

## Report from the Accrediting Commission

**July 27, 2015**

In accordance with its procedure for Notification and Information Sharing (Section D(3), 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 on June 26, 2015.

The *DEAC Accreditation Handbook* is under review and information regarding this project is forthcoming.

### Grant of Accreditation

#### Nations University

Dr. Mac Lynn, President  
650 Poydras Street, Suite 1400, PMB 133  
New Orleans, LA 70130  
www.nationsu.org  
macl@nationsu.org  
(866) 617-6446

**Founded in 1996**  
Renewal of Accreditation in 2018

#### Accredited Programs

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

The Commission awarded Nations 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.

## **Renewal of Accreditation**

### **City Vision University**

Dr. Andrew Sears, President  
3101 Troost Avenue, Suite 200  
Kansas City, MO 64109  
www.cityvision.edu  
info@cityvision.edu  
(816) 960-2008

**Founded in 1998**

Renewal of Accreditation in 2020

#### Accredited Programs

##### Certificates

- Urban Ministry
- Nonprofit Management
- Addiction Studies

##### Bachelor's Completion

- Bachelor of Arts in Missions with Emphasis in Urban Ministry
- Bachelor of Science in Nonprofit Management
- Bachelor of Science in Addiction Studies

##### Master's Degree

- Master of Science in Technology and Ministry

##### Graduate Certificate

- Technology and Ministry

The Commission awarded City Vision 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.

### **Grace Communion Seminary**

Dr. Gary Deddo, President  
2011 East Financial Way, PO Box 5005  
Glendora, CA 91740-0730  
www.gcs.edu  
registrar@gcs.edu  
(800) 851-2611

**Founded in 1947**

Renewal of Accreditation in 2020

#### Accredited Programs

- Master of Pastoral Studies
- Master of Theological Studies
- Master's-Level Continuing Education Courses

The Commission awarded Grace Communion 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.

**National Paralegal College**

Mr. Avi Katz, President

717 East Maryland Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85014

[nationalparalegal.edu](http://nationalparalegal.edu)

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

(845) 371-9101

**Founded in 2002**

Renewal of Accreditation in 2020

Accredited Programs

- Certificate in Paralegal Studies
- Associate of Paralegal Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies
- Master of Science in Legal Studies
- Master of Science in Compliance Law
- Master of Science in Taxation

The Commission awarded National Paralegal College 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.

**Sessions College for Professional Design**

Mr. Gordon Drummond, President

51 West Third Street, Suite E-301

Tempe, AZ 85281

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

[admissions@sessions.edu](mailto:admissions@sessions.edu)

(480) 212-1704

**Founded in 1997**

Renewal of Accreditation in 2020

Accredited Programs

Associate Degree

- 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

#### Undergraduate Certificate

- Advanced Web Design
- Graphic Design
- Web Design
- Digital Media
- Digital Photography
- Illustration
- Advertising Design
- Print Design

#### Vocational Programs

- Graphic Design
- Web Design
- Multimedia Arts
- Digital Arts
- Marketing Design
- Fine Arts

The Commission awarded Sessions College for Professional Design 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.

### **Change of Ownership**

The Commission confirmed the change of ownership for the following institution.

#### **Penn Foster, Scranton, PA and Phoenix, AZ**

**Founded in 1974**

Penn Foster is a wholly owned subsidiary of Penn Foster Education Group Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Education Holdings 1 (EH1). Ownership of EH1 is divided between two groups of shareholders, the Vistria Group, LP and Falcon Investment Advisors. Penn Foster, Inc. includes the following divisions: Penn Foster High School, Penn Foster Career School, ICS Canada, and Penn Foster College.

### **Change of Legal Status**

The Commission confirmed a change of legal status for the following institution.

#### **William Loveland College, Loveland, CO**

**Founded in 1923**

The Commission confirmed the institution's change in legal status to a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization in the state of Colorado.

### **Change of Location**

The Commission confirmed a change of location for the following institutions.

**University of Fairfax**

Dr. Dominic Boamah, President  
3361 Melrose Avenue, NW  
Roanoke, VA 24017

**Founded in 2002**

**Sessions College for Professional Design**

Mr. Gordon Drummond, President  
51 West Third Street, Suite E-301  
Tempe, AZ 85281

**Founded in 1997**

**Henley-Putnam University**

Mr. James Killin, CEO  
2107 North First Street, Suite 210  
San Jose, CA 95131

**Founded in 1991**

**New Administrative Site**

The Commission confirmed new administrative sites for the following institution.

**Columbia Southern University**

Mr. Robert Mayes, President  
No. 3 Chua Lang Street, Dong Da District, Hanoi, Vietnam, and  
No. 7 Nguyen Binh Khiem Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

**Founded in 1993**

**Show Cause Order**

The Commission directed the following institution to show cause as to why DEAC accreditation should not be withdrawn.

**Ellis University (formerly John Hancock University)**

Dr. Virginia Carlin, President  
Two Mid America Plaza, Suite 824AB  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

**Founded in 2008**

**New Courses and Programs**

The Academic Review Subcommittee of the Accrediting Commission met on March 4, 2015 and approved the following courses/programs.

**Allied Business Schools, Inc.**

- Nevada Real Estate Law

**Ashworth College**

- Dog Obedience Trainer Career Diploma
- Occupational Therapy Aide Career Diploma
- Payroll Clerk Career Diploma

**Catholic Distance University**

- Master of Arts in Theology for Directors of Religious Education and Secondary Schoolteachers

**Columbia Southern University**

- Master of Public Health with a General Concentration and a Community Health Concentration

**Grace Communion Seminary**

- Master of Theological Studies

**Harrison Middleton University**

Change in degree titles for:

- Associate of Arts in Humanities
- Bachelor of Arts
- Master of Arts
- Doctor of Arts
- Doctor of Education

**Sessions College for Professional Design**

- Associate of Occupational Studies in Digital Photography

**Westcliff University**

- Bachelor of Arts in Education
- Doctor of Business Administration

**Weston Distance Learning (US Career Institute)**

- Personal Care Assistant

The Academic Review Subcommittee of the Accrediting Commission met on May 12, 2015 and approved the following courses/programs.

**Ashworth College**

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing – RN to BSN program

**City Vision University**

- Certificate in Business Administration
- Associate of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

**Grantham University**

- Bachelor of Business Administration – Procurement and Contract Management

**University of Philosophical Research**

- PHI 531 – The Hermetic Tradition (new course)

**Weston Distance Learning (U.S. Career Institute)**

- Physical Therapy Aide