

## Distance Education Accrediting Commission

### Public Notice: Show Cause Directive

July 19, 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time it notifies the institution of a decision to direct an institution to show cause why accreditation should not be withdrawn.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 June 21, 2024 meeting, the Commission voted to direct Lakewood University (LU) to show cause why its accreditation should not be withdrawn.

**Lakewood University  
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The action letter communicating the Commission's decision is available [here](#).

The Commission met on June 21, 2024 to review Lakewood University (LU)'s application for renewal of accreditation. The Commission expressed concern with respect to LU's ongoing compliance with DEAC Accreditation Standards: X.A, X.B, XI.A, XI.B, XI.C, II.A, II.B, IX.E, V.C, VIII.G, IX.D, IX.A, III.A, III.B, III.D.1, III.I, IV.E, V.A, VIII.F. **The Commission therefore voted to direct AU to show cause as to why its accreditation should not be withdrawn.**

LU is required to provide DEAC with an updated Teach Out Plan and Teach Out Agreement in accordance with Section XXI.C, Processes and Procedures, DEAC *Accreditation Handbook*.

LU remains accredited by DEAC while the Show Cause Directive is in effect.