Report from the Accrediting Commission
February 23, 2024

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (the Commission) met on January 25 and 26 2024. 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 Two, Processes and Procedures, DEAC Accreditation Handbook. In addition, the Report provides notice of changes to the DEAC fees, an update to the Processes and Procedures section of the DEAC Accreditation Handbook, and appointment of the DEAC Executive Committee.

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

**Hollywood Education Institute**
- Founded 2006
- Dr. Samuel Rhee, President/CEO
- 3470 Wilshire Blvd.,
- Suite 350
- Los Angeles, CA 90010
- [https://www.hollywoodinstitute.net](https://www.hollywoodinstitute.net)
- info@hollywoodinstitute.net
- (213) 386-3800

**Avocational**
- Standard ESL
- Semi-Intensive ESL
- Intensive ESL

The institution is accredited through January 2027.

**Jose Maria Vargas University**
- Founded 2003
- Dr. Alicia Parra, President
- 10131 Pines Boulevard
- Pembroke Pines, FL 33026
- [https://www.jmvu.edu/](https://www.jmvu.edu/)
- info@jmvu.edu
- 954- 322 - 4460

**Accredited Programs**

**Degree**
- Associate of Science in Accounting (English)
- Associate of Science in Accounting (Spanish)
- Associate of Arts in Preschool Education (English)
- Associate of Arts in Preschool Education (Spanish)
- Associate of Science in Mental Health & Human Services (English)
• Associate of Science in Mental Health & Human Services (Spanish)
• Bachelor of Art in Graphic Design (English)
• Bachelor of Art in Graphic Design (Spanish)
• Bachelor of Art in Preschool Education (English)
• Bachelor of Art in Preschool Education (Spanish)
• Bachelor Art in Business Administration (English)
• Bachelor Art in Business Administration (Spanish)
• Bachelor of Art in Mental Health and Human Services (English)
• Bachelor of Art in Mental Health and Human Services (Spanish)
• Master of Business Administration Finance (English)
• Master of Business Administration Finance (Spanish)
• Master of Science in Preschool Education (English)
• Master of Science in Preschool Education (Spanish)

Degree Level Certificates
• Medical Assistant Technician (English)
• Medical Assistant Technician (Spanish)

Vocational
• Florida Child Care Professional Credential?(Formerly CDA-E) (English)
• Florida Child Care Professional Credential?(Formerly CDA-E) (Spanish)
• Home Health Aide Diploma Program (English)
• Home Health Aide Diploma Program (Spanish)
• English as a Second Language Diploma Program (English)

The institution is accredited through January 2027

Redemption Seminary
Mr. John Schwandt, President
398 S. Arizona Ave.
Chandler, AZ 85225
https://www.redemptionseminary.org/
jschwandt@RedemptionSeminary.org
480-269-4480

Accredited Programs

Degree Programs
• Master of Arts in Biblical Studies

Degree Level Certificate
• Certificate in Biblical Studies

The Institution is accredited through January 2027.

Westfield Business School
Mr. Carlos E. Mazo, President
Accredited Programs

**Western Institute for Social Research**

*Founded 1975*

Mr. John Bilorusky, CEO  
1812 San Pedro Ave  
Berkeley, CA 94707  
www.wisr.edu  
mail@wisr.edu  
510/655-2830

Accredited Programs

**Degree Programs:**

- Master of Science in Education and Community Leadership  
- Master of Science in Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT)  
- Doctor of Education (EdD) in Higher Education and Social Change

The Institution is accredited through January 2027.

**Renewal of Accreditation**

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

**Abraham Lincoln University**

*Founded 1996*

Dr. Leslie Gargiulo, CEO  
100 W. Broadway, Suite 600  
Glendale, CA 91210  
http://www.alu.edu  
admissions@alu.edu  
213-252-5100

Accredited Programs

**Degree Programs:**

- Undergraduate Degrees  
  - Associate of Science in Business Administration  
  - Associate of Science in Criminal Justice  
  - Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies  
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration  
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
• Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies
• Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies

Undergraduate Diplomas and Certificates
• Diploma in Criminal Justice
• Diploma in Paralegal Studies
• Homeland Security Certificate
• Accounting Certificate
• Legal Assistant Certificate
• Marketing Certificate
• Business Administration Certificate
• Management Certificate
• Investigation Certificate

Graduate Degrees
• Master of Business Administration
• Master of Business Administration, Coaching Concentration
• Master of Science in Criminal Justice
• Master of Science in Law
• Juris Doctor

Graduate Certificates
• Real Estate Law Certificate
• Human Resources Law Certificate
• Business Law Certificate
• Coaching Certificate
• Management Certificate

The institution is accredited through January 2029.

Citizens High School
Dr. James Etter, President and CEO
1590 Island Lane, Suite 44
Fleming Island, FL 32003
http://www.citizenshighschool.com
inforequests@citizenschool.com
904-276-1700
Accredited Programs
Diploma Programs:
• Career High School Diploma
• Career High School Diploma (Correspondence)
• College High School Diploma
• College High School Diploma (Correspondence)
• High School Diploma for Job Corps
The institution is accredited through June 2027

**EC-Council University**

Ms. Lata Bavisi, President and CEO  
101 C Sun Avenue, NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109  
http://www.eccu.edu  
registrar@eccu.edu  
(505) 922-2886

Accredited Programs

**Degree**

- Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity (completion program)
- Master of Science in Cybersecurity
- Master of Science in Computer Science
- Master of Business Administration

**Graduate Certificates**

- Graduate Certificate - Information Security Professional
- Graduate Certificate - Digital Forensics
- Graduate Certificate - Executive Leadership in Information Assurance
- Graduate Certificate - Enterprise Security Architect
- Graduate Certificate - Incident Management and Business Continuity
- Graduate Certificate - Security Analyst

The institution is accredited through June 2028.

**Genesis University**

Mr. Robert Frankel, President and CEO  
4000 Alton Road  
Miami Beach, FL 33140  
http://www.genesisu.edu/  
info@genesisu.edu  
845-533-6100

Accredited Programs

**Degree Programs:**

- Associate of Arts in Education and Religion
- Associate of Arts in Religious Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Education and Religion
- Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

The institution is accredited through January 2029.

**National Tax Training School**

Mr. Robert Frankel, President  
67 Ramapo Valley Road, Suite 102

**Founded 1952**
Certificate Programs:
- Federal Income Tax Course
- Advanced Course in Federal Taxation
- IRS Annual Filing Season Program (AFSP)
- California Tax Preparer Course
- California 20-Hour CPE Course
- Annual Federal Tax Refresher (AFTR)

The institution is accredited through January 2029.

Patten University
Mr. Eugene Wade, President
2433 Coolidge Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601
http://www.patten.edu
info@patten.edu
626-966-4576

Accredited Programs

Degree Programs:
- Associate of Arts in Christian Ministry and Leadership
- Certificate in Christian Ministry
- Master of Acquisition Management
- Master of Project Management
- Master of Contract Management
- Master of Supply Chain Management
- Master of Leadership and Management
- Master of Business Administration with a Concentration in Acquisition and Contract Management
- Master of Business Administration with a Concentration in Program and Project Management
- Master of Business Administration with a Concentration in Supply Chain Management
- Master of Business Administration with a Concentration in General Management

Graduate Certificates
- Master's Certificate in Acquisition and Contracting
- Master's Certificate in Financial Management and Pricing
- Master's Certificate in Management
- Master's Certificate in Project/Program Management
• Master's Certificate in Supply Chain Management
The institution is accredited through January 2029.

**Quantic School of Business and Technology**  
Founded 2013

Mr. William Fisher, CEO  
80 M Street SE, Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003  
https://quantic.edu/  
registrar@quantic.edu  
(571) 483-8002

**Accredited Programs**

**Degree Programs:**
- Master of Business Administration
- Executive Master of Business Administration
- Executive Master of Business Administration in Strategic Leadership
- Master of Business Administration in Leadership and Management

The institution is accredited through January 2028.

**Union University of California**  
Founded 1986

Dr. Linh Doan, President  
14200 Goldenwest Street  
Westminster, CA 92683  
http://www.uuc.edu  
info@uuc.edu  
(714) 903-2762

**Accredited Programs**

**Degree Programs:**
- Doctor of Ministry (Vietnamese)
- Master of Art in Ministry (Vietnamese)
- Master of Divinity (Vietnamese)

**Certificates:**
- Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies (Vietnamese)

The institution is accredited through January 2029.

**WorldQuant University**  
Founded 2015

Ms. Daphne Kis, President and CEO  
201 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 2500  
New Orleans, LA 70170  
https://wqu.org/  
info@wqu.org  
5046621946

**Accredited Programs**
Degree Programs:
- Master of Science in Financial Engineering
The institution is accredited through January 2029.

Institutions on Show Cause:
The Commission voted to maintain the show cause directive for the following institution:
- Apollos University, 600 Central Avenue, Suite 215, Great Falls, MT 59401

The institution intends to complete its teach-out of current students and cease operations in December 2024. A copy of the show cause letter can be found on the “Institutions on Show Cause” page of our website: https://www.deac.org/public-notices/institutions-on-show-cause/

Substantive Changes

Change of Location
The Commission took action to confirm a change of location for the following institution. The current approved address is shown below.
- Agora University, 9253 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke, VA 22015
- California Intercontinental University, 101 South Reid Street, Suite 307, Sioux Falls, SD 57103
- Sessions College for Professional Design, 404 South Mill Avenue, Suite 201, Tempe, AZ 95281

Change in Core Mission
The Commission acted to affirm a change in core mission for the following institution.
- Acacia University, 7665 South Research Drive, Tempe, AZ 85284
The institution’s mission is approved as follows:
Our mission is to develop creative, innovative ideas amongst our learners and deploy contemporary technology to develop relevant learning models that are scalable, accessible, and affordable, with a focus on developing ethical, principled world leaders who can change the world.

Change of Ownership
The Commission took action to confirm a change of ownership for the following institutions.
- Sessions College for Professional Design, 404 South Mill Avenue, Suite 201, Tempe, AZ 95281. On June 2nd, 2023, Sessions College for Professional Design, Inc. (“Sessions College”) was sold to Learn Sessions Holdco, LLC (“Holdco”); to effect the merger, Learn Sessions Merger Sub, Inc. merged with and into Sessions College, with Sessions College surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Holdco. Holdco is wholly owned by an affiliate fund of Learn Capital, Learn Capital Fund V Early, L.P.

Implementation of an In-Residence Component
The Commission took action to affirm the implementation of in-residence program components for the following institution.

- **Laurus College**, 421 East Betteravia Road, Suite 100, Santa Maria, CA 93454. The in-residence components are offered at 421 East Betteravia, Suite 201, Santa Maria, CA 93454.

**Follow Up on a New Program**

The Commission acted to confirm the following institution’s continuing compliance with DEAC standards in the implementation of its new high school diploma program.

- **U.S. Career Institute (a division of Weston Distance Learning)**, 2001 Lowe Street, Fort Collins, CO 80525
  
  USCI High School

**Substantive Changes - Academic Review Committee**

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

**Addition of a Program at a Different Degree or Credential Level**

The Commission affirmed the addition of new programs at a different credential level for the following institutions. There will be a follow up site visit six months to one year following the first enrollment in these programs.

- **Doral College**, 2525 NW 112th Avenue, Doral, FL 33172
  
  Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
  
  Master in Educational Leadership

- **Lakewood University**, 2231 North Taylor Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44112
  
  Cybersecurity Undergraduate Certificate

- **Patten University**, 2433 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601
  
  Associate of Science in Christian Ministry Leadership

- **Southwest University of Naprapathic Medicine**, 2006 Botulph Road, Suite A, Santa Fe, NM 87505
  
  Master of Science in Anti-Inflammatory Nutrition

- **United Medical Institute**, 5750 Sunrise Boulevard, Suite 105, Citrus Heights, CA 95610
  
  Associate of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography
  
  Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography

- **William Carey International University**, 1010 East Union Street, Suite 110, Pasadena, CA 91106
  
  PhD in Global Development

**Approval of New Programs**

The Commission affirmed the approval of the following new programs.

- **California Coast University**, 925 North Spurgeon Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701
  
  Bachelor of Science in Organizational Behavior
• **California Miramar University**, 3550 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego, CA 92108  
  Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence  
  Master of Business Administration in Data Analytics  
• **Nexford University**, 1140 Third Street, NE, Suite 200, Washington , DC 20002  
  Master of Science in Digital Transformation  
  Master of Science in Business Analytics  
• **U.S. Career Institute (Weston Distance Learning)**, 2001 Lowe Street, Fort Collins, CO 80525  
  Plumbing Program (vocational)

**Executive Committee Elections**

The Commission voted to elect the following individuals to serve as Officers of the Corporation/Executive Committee members for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Traci Lee, Institution Member, President of Sonoran Desert Institute - Chair  
Marcia Ditmyer, Public Member, Dean, Saginaw Valley University (SVSU) College for Health and Human Services – Vice Chair  
Robert Allison, Public Member – Treasurer  
Stephen Haas, Institution Member, Education Director and Chief Academic Officer, National Paralegal College Treasurer – At Large