

Report from the Accrediting Commission July 16, 2021

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) met on June 18, 2021. 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 institution.

Southwest University of Naprapathic Medicine

Founded 2010

Dr. Patrick Nuzzo, President
2006 Botolph Road, Suite A
Santa Fe, NM 87505
<https://sunm-edu.com/>
pnuzzo@sunmedu.com
(505) 467-8777

Accredited program

- Doctor of Naprapathic Medicine

The institution is accredited through June 2024.

Renewal of Accreditation

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

American Denturist College

Founded 2012

Mr. Todd Young, President
145 East 12th Alley
Eugene, OR 97401
<http://americandenturistschool.com>
info@americandenturistschool.com
(541) 654-5885

Accredited Programs

Degree

- Technical Bachelor's Degree in Denturism

Diploma

- Denturist Diploma

The institution is accredited through June 2026.

American National University

Founded 1886

Mr. Frank Longaker, President
1813 East Main Street

Salem, Virginia 24153

<https://www.an.edu>

frank@an.edu

(540) 769-8289

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Cybersecurity
- Master of Science in Information Technology
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Management
- Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
- Bachelor of Science in Medical and Health Services Management
- Bachelor of Science in Network Administration
- Bachelor of Science in RN to BSN
- Associate of Science in Business Administration - Accounting
- Associate of Science in Health Information Management
- Associate of Science in Administrative Medical Assisting
- Associate of Science in Medical Assisting
- Associate of Science in Business Administration - Management
- Associate of Science in Network Support
- Associate of Science in Paralegal
- Associate of Science in Pharmacy Technician

Certificates and Diplomas

- Diploma in Accounting
- Diploma in Business Administration
- Certificate in Medical Assisting
- Diploma in Medical Billing and Coding
- Diploma in Phlebotomy & ECG Technician
- Certificate in Paralegal Studies
- Diploma in Pharmacy Technician
- Certificate in Administrative Medical Assisting

The institution is accredited through January 2025.

College of Court Reporting

Mr. Jeff Moody, President

College of Court Reporting

455 West Lincoln Way

Founded 1984

Valparaiso, IN 46385

<http://www.ccr.edu>

info@ccr.edu

(866) 294-3974

Accredited Programs

Degree

- Associate in Applied Science in Court Reporting

Certificate

- Certificate in Court Reporting
- Certificate in Voice Writing

The institution is accredited through June 2026.

Grantham University

Founded 1951

Ms. Lindsay K. Bridgeman, Interim President

16025 West 113th Street

Lenexa, KS 66219

<http://www.grantham.edu>

admissions@grantham.edu

(800) 955-2527

Accredited Programs

Degree

Associate Programs

- Associate of Arts in Business Administration and Management
- Associate of Science in Computer Science
- Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice
- Associate of Science in Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology
- Associate of Science in Engineering Management Technology
- Associate of Applied Science in Medical Administrative Assistant
- Associate of Applied Science in Medical Coding and Billing
- Associate of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies
- Associate of Arts in Paralegal Studies
- Associate of Applied Science in Healthcare Administration
- Associate of Science in Information Systems and Security
- Associate of Science in Information Technology

Bachelor's Programs

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in General Management
- Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resource Management

- Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing
- Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Operation Management
- Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Procurement and Contract 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
- Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management Technology
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Financial Planning
- Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management
- Bachelor of Science in Information Systems
- Bachelor of Science in Information Systems with a concentration in Cybersecurity
- Bachelor of Science in Information Systems with a concentration in Health Informatics
- Bachelor of Science in Information Systems with a concentration in Web Development
- Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Homeland Security
- Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies
- RN to Bachelor of Science Degree Completion
- Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communications
- 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

Master's Programs

- Master of Business Administration in Information Management
- Master of Business Administration in Project Management
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Business Intelligence
- Master of Science in Health Systems Management
- Master of Healthcare Administration
- Master of Science in Information Management - Project Management
- Master of Science in Information Management Technology
- Master of Science in Information Technology
- Master of Science in Leadership
- Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management
- Master of Science in Nursing - Education
- Master of Science in Nursing - Informatics

- Master of Science in Nursing - Management and Organizational Leadership
- Master of Science in Performance Improvement

Certificate Programs

- Advanced Cybersecurity certificate
- Business Leadership certificate
- Cybersecurity Concepts certificate
- Electronic Health Records certificate
- Human Resources certificate
- Human Resources (Graduate) certificate
- Introduction to Programming certificate
- Medical Coding and Billing certificate
- Medical Administrative Assistant certificate
- Nursing - Education (Graduate) certificate
- Nursing - Leadership and Organizational Management (Graduate) certificate
- Practical Entrepreneurship certificate
- Project Management certificate
- Project Management (Graduate) certificate

The institution is accredited through June 2026.

The Art of Education University

Founded 2011

Ms. Jessica Balsley, President

518 Main Street, Suite A

Osage IA 50461

<https://www.theartofed.com>

help@theartofed.com

(515) 650-3198

Accredited Program

- Master of Arts in Art Education

The institution is accredited through June 2026.

Change of Location

The Commission took action to confirm a change of location for the following institutions.

- **Ashworth College** The Commission confirmed the change of location. The institution is now located at 5051 Peachtree Corners Circle, Suite 200, Norcross, Georgia 30092.
- **California Miramar University (In-Residence Program)** The Commission confirmed change of location for the in-residence program. The in-residence program is now located at 16101 Old Valley Boulevard, Suite A, La Puente, California 91744.

Change of Ownership

The Commission took action to confirm a change of ownership for the following institutions.

The three institutions listed below are under common ownership.

- **Ashworth College**, 5051 Peachtree Corners Circle, Suite 200, Norcross, Georgia 30092.
- **Distance Education Company**, 192 Lexington Avenue, Suite 701, New York, NY 10016. DEC includes the following divisions: New York Institute of Photography, New York Institute of Art and Design, and New York Institute of Career Development. The change of ownership pertains to all of the divisions.
- **Penn Foster**, Penn Foster includes the following divisions: Penn Foster Career School, Penn Foster College, Penn Foster High School, and ICS Canada.
- The ownership structure of the institution is as follows. The following investment entities own the stock, assets, and business of the institutions: BayPine Warehouse Holding Corp. - 57%, Two Sigma Impact Acquisition Company LLC - 35%, and various rollover shareholders - 8%¹.

In-residence Program

Aspen University, 1660 South Albion Street, Suite 225, Denver, CO 80222

The Commission voted to confirm the in-residence component for the prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at HonorHealth in Phoenix, Arizona.

Show Cause

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

California Miramar University

Founded 2005

Dr. Brian Walker, President

3550 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 208

San Diego, CA 92108

Information about the reasons for the Commission's decision and the pertinent standards can be found at this link:

https://www.deac.org/UploadedDocuments/Public-Notices/Show-Cause/071621_cmu_sco_summary.pdf

The Commission took action to expand and continue its May 13, 2021 show cause directive pertaining to the following institution:

New Learning Resources Online

Founded 1992

Mr. Roy Balentine, President

1417 Lelia Drive, Jackson, MS 39216

Information about the reasons for the Commission's decision and the pertinent standards can be found at this link:

https://www.deac.org/UploadedDocuments/Public-Notices/Show-Cause/071621_nlro_sco_summary.pdf

¹ According to the information presented in the application, no rollover shareholder will hold greater than 10% voting interest.

Approval of New Programs

The Commission affirmed the approval of the following new programs.

Apollos University, 600 Central Avenue, Suite 215, Great Falls, MT 59401

- Doctor of Business Administration – Artificial Intelligence Concentration
- Doctor of Business Administration – Information Technology Concentration

City Vision University, 3101 Troost Avenue, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64109

- Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management
- Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

International Sports Sciences Association, 1015 Mark Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013

- Master of Science in Exercise Science

Lakewood University, 2231 North Taylor Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44112

- Group Fitness Certificate
- Personal Training Certificate
- Professional Coaching Certificate
- Virtual Executive Assistant Certificate

Shiloh University, 416 D Avenue, Kalona, IA 52247

- Master's in Apostolic Leadership
- Masters in Healing and Deliverance

Weston Distance Learning, Inc., 2001 Lowe Street, Fort Collins, CO

- Sterile Processing Technician

Election of the Executive Committee Members

The following individuals were elected by the board to serve as Officers of the Corporation and Executive Committee

Skip Capone, Chair

Cheryl Hayek, Vice Chair

Traci Lee, Treasurer

Jack Goetz, At Large

Changes to the Standards

The Commission considered institutional responses it received during a comment period of March 1, 2021 – May 1, 2021 on proposed revisions to Standard III.H. 3. The Commission voted to adopt these changes, effective July 16, 2021, as follows:

3. FIRST PROFESSIONAL AND DOCTORAL DEGREES

The institution assesses student achievement through multiple means of evaluation that includes a doctoral dissertation or final research project as well as other forms of assessments such as qualifying examinations, comprehensive examinations, or other assessments that demonstrate student mastery of the stated program learning outcomes. The institution requires students to successfully complete all coursework and a doctoral dissertation or final research project to graduate from the program.