

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>

info@hollywoodinstitute.net

(213) 386-3800

Accredited Programs

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/>

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.

Founded 2018

Westfield Business School

Mr. Carlos E. Mazo, President

Founded 2009

1200 Brickell Ave. Unit. 680-A

Miami, FL33131

<https://en.westfield.edu/>

contact@en.westfield.edu

(305) 456-0289

Accredited Programs

Degree Programs:

- Master of Business Administration (Spanish)
- Executive Master in Business Administration (Spanish)

The Institution is accredited through January 2027.

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

Founded 1981

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

Founded 2003

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

Founded 2007

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

Founded 1952

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

P.O. Box 767
Mahwah, NJ 07430
<http://www.nattax.com>
info@nattax.com
1-800-914-8138

Accredited Programs

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

Founded 1976

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 June 2028.

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-notice/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.

The Commission affirmed the implementation of a change in core mission for the following institution.

- **Patten University**, 2433 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601

The institution’s mission is as follows:

The mission of Patten University is to develop, inspire, and empower leaders to effect global and community transformation by delivering accessible, rigorous, and practical undergraduate and graduate distance education in the areas of Christian ministry, business, leadership, management, and technology.

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 Botolph 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