

## **Distance Education Accrediting commission**

### **Public Notice: Show Cause Directive**

July 22, 2022

The DEAC will provide written notice to the U.S. Secretary of Education, the appropriate state licensing or authorizing agencies and accrediting agencies at the same time it notifies the institution of a decision to direct the institution to show cause why accreditation should not be withdrawn. In addition, DEAC will provide written notice of the decision to the public on its website within 24 hours of the decision and provide a brief statement summarizing the reasons for the decision (Section XV., Processes and Procedures, *DEC Accreditation Handbook*) This notice pertains to:

**American Business and Technology University**  
**620 Francis Street, Suites 226 and 218**  
**St. Joseph, MO 64501**

At its January 2022 meeting, the Commission approved a change of ownership for ABTU and extended the deferral action for an additional six months to review the implementation of the change of ownership and new financial information that would be available as a result of the change of ownership.

The Commission considered post-closing documentation and the application for renewal of accreditation at its June 2022 meeting. The Commission determined that the information provided by ABTU during the course of an eighteen-month deferral period has not demonstrated that the institution is in compliance with DEAC Standards. Accordingly, the Commission directed ABTU to show cause as to why accreditation should not be withdrawn. The standards that are the subject of the show cause order include Standard XI.A, Financial Practices; Standard XI.B – Financial Management; Standard XI.C – Financial Stability and Sustainability; Standard XI.D – Financial Reporting; Standard XII.D – State Authorization and Standard X.A – Owners, Governing Board Members, Officials and Administrators.

DEAC requires ABTU to provide a Teach Out Plan and Teach Out Agreement in accordance with Section XXI.C, Processes and Procedures, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*.

[You can click here to view a copy of the show cause directive.](#)