

Report from the Accrediting Commission July 22, 2019

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) met on June 21, 2019. This report summarizes the accreditation actions taken by the Accrediting Commission in accordance with its procedure for Notification and Information Sharing, Section X(F), Policies and Procedures, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*.

Grant of Initial Accreditation

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

California Miramar University

Founded 2005

Dr. Ali Gooyabadi

President

3550 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 208

San Diego, CA 92108

info@calmu.edu

www.calmu.edu

(858) 653-3000

Accredited programs

- Associate of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Strategic Leadership
- Master of Science in Computer Information Systems
- Doctor of Business Administration

The Commission voted to grant initial accreditation to California Miramar University following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through June 2021. The grant of accreditation also extends to the learning site located at 420 Date Street, Montebello, CA 90640

Cummings Graduate Institute for Behavioral Health Studies

Founded 2014

Dr. Cara English

President

16515 40th Street, Suite 140

Phoenix, AZ 85048

info@cummingsinstitute.com

www.cummingsinstitute.com

(480) 285-1761

Accredited program

- Doctor of Behavioral Health

The Commission voted to grant initial accreditation to Cummings Graduate Institute following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its program and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through June 2022.

Viridis Graduate Institute

Founded 2011

Dr. Lori Pye

President

417 Bryant Street

Ojai, CA 93023

ViridisGraduateInstitute@viridisedu.org

<http://www.viridisinstitute.org/> or <http://viridisedu.org>

(805) 889-0169

Accredited Programs

- Master of Arts in Social Sciences with Emphasis in Ecopsychology and Environmental Humanities
- Doctor of Arts with Emphasis in Ecopsychology and Environmental Humanities

The Commission voted to grant initial accreditation to Viridis Graduate Institute following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through June 2022.

Renewal of Accreditation

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

ChildCare Education Institute

Founded 2005

Ms. Maria C. Taylor

Chief Executive Officer

3059 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Duluth, Georgia 30097

mtaylor@cceeionline.edu

www.cceeionline.edu

(800) 499-9907

Accredited programs

- Basic Center Management Certificate
- Basic Principles of Child Development Certificate
- Budgeting and Risk Management Certificate
- CCDBG Health & Safety Training for ECE Professionals in Nevada

- CDA Credential Renewal Certificate – Family Child Care – Spanish
- CDA Credential Renewal Certificate – Infant-Toddler – Spanish
- CDA Credential Renewal Certificate – Preschool – Spanish
- CDA Renewal Certificate - Family Child Care
- CDA Renewal Certificate - Infant/Toddler
- CDA Renewal Certificate - Preschool
- Curriculum Enrichment Certificate
- Developmentally Appropriate Practices Certificate
- Director’s Certificate
- Director's Certificate Renewal
- Diversity and Multiculturalism Certificate
- Early Childhood Assessment Certificate
- Early Childhood Credential
- Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC) – Spanish
- Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC) Certificate
- Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC) Renewal Certificate
- Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC) Renewal Certificate – Spanish
- Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC) School Age Certificate
- Florida Director's Credential Renewal Certificate Program
- Georgia Director’s Certificate
- Health and Hygiene Certificate
- Inclusion and Special Needs Certificate
- Infant-Toddler Certificate
- Infant-Toddler Orientation Certificate
- Instructor-Supported CDA Certificate (English)
- Instructor-Supported CDA Certificate (Spanish)
- Mandated Reporter Certificate
- Marketing, Outreach, and Customer Care Certificate
- NECPA National Administrator Credential (NAC) Certificate
- NY Professional Development Certificate I
- NY Professional Development Certificate II
- Oklahoma Health and Safety Pre-Service Certificate
- Positive Guidance Certificate
- Preschool Curriculum Design Certificate
- Safety Certificate
- Self-Study CDA Certificate Program
- Staff Leadership Certificate
- Texas Child Care Administration and Business Practices Certificate
- Texas Director’s Certificate
- Texas Director’s Certificate Renewal
- Texas Instructor Supported CDA Certificate (Spanish)

- Texas Instructor-Supported CDA Certificate (English)

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of Childcare Education Institute following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through June 2024.

Citizens High School

Founded 1981

Dr. James P. Etter

1590 Island Lane

Fleming Island, FL 32003

studentservices@citizenshighschool.com

www.citizensschool.org

(800) 736-4723

Accredited program

- High School

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of Citizens High School following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through June 2022.

EC-Council University

Founded 2003

Ms. Lata Bavisi

101 C Sun Avenue NE

Albuquerque, NM 87109

registrar@eccu.edu

www.eccu.edu

(505) 910-4153

Accredited programs

Degrees

- Bachelor of Science in Information Security
- Master of Security Science

Certificates

- Graduate Certificate - Information Security Professional
- Graduate Certificate - IT Analyst
- Graduate Certificate - Disaster Recovery
- Graduate Certificate - Digital Forensics
- Graduate Certificate - Executive Leadership in Information Assurance

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of EC-Council University following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through June 2023.

Holmes Institute

Founded 1997

Dr. Kim Kaiser

573 Park Point Drive

Golden, CO 80401

kkaiser@holmesinstitute.edu

www.holmesinstitute.edu

(720) 279-8992

Accredited programs

- Certificate in Spiritual Education
- Master's Degree in Consciousness Studies

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of Holmes Institute following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through January 2023.

Hypnosis Motivation Institute

Founded 1967

Mr. George Kappas

President

18607 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 130

Tarzana, CA 91356

george@hypnosis.edu

<https://hypnosis.edu/>

(800) 479-9464

Accredited program

- Hypnotherapy Distance Education (Vocational)

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of Hypnosis Motivation Institute following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its program and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through January 2024.

Martinsburg College

Founded 1980

Mr. Paul Viboch

President

341 Aikens Center

Martinsburg, WV

info@martinsburgcollege.edu

<http://www.martinsburgcollege.edu>

(304) 263-6262

Accredited programs

Degrees

- Associate of Science in Business Administration

- Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration
- Associate of Science in Integrated Technologies

Certificates

- Business Communications (Discontinued)
- Business Administration
- Communications and Support Specialist
- Comprehensive Medical Transcription
- Computer Support Technology
- Computer Systems and Network Technologies
- Corporate Leadership (Discontinued)
- Corporate Team Building (Discontinued)
- Digital Technology Integration
- Financial Fundamentals and Bookkeeping
- Healthcare Administration Technology
- Homeland Security
- Human Resources Management
- Managing Electronic Health Records
- Medical Office Administration
- Multicultural Interaction, Communication, and Ethics (Discontinued)
- Office Technology (Discontinued)
- Pharmacy Technician
- Professional Sales Skills (Discontinued)
- Project Management
- Smart Home Technology
- Surgical Instrument Processing
- Systems Administration
- Systems Design
- Technology Support Technician (Discontinued)
- Healthcare Administration Specialist

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of Martinsburg College following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through June 2024.

NationsUniversity®

Founded 1996

Dr. Mac Lynn

Chancellor

650 Poydras Street, Suite 14, PMB 133

New Orleans, LA 70130

macl@nationsu.edu

www.nationsu.edu, www.nationsu.net

(504) 526-4745

Accredited programs

Avocational

- Certificate in Biblical Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies

Degrees

- Bachelor of Religious Studies
- Master of Theological Studies
- Master of Divinity

The Commission voted to renew the accreditation of NationsUniversity® following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through June 2023.

The Taft University System

Founded 1984

Mr. David L. Boyd

Chancellor

3333 South Wadsworth Boulevard, Suite D228

Lakewood, CO 80277

boyd@taftu.edu

www.Taftu.edu and www.Taft.edu

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William Howard Taft University

Degrees

- Bachelor of Science in Laws Program
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Degree Completion Program
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration with a Concentration in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management
- Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Health Care Administration
- Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Professional Practice Management
- Master of Education Program
- Master of Science in Taxation Program
- Master of Laws (with a concentration in Taxation) Program
- Doctor of Education Program with a Concentration in Charter School Administration
- Doctor of Education with a Concentration in Leadership and Management
- Doctor of Education with a Concentration in Technology and Leadership Doctor of Business Administration Program

Taft Law School

Degrees

- Juris Doctor-Attorney Track Program
- Juris Doctor-Executive Track Program

The Commission voted to renew accreditation for TUS following a comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its programs and a determination that every standard has been met. The institution is accredited through June 2023. The grant of accreditation extends to Taft Law School, located at 3700 South Susan Street, Santa Ana, CA 92704, and William Howard Taft University, located at 3333 South Wadsworth Boulevard, D-228, Lakewood, CO 80227.

Change of Ownership

The Commission took action to accept a visit report and affirm a change of ownership for the following institutions.

- **International Sports Sciences Association**, 1015 Mark Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013
The institution is 100 percent owned by Dr. Salvatore Arria
- **Sonoran Desert Institute**, 1555 West University Drive, Suite 103, Tempe, AZ 85281
The institution is 100 percent owned by SDI Education Trust.

Change of Location

The Commission acted to affirm a change of location for the following institution.

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

Completed Teachout

The following institution has taught out its students.

- **Art Instruction School**, 6465 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 240, Minneapolis, MN 55426
The institution completed a teach-out of students on July 1, 2019 and closed, effective July 15, 2019.

Show Cause Order

The Commission acted to continue the May 2018 Show Cause Order and extend the maximum time frame to demonstrate compliance until January 31, 2020 for the following institution.

- **Brighton College**, 8777 Via de Ventura, Suite 300, Scottsdale, AZ 87258

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

New Programs

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

Distance Education Company/ New York Institute of Career Development 192 Lexington Avenue, Suite 701, New York, NY 10017

Vocational or non-degree program

- Paralegal
- Payroll Administration
- Small Business Management

International Sports Sciences Association (ISSA) 1015 Mark Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013

- Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

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

- Bachelor of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology

REALTOR® University, 430 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

- Bachelor of Science in Digital Business

William Howard Taft University, 3333 South Wadsworth Boulevard, Suite D228,
Lakewood, CO 80277

- Ed.S. with a Concentration in Education Administration
- Ed.S. with a Concentration in Educational Technology
- Ed.S. with a Concentration in Charter School Administration

Call for Comment on Proposed Changes to DEAC Accreditation Handbook

The Commission considered thirty-nine responses to the February 25, 2019 Call for Comment and the changes proposed for the *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*. The Commission also considered recommendations proposed by the Standards Committee. DEAC will issue a report on final changes to policies, procedures, and standards under separate cover from this Report from the Commission.

DEAC Standards Committee

The Commission appointed the following institution representatives to three-year terms on the DEAC Standards Committee. The terms are effective July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022.

Khalilah Burton

Assistant Provost, Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation
Columbia Southern University

Amy A. Dubitsky

Director of Compliance
National Paralegal College

Susan B. Johnson

Director, Education Accreditation and Regulatory Affairs
Gemological Institute of America, Inc.

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