

Report from the Accrediting Commission July 17, 2020

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) met on June 19, 2020. This report summarizes the accreditation actions taken by the Accrediting Commission in accordance with its procedure for Notification and Information Sharing, Section XV, Processes and Procedures, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*. In addition, the Report provides notice of any final changes that the Commission adopted for the DEAC Standards of Accreditation.

Renewal of Accreditation

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

California Coast University

Founded 1973

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Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Associate of Science in Business Administration
- Associate of Science in Health Care Administration
- Associate of Science in Psychology
- Associate of Science in Criminal Justice
- Associate of Science in General Studies
- Associate of Science in Business Marketing
- Bachelor of Science in Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in General Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing
- Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership
- Master of Business Administration in Business Marketing
- Master of Education in Administration
- Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

- Master of Science in Psychology
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration in Health Care Management
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Business Administration in Human Resource Management
- Master of Business Administration in Management
- Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership
- Doctor of Education in Educational Psychology
- Doctor of Education in Educational Administration

Certificates

- Undergraduate Certificate in Business Administration
- Undergraduate Certificate in Health Care Administration
- Undergraduate Certificate in the Fundamentals of Criminal Justice
- Undergraduate Certificate in the Fundamentals of Finance
- Undergraduate Certificate in the Fundamentals of Management
- Undergraduate Certificate in the Fundamentals of Marketing
- Undergraduate Certificate in the Fundamentals of Psychology
- Graduate Certificate in Business Administration
- Graduate Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction
- Graduate Certificate in Educational Administration
- Graduate Certificate in Health Care Management
- Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management
- Graduate Certificate in Management Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Marketing Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Organizational Leadership
- Graduate Certificate in Psychology Studies
- The institution is accredited through January 2025.

Grace Communion Seminary

Dr. Gary Deddo

President

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Charlotte, NC 28273

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Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Master of Pastoral Studies
- Master of Theological Studies

Founded 1951

The institution is accredited through June 2025.

Naaleh College

Founded 2012

Dr. Rabbi Harold J. Reichmann

President

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North Miami Beach, FL 33162

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www.naalehcollege.edu

(305) 944-0035

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Bachelor's degree in Judaic Studies
- Associate degree in Software and Web Development
- Bachelor's degree in Computer Programming and Technology
- Master of Business Administration in Marketing

The institution is accredited through June 2025

National Paralegal College

Founded 2002

Mr. Andrew Avi Katz

President

717 East Maryland Avenue; Suite 115

Phoenix, AZ 85014

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(800) 371-6105

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Associate of Paralegal Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Compliance Law
- Mater of Science in Taxation
- Master of Science in Legal Studies

Certificate

- Certificate in Paralegal Studies

The institution is accredited through June 2025.

New Charter University

Founded 1994

Dr. Axely Congress

President

50 W. Broadway, Suite 300

Salt Lake City, UT 84101

admissions@new.edu

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(888)639-1388 or (415)-813-5970

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Associate of Science in Business
- Associate of Science in Communications
- Associate of Science in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication
- Bachelor of Science in Business - Technology Development
- Bachelor of Science in Business - Entrepreneurship
- Bachelor of Science in Business - General Business
- Bachelor of Science in Business - Management/Leadership
- Bachelor of Science in Business- Sales and Sales Management
- Master of Business Administration - Entrepreneurship
- Master of Business Administration - Finance
- Master of Business Administration - Health Care Management
- Master of Business Administration - Human Resource Management
- Master of Business Administration - Information Technology
- Master of Business Administration - Management
- Master of Business Administration - Marketing
- Master of Business Administration - Sales Management Masters
- Master of Business Administration- Strategic Leadership Masters

Certificates

- Undergraduate - Criminal Justice: Leadership and Special Populations
- Undergraduate - Business: Entrepreneurial Business
- Undergraduate - Business: Business Administration
- Undergraduate - Business: Management
- Undergraduate - Business: Operations and Leadership
- Undergraduate - Business: Organizational Management
- Undergraduate - Full Stack Development Certificate
- Graduate - Criminal Justice: Leadership and Multicultural Issues
- Graduate - Business: Information Technology

The institution is accredited through June 2023.

Sessions College for Professional Design

Founded 1997

Mr. Gordon Drummond

President

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Suite E-301

Tempe, AZ 85281

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(480)-212-1704 or (800)-258-4115

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Associate of Occupational Studies in Graphic Design
- Associate of Occupational Studies in Web Design
- Associate of Occupational Studies in Digital Media
- Associate of Occupational Studies in Illustration
- Associate of Occupational Studies in Advertising Design
- Associate of Occupational Studies in Digital Photography

Certificates

- Undergraduate Certificate in Graphic Design
- Undergraduate Certificate in Web Design
- Undergraduate Certificate in Digital Media
- Undergraduate Certificate in Illustration
- Undergraduate Certificate in Advertising Design
- Undergraduate Certificate in Digital Photography
- Undergraduate Certificate in Print Design
- Undergraduate Certificate in Advanced Web Design
- Professional Certificate in Graphic Design
- Professional Certificate in Web Design
- Professional Certificate in Multimedia Arts
- Professional Certificate in Digital Arts
- Professional Certificate in Marketing Design
- Certificate in Fine Arts
- Advanced Certificate in Graphic Design
- Advanced Certificate in Web Design
- Advanced Certificate in Multimedia Arts
- Advanced Certificate in Digital Arts
- Advanced Certificate in Marketing Design
- Advanced Certificate in Fine Arts

The institution is accredited through June 2025.

Wright Graduate University for the Realization of Human Potential

Founded 2008

The institution also operates at 445 East Ohio Street, Suite 300, Chicago, IL. under the DBA Wright Graduate School for the Realization of Human Potential.

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Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Master of Arts in Transformational Leadership and Coaching
- Doctor of Education in Transformational Leadership and Coaching

Certificates

- Graduate Certificate in Emotional Intelligence for Leadership and Coaching
- Graduate Certificate in Social Intelligence for Leadership and Coaching
- Graduate Certificate in Transformational Leadership
- Graduate Certificate in Transformational Coaching

The institution is accredited through June 2025. The grant of accreditation extends to the above-named Chicago site.

Change of Ownership

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

New Charter University

The approved ownership structure is Level one- Global Heritage Education, LLC 100 percent; Level two- Global Heritage Education, Holdings Co, 100 percent; Level three -Bottega LLC. 100 percent; Level four-Hudu, LLC 70%, Minority Partners 30%.

Change of Location

The Commission took action to affirm changes of location for the following institutions.

Catholic Distance University

The institution is now located at 300 S. George Street, Charles Town, WV 25414

Wright Graduate School for the Realization of Human Potential

The Illinois site of Wright Graduate University for the Realization of Human Potential DBA as Wright Graduate School for the Realization of Human Potential is now located at 445 East Ohio Street, Suite 300, Chicago, IL

Follow Up on a Degree Program

The Commission acted to confirm the following institutions' continuing compliance with DEAC standards in the implementation of new degree programs.

Grantham University

16025 West 113th Street

Lenexa, KS 66219

Associate in Paralegal Studies

University of the People

595 E. Colorado Blvd., Suite 623

Pasadena, CA 91101

Master of Education in Advanced Teaching

Continued Show Cause Directive

The Commission acted to continue the February 14, 2020 Show Cause Order pertaining to the following institution.

New Learning Resources Online

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/071720_nlro_sco.pdf

Denial of Accreditation

The Commission acted to deny initial accreditation to the following institution.

California University of Business and Technology

2440-131 South Hacienda Boulevard

Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

CUBT must notify DEAC of its intention to appeal by July 27, 2020. 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/Denial/071720_CUBT_public_notice.pdf

New Programs

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

The Commission affirmed the addition of the following new programs:

American Denturist College

- Bachelors of Technical Science in Denturism

Distance Education Company/ New York Institute of Art and Design

Non-Degree Program/Vocational Programs

- User Experience (UX) Design
- Front-End Web Development

Grantham University

- Non-Degree Program/Vocational Program
- Electronic Health Records Certificate

American College of Healthcare Sciences

- Master of Business Administration with specializations in Sustainable Business and Integrated Health and Wellness Pathway

Election of Officers

The DEAC Board of Directors elected new officers in accordance with the *DEAC By-Laws*. The new officers will serve a term, beginning June 19, 2020 and ending July 1, 2021.

The new officers are:

Chair – Mr. Lucien “Skip” Capone, UNC Asheville, University Counsel (retired)

Vice Chair- Dr. Cheryl Hayek, Chief Academic Officer, The Art of Education University

Treasurer – Mr. Michael Harter, President and Chairman of THE Inc. (retired)

Member-at-Large – Ms. Traci Lee, President, Sonoran Desert Institute

Changes to the DEAC Accreditation Handbook

Following a public call for comment from May 22, 2020 through June 22, 2020, the Commission voted to adopt final changes to Part Two, Processes and Procedures, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*. The Commission focused its attention on changes that would ensure transparent and clear communication about DEAC's accreditation process to institutions, other quality assurance bodies, government entities, students and the public. The Commission is also responsible for ensuring that DEAC's accreditation procedures align with [final regulations](#) governing the recognition of accrediting agencies for postsecondary education. Accordingly, several changes were approved by the Commission to become effective on **July 1, 2020**.

In addition, the Commission adopted final changes to Standard VIII.F, Transfer Credits, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*.

In instances where a student seeks to transfer more than the maximum allowable percentage of required credit hours specified in the relevant degree category listed in subsections F.2 through F.5 below, the institution must conduct a comprehensive assessment of the student's credits earned and document how the credits align with its program outcomes. In such cases, transfer credit allowances may not exceed the lesser of any applicable state requirements or 90 percent of the credits required for undergraduate degrees, 75 percent of the credits required for master's degrees or first professional degrees, or 40 percent of the credits required for professional doctoral degrees.