

## Report from the Accrediting Commission

**March 1, 2016**

In accordance with its procedure for Notification and Information Sharing (Section X, Notification and Information Sharing, Process and Procedures, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*) and 34 Code of Federal Regulations §602.26(a)(1)&(2), the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC or the Commission) will provide written notice to the U.S. Secretary of Education, the appropriate state licensing or authorizing agencies, and appropriate accrediting agencies at the same time it notifies the institution of the decisions to accredit or reaccredit an institution and no later than 30 days after the Commission makes its decision. The Commission provides notice of its accreditation decisions to the public on its website. This is a report of the actions taken by the DEAC at its meeting held January 29, 2016, including a description of the reasons for decisions to grant accreditation.

### **Grant of Accreditation**

#### **Realtor University**

Mr. Dale Stinton, President  
430 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
www.realtoru.com  
admissions@realtoru.com  
(855)786-6546

Founded in 2003  
Renewal of Accreditation in 2019

#### Accredited Programs

- Master of Real Estate Degree Program
- Real Estate Association Management Graduate Certificate Program

The Commission awarded Realtor University an initial grant of accreditation for a three-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.

#### **Union University of California**

Mr. Delmar Sewall, President  
14200 Goldenwest Street  
Westminster, California 92683  
www.uuc.edu  
info@uuc.edu  
(714)903-2762

Founded in 1986  
Renewal of Accreditation in 2019

#### Accredited Programs

- Master of Arts in Ministry (offered in both English and Vietnamese)
- Master of Divinity (offered in both English and Vietnamese)

The Commission awarded Union University of California an initial grant of accreditation for a three-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.

## Renewal of Accreditation

### Atlantic University

Mr. Kevin Todeschi, President

215 67<sup>th</sup> Street

Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451-8101

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

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

(757) 631 8101 or 1 (800) 428-1512

Accredited Programs

- Master of Arts in Transpersonal Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Integrated Imagery
- Spiritual Guidance Mentor Training

Founded in 1930

Renewal of Accreditation in 2020

The Commission awarded Atlantic University a renewal of accreditation without conditions for a five-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs.<sup>1</sup> The institution was found to meet or exceed the Commission's standards for accreditation.

### Catholic Distance University

Dr. Marianne Mount, President

115 West Congress Street

Charles Town, West Virginia 25414

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

[cdu@cdu.edu](mailto:cdu@cdu.edu)

1 (888) 254-4238 or (304) 724-5000

Accredited Programs

- Master of Arts in Theology
- OSV-CDU MA in Theology for Catholic Educators
- Bachelor of Arts in Theology (Bachelor's Completion Program)
- Associate of Arts in the Liberal Arts with a Concentration in Catholic Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Sacred Scripture
- Graduate Certificate in Church History
- OSV-CDU MA Certificate for Catholic Educators
- Catechetical Diploma

Founded in 1983

Renewal of Accreditation in 2021

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

The Commission awarded Catholic Distance University a renewal of accreditation without conditions for a five-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs. The institution was found to meet or exceed the Commission's standards for accreditation.

**Columbia Southern University**

Mr. Robert Mayes, President  
21982 University Lane  
Orange Beach, Alabama 36561  
www.columbiasouthern.edu  
information@columbiasouthern.edu  
1 (800) 977-8449 or (251) 981-3771

Founded in 1993  
Renewal of Accreditation 2021

The Commission awarded Columbia Southern University a renewal of accreditation without conditions for a five-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs. The institution was found to meet or exceed the Commission's standards for accreditation.

Accredited Programs

- Associate of Science in Business
- Associate of Science in Criminal Justice
- Associate of Science in Fire Science
- Associate of Arts in General Studies
- Associate of Science in Health Information Science (General Emphasis)
- Associate of Science in Health Information Science (Medical Coding Emphasis)
- Associate of Science in Occupational Safety and Health
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Finance)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Hospitality & Tourism)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Human Resource Management)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Information Technology)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (International Management)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Management)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Marketing)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Project Management)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Sport Management)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Criminal Justice Administration)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Emergency Medical Services Administration)
- Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management
- Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Fire Science
- Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security

- Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety & Health
- Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety & Health in Fire Science
- Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration (Finance)
- Master of Business Administration (Health Care Management)
- Master of Business Administration (Human Resource Management)
- Master of Business Administration (Marketing)
- Master of Business Administration (Public Administration)
- Master of Business Administration (Project Management)
- Master of Public Administration (MPA)
- Master of Public Administration (Criminal Justice Administration)
- Master of Public Administration (Emergency Services Management)
- Master of Public Administration (Criminal Justice Administration)
- Master of Public Administration (Emergency Services Management)
- Master of Public Administration (Occupational Safety & Health)
- Master of Public Administration (Occupational Safety & Health Concentration in Environmental Management)
- Master of Science in Organizational Leadership
- Doctor of Business Administration
- Undergraduate Certificate in Information Technology
- Undergraduate Certificate in International Management
- Undergraduate Certificate in Management
- Undergraduate Certificate in Marketing
- Undergraduate Certificate in Occupational Safety & Health
- Undergraduate Certificate in Project Management
- Undergraduate Certificate in Sport Management
- Graduate Certificate in Environmental Management
- Graduate Certificate in Finance
- Graduate Certificate in Health Care Management
- Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management
- Graduate Certificate in Marketing
- Graduate Certificate in Occupational Safety & Health
- Graduate Certificate in Project Management
- Graduate Certificate in Public Administration

**Penn Foster**

Mr. Frank Britt, Chief Executive Officer

925 Oak Street

Scranton, Pennsylvania 18515

Founded in 1890

Renewal of Accreditation 2020

www.pennfoster.edu

info@pennfoster.edu

(570) 342-7701

Penn Foster Inc. includes the following divisions: Penn Foster High School, Penn Foster Career School, Penn Foster College 14300 N. Northsight Blvd, Suite 125, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260, and ICS Canada, 610-245 Victoria Avenue Westmount, QC H3Z 2M6.

The Commission awarded Penn Foster a renewal of accreditation without conditions for a five-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs.<sup>2</sup> The institution was found to meet or exceed the Commission's standards for accreditation.

#### Accredited Programs

##### High School Diplomas

- High School Diploma
- High School Diploma with Building Technology Concentration – Carpentry
- High School Diploma with Building Technology Concentration – Electrical
- High School Diploma with Building Technology Concentration – Plumbing
- High School Diploma with Early College Courses
- High School Diploma with Health Care Concentration
- High School Diploma with Information Technology Concentration

##### Diplomas

- Administrative Assistant Career Diploma
- Appliance Repair Career Diploma
- Auto Repair Technician Career Diploma
- Basic Electronics Career Diploma
- Bookkeeping Career Diploma
- Carpenter Career Diploma
- Caterer Career Diploma
- Child Day Care Career Diploma
- Computer Support Technician Career Diploma
- Computer Graphic Artist Career Diploma
- Dental Assistant Career Diploma
- Desktop Publishing and Design Career Diploma
- Diesel Mechanics/Heavy Truck Maintenance Career Diploma
- Dog Obedience Trainer/Instructor Career Diploma
- Drafting with AutoCAD® Career Diploma
- Dressmaking and Design Career Diploma
- Electrician - Residential Career Diploma
- Electronics Technician Career Diploma
- Floral Design Career Diploma

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<sup>2</sup> The period of accreditation is retroactive, beginning in January 2015 and continuing until January 2020.

- Freelance Writer Career Diploma
- Furniture and Cabinet Maker Career Diploma
- Gunsmith Career Diploma
- Home Inspector Career Diploma
- Home Remodeling and Repair Career Diploma
- Hotel and Restaurant Management Career Diploma
- HVACR Technician Career Diploma
- Interior Decorator Career Diploma
- Jewelry Design and Repair Career Diploma
- Landscaping Technology Career Diploma
- Legal Secretary Career Diploma
- Legal Transcriptionist Career Diploma
- Medical Administrative Assistant Career Diploma
- Medical Billing & Coding Career Diploma
- Medical Transcription Career Diploma
- Motorcycle Technician Career Diploma
- Occupational Therapy Aide Career Diploma
- Optician Career Diploma
- Paralegal Career Diploma
- PC Maintenance and Repair Career Diploma
- Personal Trainer - Certified Career Diploma
- Pharmacy Technician Career Diploma
- Physical Therapy Aide Career Diploma
- Plumber Career Diploma
- Private Investigator Career Diploma
- Professional Locksmithing Diploma
- Small Business Management Career Diploma
- Small Engine Repair Career Diploma
- Teacher Aide Career Diploma
- Telecommunications Technician Career Diploma
- Travel and Tourism Specialist Career Diploma
- Veterinary Assistant Career Diploma
- Web Page Design Career Diploma
- Wedding Planner - ABC® Certified Career Diploma
- Wildlife/Forestry Conservation Career Diploma

#### Certificates

- Accounting Essentials Certificate
- Anatomy and Physiology Certificate
- AutoCAD® Essentials Certificate
- Automotive HVAC Essentials Certificate
- Automotive Transmissions Essentials Certificate
- Business Management Essentials Certificate

- Business Security Certificate
- CDA Credential Preparation Undergraduate Certificate
- Child Development Training Certificate
- Computer Programming Languages Certificate
- English: Comprehensive Skills in Reading and Writing Certificate
- Fitness and Nutrition Certificate
- Child Psychology Certificate
- E-Business Management Certificate
- Electronic Medical Records Certificate
- Forensic Computer Examiner Certificate
- Gourmet Cooking Certificate
- Green Building Practices Certificate
- Health Information Management Certificate
- Human Resources Management Essentials Certificate
- LexisNexis® Legal Research Certificate
- Medical Terminology Certificate
- Microsoft® Office 2010 Certificate
- Microsoft® Office 2013 (Software Included) Certificate
- Microsoft® Office 2013 Certificate
- Natural Health Care for Pets Certificate
- National Electrical Code® 2011 Certificate
- Paralegal Advanced Applications Certificate
- Paralegal: Real Estate, Wills, and Estates Certificate
- Peachtree®: Computer Applications in Accounting Certificate
- Pet Grooming Certificate
- Property Management Certificate
- Public Relations Certificate
- Spanish Certificate
- Sports Nutrition Certificate

#### Undergraduate Certificates

- Accounting Undergraduate Certificate
- Business Management Undergraduate Certificate
- Foundation Skills for Technology Undergraduate Certificate
- General Studies Undergraduate Certificate
- Graphic Design Undergraduate Certificate
- Human Resources Undergraduate Certificate

#### Associate Degrees

- Accounting Associate Degree
- Business Management Associate Degree
- Computer Information Systems Associate Degree
- Construction Technology Associate Degree

- Criminal Justice Associate Degree
- Early Childhood Education Associate Degree
- Engineering Technology Associate Degree
- Fashion Merchandising Associate Degree
- Finance Associate Degree
- Graphic Design Associate Degree
- Health Care Management Associate Degree
- Human Resources Management Associate Degree
- Industrial Electronics and Electrical Maintenance Technology Associate Degree
- Interior Design Associate Degree
- Marketing Associate Degree
- Medical Assistant Associate Degree
- Paralegal Studies Associate Degree
- PC Maintenance Technology Associate Degree
- Retail Management Associate Degree
- Veterinary Technician Associate Degree
- Veterinary Technician Associate Degree (with eBooks)

#### Bachelor's Degrees

- Business Management Bachelor's Degree
- Criminal Justice Bachelor's Degree

#### Programs Offered Only Through ICS Canada

- Accounting
- Adult Psychology
- Aircraft Mechanics
- Animal Sciences
- Automotive Mechanics
- Business Management
- Certified Wedding Planner
- Child Day Care Management
- Child Psychology
- Counselling Skills
- Diesel Mechanics
- Electronics
- Employee Relations Officer
- Firearms Repair
- Interior Decorating
- Locksmithing
- Managing Your Own Business
- Market Researcher
- Motorcycle Repair
- Police Sciences (Law Enforcement & Protection)



- Retail Pharmacy Assistant
- Travel and Tourism

Certificate Program Offered Only Through ICS Canada:

- Accounting, 1 year certificate

### **Rockbridge Seminary**

Dr. Daryl Eldridge, President

3111 East Battlefield Street

Springfield, MO 65804

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

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

Founded in 2003

Renewal of Accreditation 2021

The Commission awarded Rockbridge Seminary a renewal of accreditation without conditions for a five-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs. The institution was found to meet or exceed the Commission's standards for accreditation.

#### Accredited Programs

- Diploma in Ministry Studies
- Master of Ministry Leadership
- Master of Divinity
- Doctor of Ministry

### **Change of Ownership**

The Commission voted to confirm the change of ownership for the following institutions.

#### **Brighton College, Scottsdale, Arizona**

The institution is owned by Brighton LLC, established in January 2015 by Learnkey, Inc. and Trade Training LLC.

#### **American Sentinel University, Aurora, Colorado**

The University is a wholly owned subsidiary of American Learning Solutions. Under the restructuring, JLL Partners Fund IV, L.P. (JLL), a mid-market private equity firm decreased its interest in American Learning Solutions (ALS) and the relative ownership interests of the remaining ALS stockholders increased.

### **Change of Name**

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

Winnetka, Illinois

(formerly The Hadley School for the Blind)

The Commission voted to grant the institution approval of the name change to Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

### **Change of Location**

The Commission voted to confirm the change of location and the addition of new sites for the following institutions.

#### **American College of Healthcare Sciences**

Ms. Dorene Petersen, President

5005 SW Macadam Avenue

Portland, Oregon 97238

#### **Art Instruction Schools**

Mr. Tom Stuart

President

6465 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 240

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55436

#### **Aspen University**

Mr. Michael Mathews

Chairman and CEO

1660 South Albion Street, Suite 525

Denver, CO 80222

The Commission also affirmed the addition of two new sites for Aspen University. The new sites are at 224 West 30th Street, Suite 604, New York, NY 10001 and 7373 N. Scottsdale Rd. Suite C165, Scottsdale, AZ 85253.

#### **Brighton College**

Mr. Paul Zagnoni

President

8777 East Via De Ventura, Suite 102

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

#### **Catholic Distance University**

Dr. Marianne Mount

President

115 West Congress Street

Charles Town, West Virginia 25414

#### **EC-Council University**

Randy Plunkett

Chief Dean

101 C Sun Avenue, NE

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

**Henley-Putnam University**

Mr. James Killin

President

2804 Mission College Boulevard, Suite 240

Santa Clara, California 95054

**New Charter University**

Dr. Diane Johnson

Interim Chief Executive Officer

50 W. Broadway, Suite 300

Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

**Westcliff University**

Dr. Anthony Lee

Chief Executive Officer

Westcliff University

4199 Campus Drive #650

Irvine, California 92612

The Commission voted to affirm Westcliff University's new residential training site at 18000 Studebaker Road, #300, Cerritos, California 90703.

**New Divisions**

**Allied Business Schools, Laguna Hills, California**

The Commission moved to approve the institution's proposal to establish a new division for real estate programs and to call that division Allied Real Estate Schools.

**Blackstone Career Institute, Allentown, Pennsylvania**

The Commission moved to approve the institution's proposal to add a new division called Modern Gun School.

**New Programs**

The Academic Review Subcommittee of the Accrediting Commission met on September 9, 2015 and approved the following programs:

**Ashworth College**, Norcross, Georgia

- Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management

**Aspen University**, Denver, Colorado

- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning with an emphasis in Healthcare Administration
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning with an emphasis in Higher Education
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning with an emphasis in Organizational Psychology
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning

**Diamond Council of America**, Nashville, Tennessee

- The Diamond Course

**EC-Council University**, Albuquerque, New Mexico

- Bachelor of Science in Information Security

**Huntington College for Health Sciences**, Nashville, Tennessee

- Associate of Health Science in Integrative Nutrition
- Bachelor of Health Science in Integrative Nutrition
- Master of Health Science in Integrative Nutrition

**National Paralegal College**, Phoenix, Arizona

- Bachelor of Business Administration with concentrations in Human Resource Management and Business Law

**Shiloh University**, Kalona, Iowa

- Doctor of Ministry

The Academic Review Subcommittee met on December 9, 2015 and approved the following programs:

**Ashworth College**, Norcross, Georgia

- HIPAA Compliance Career Certificate
- ICD-10 Transition Career Certificate
- Sterile Compounding Career Certificate
- Sterile Processing Career Diploma

**Aspen University**, Denver, Colorado

- Certificate in eLearning Pedagogy
- Master of Education with an Emphasis in eLearning Pedagogy

**Brighton College, Scottsdale, Arizona**

- Child Development Associate Diploma

**Modern Gun School**

- Advanced Gunsmith Course

**New Charter University**

- Master of Science in Education

**Shiloh University**

- Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in New Testament Studies

**University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences**

- Master of Health Administration

**Title IV Certification**

The Commission took action to certify that the following institutions are compliant with DEAC's certification requirements for institutions seeking to participate in federal student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended. The institutions may, therefore, apply to the United States Department of Education to become eligible to participate in its Federal Student Aid ("FSA") programs.

**Shiloh University**

Mr. Christopher Reeves

100 Shiloh Drive

Kalona, Iowa 52247

Shiloh's DEAC Title IV Certification covers the following programs:

- Associate of Arts
- Bachelor of Arts in Biblical and Pastoral Studies
- Master of Arts in Biblical and Pastoral Studies
- Master of Divinity

**McKinley College**

2001 Lowe Street

Fort Collins, Colorado 80525

McKinley's DEAC Title IV Certification covers the following programs:

- Associate of Applied Science in Accounting
- Associate of Applied Science in Business Management
- Associate of Applied Science in e-Commerce
- Associate of Applied Science in Entrepreneurship
- Associate of Applied Science in Fashion Merchandising
- Associate of Applied Science in Financial Services
- Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology

- Associate of Applied Science in Human Resources
- Associate of Applied Science in Marketing
- Associate of Applied Science in Medical Specialties
- Associate of Applied Science in Social Work

### **Show Cause Directive**

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

- **American Business and Technology University**, Saint Joseph, Missouri
- **Antioch School of Church Planting and Leadership Development**, Ames, Iowa
- **University of Fairfax**, Roanoke, Virginia

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

### **Teach Out**

The Commission took action to extend the accreditation for the following institutions through December 2016 while the institutions implement an approved teach-out plan.

- **Allied American University**, 22982 Alcade Drive, Laguna Hills, California 92653
- **Allied High School**, 22982 Alcade Drive, Laguna Hills, California 92653

### **Voluntary Withdrawal from Accreditation**

The DEAC accepted the voluntary withdrawal of accreditation from the following institution, effective December 31, 2015.

- **National Training, Inc.**, Orange Park, Florida

The Commission received notice that the following institution completed a teach-out of students, making voluntary withdrawal from accreditation effective January 29, 2016.

- **Southwestern Law School Global University Division**, Los Angeles, California

### **Public Member Appointment**

Based on recommendations by DEAC's Nominating Committee, the Commission voted to appoint 2 public members to three-year terms beginning April 1, 2016.

Dr. Kathy-ann Daniel-Gittens, Instructional Designer, University of Central Florida  
Dr. David Oxenhandler, University Accreditation and Finance Consultant

The terms for public members, Dr. Timothy Mott and Mr. William O'Toole expire on March 31, 2016.

### **Institution Member Candidate Selection**

Based on recommendations presented by DEAC's Nominating Committee, the Commission selected two candidates to stand for election to fill one Institution Member position on the DEAC Board of Directors for a three year term through March 31, 2019. The election process will commence at the Annual Business meeting on April 11, 2016. The election is being held to fill a position being vacated by Ms. Mary Adams, President, American Sentinel University, whose term will expire on March 31, 2016.

Ms. Stella Garlic, Vice President, Administration and Compliance, Martinsburg College

Dr. Leslie Gargiulo, President, California Intercontinental University

### **Proposed Changes, Revisions, or Additions to the DEAC Standards of Accreditation**

The Commission voted to explore whether it is appropriate for DEAC to pursue the inclusion of PhD programs within the scope of its accreditation activities and plans to design a pilot study to develop and test appropriate accreditation standards and procedures. DEAC currently has professional doctoral degrees within its CHEA and USDE-recognized scope of accreditation. By comparison, the PhD is a research-oriented doctoral program designed to prepare students for high level scholarly work. The PhD emphasizes the acquisition, organization, utilization, and dissemination of knowledge. A PhD program must afford the student the opportunity for substantial mastery of the subject matter, theory, literature, and methodology of a significant field of study. This includes a sequential development of research skills leading to the attainment of an independent research capacity. PhD dissertations require original research that contributes to new knowledge in the chosen field of study.

Section VII, Processes and Procedures, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook* (pp. 131-132) sets forth DEAC's procedures for conducting a Pilot. Please direct any questions or comments pertaining to this pilot to Leah Matthews, DEAC Executive Director.