institution is accredited through January 2027.

### **University of the People**

**Founded 2009**

University of the People includes the following administrative offices: 30 Hamasgar Street, Tel Aviv, Israel, and No 37 Jhansi Lakshmi Bai Road, Chamaraja Mohalla Mysore, India.

Mr. Shai Reshef, President

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1(213)220-4646

Accredited Programs

### **Degrees**

- Associate of Science in Business Administration
- Associate of Science in Business Administration in Arabic
- Associate of Science in Computer Science
- Associate of Science in Health Science
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Arabic
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Science in Health Science
- Master of Business Administration in Management
- Master of Education in Advanced Teaching
- Master of Science in Information Technology

### **Certificates**

- Certificate in Public Health and Health Services
- Certificate in Human Biology
- Certificate in Epidemiology
- Certificate in Behavioral Health
- Certificate in Finance
- Certificate in Marketing
- Certificate in Strategy
- Certificate in Accounting
- Certificate in Entrepreneurship

### **Non-Degree**

- ESL Program

The institution is accredited through January 2027.

### **Voluntary Withdrawal from Accreditation**

The following institution has voluntarily withdrawn from DEAC Accreditation effective February 23, 2022.

#### **Hypnosis Motivation Institute**

18607 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 310

Tarzana, CA 91356

**Founded 1968**

### **Staff Follow-up Visits on Accreditation Renewal**

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.<sup>1</sup> The Commission reviewed staff visit reports and voted to accept reports on the following institutions.

- **Catholic Distance University**, 330 South George Street, Charles Town, WV 25414
- **Columbia Southern University**, 21982 University Lane, Orange Beach, AL 36561
- **Doral College**, 2525 NW 112th Avenue, Doral, FL 33172
- **University of Arkansas System eVersity**, 2402 North University Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72207
- **University of Management and Technology**, 1901 Fort Myer Drive, Suite 700, Arlington, VA 22209-1609

### Staff Follow-Up Visits on Substantive Changes

- **Ashworth College**,<sup>2</sup> 5051 Peachtree Corners Circle, Suite 200, Norcross, GA 30092
- **Penn Foster**, 925 Oak Street, Scranton, PA 18515
- **Distance Education Company**, 41 East 11th Street, 11th floor, Suite 66, New York, NY 10003
- **Wright Graduate University for the Realization of Human Potential**,<sup>3</sup> N7698 County Highway H, Elkhorn, WI 53121

### Change of Location

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

- **California Intercontinental University**, 2601 Main Street, Suite 250, Irvine, CA 92614
- **Cummings Graduate Institute for Behavioral Studies**, 2111 East Baseline Road, Suite E1, Tempe, AZ 85283
- **Distance Education Company**, 41 East 11th Street, 11th floor, Suite 66, New York, NY 10003
- **Viridis Graduate Institute**, 3345 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282

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<sup>1</sup> [Federal Register: Federal Student Aid Programs \(December 11, 2020\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> The review of the renewal of accreditation application for Ashworth included a staff follow-up on a change of ownership for Ashworth, Penn Foster, and Distance Education Company. See DEAC notice dated July 16, 2021.

<sup>3</sup> The Chicago site operates under the DBA, the Wright Graduate School for the Realization of Human Potential. This was a limited on-site evaluation of a change of location for an administrative site at 445 East Ohio Street, Suite 300, Chicago, IL.



## Change of Mission

- **The Art of Education University**, 518 Main Street, Osage, IA 50461  
The Commission approved an application for a change of mission for The Art of Education University. The approved mission is as follows:  
“We grow amazing teachers by providing rigorous, relevant, and engaging learning at every stage of their career.”

## Addition of a New Administrative Site

- **William Carey International University**, 1010 East Union Street, Suite 110  
Pasadena CA 9110  
The Commission accepted a report on a new administrative site for the institution’s library. The library is now located at 1705 North Sierra Bonita, Pasadena, CA 91104.

## International Activities

- **University of the People**, 595 East Colorado Boulevard, Suite 623, Pasadena, CA 91101  
The Commission accepted a report on international activities at an administrative site located at No 37 Jhansi Lakshmi Bai Road, Chamaraja Mohalla Mysore, India.

## Follow-up on Degree Program Implementation

- **Lakewood University**, 2231 North Taylor Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44112  
The Commission accepted a report on the implementation of the following new degree programs.
  - Associate of Arts in Paralegal Studies
  - Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration
  - Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration
  - Master of Business Administration in IT/Business Management
- **Lionel University (formerly International Sports Sciences Association)**, 1015 Mark Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013  
The Commission accepted a report on the implementation of the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science.
- **Sessions College of Professional Design**, 51 West 3rd Street, Suite E-301, Tempe, AZ 85281

The Commission accepted a report on the implementation of the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design.

- **William Howard Taft University**, 3333 South Wadsworth Boulevard, Suite D228, Lakewood, CO 80227

The Commission accepted a report on a new division, the School of Law and Government, and a new Master of Public Administration degree.

### **In-Residence Component**

The Commission took action to confirm an in-residence component for the following institutions.

- **Chi University**, 9650 West Highway 318, Reddick, FL 32686. As part of the renewal of accreditation review for Chi University, the Commission accepted a report on an in-residence component pertaining to the Master of Science in Integrative Veterinary Medicine – Equine and the Master of Science in Integrative Veterinary Medicine – Canine programs, to be offered at the institution’s primary location.
- **Laurus College**, 421 East Betteravia Road, Suite 100, Santa Maria, CA, 93454. As part of the renewal of accreditation review of Laurus College, the Commission accepted a report on an in-residence component pertaining to the addition of an in-residence site located at 8965 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 150, Las Vegas, NV 89123.

### **Approval of New Programs**

The Commission affirmed the approval of the following new programs.

**Chi University**, 4615 East Elwood Street, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85040

- Master of Science in Integrative Veterinary Medicine – Canine
- Master of Science in Integrative Veterinary Medicine – Equine

**Columbia Southern University**, 21982 University Lane, Orange Beach, AL 36561

- Associate of Science in Military Studies

**Cummings Graduate Institute for Behavioral Health**, 2111 East Baseline Road, Suite E1, Tempe, AZ 85283

- Master of Healthcare Leadership (MHL)

**Laurus College**, 421 East Betteravia Road, Suite 100, Santa Maria, CA, 93454

- Associate of Science in Business Administration
- Associate of Science in Information Technologies and Network Systems
- Associate of Science in Visual Design and Multimedia

- Associate of Science in Web Design

**Penn Foster College**, 14300 North Northsight Boulevard, Suite 125, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

- Optician Exam Prep Diploma

**Sessions College for Professional Design**, 51 West Third Street, Suite E-301, Tempe, AZ 85281

- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Photography
- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration

**Shiloh University**, 416 D Avenue, Kalona, IA 52247

- Masters in Healing and Deliverance
- Master of Education with concentrations in educational leadership and instructional design and technology

**Sonoran Desert Institute**, 1555 West University Drive, Suite 103, Tempe, AZ 85281

- Certificate in Unmanned Technology – Aerial Systems

**University of Arkansas—Grantham**, 16025 West 113th Street, Lenexa, KS 66219

- Associate of Science in Information Systems and Security
- Associate of Science in Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Information Systems - Computer Forensics Investigation concentration
- Bachelor of Science in Information Systems - Information Technology concentration

**University of Fairfax**, 1813 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153

- Master of Science in Cloud Computing

**University of the People**, 595 East Colorado Boulevard, Suite 623, Pasadena, CA 91101

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Arabic)
- ESL Program

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

- Bachelor of Business Administration with concentrations in general business; management and organizational leadership; marketing; information systems management; and supply chain management and logistics.
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT)

**Weston Distance Learning**, 2001 Lowe Street, Fort Collins, CO 80525

- HVACR Technician

- Phlebotomy Technician

**Wright Graduate University for the Realization of Human Potential**, N7698 County Highway H,  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

- Master of Business Administration (MBA).

### **Show Cause Directives**

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

#### **California Miramar University**

**Founded 2005**

Dr. Chitpasong Vazquez  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
550 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 208  
San Diego, CA 92108

#### **Sarasota University**

**Founded 2013**

Dr. Ronald Ogrodnik  
President  
5104 Lockwood Ridge Road, Suite 102,  
Sarasota, FL 34234,

Information about the reasons for the Commission's decisions and the pertinent standards can be found at this link: [Institutions On Show Cause \(deac.org\)](https://deac.org/institutions-on-show-cause)