

Distance Education Accrediting Commission

Public Notice: Show Cause Directive

Update - February 23, 2024

The DEAC Accrediting Commission provides 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time it notifies the institution of a decision to direct an institution to show cause why accreditation should not be withdrawn. In addition, DEAC provides written notice to the public on its website of the decision within 24 hours of the decision and provides a brief statement summarizing the reasons for the decision. (Section XV., Processes and Procedures, DEAC *Accreditation Handbook*). At its October 11, 2023 meeting, the Commission voted to direct the following institution to show cause why accreditation should not be withdrawn:

Apollos University
600 Central Avenue, Suite 215
Great Falls, MT 59401

On October 11, 2023, the Commission met to review two complaint responses and a teach-out plan submitted by Apollos University's (AU).

The Commission expressed concern with respect to AU's ongoing compliance with DEAC Accreditation Standards Standard VIII.D.2. and Part Four, Section IX. English Language Proficiency Assessment Guidelines. **The Commission therefore voted to direct AU to show cause as to why its accreditation should not be withdrawn.** The action letter communicating the Commission's decision [is available by clicking here](#).

At its January 2024 meeting, the Commission reviewed a Teach Out Plan in accordance with Section XXI.C, Processes and Procedures, DEAC *Accreditation Handbook*. AU will complete its teach-out by December 31, 2024 and remains accredited by DEAC while the Show Cause Directive is in effect.