

Report from the Accrediting Commission July 18, 2025

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (the Commission) met on June 19, 2025. 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 an appointment to the DEAC Executive Committee and updates to Part Four of *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*.

Initial Accreditation

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

Axon Education LLC,

Founded 2015

d/b/a Axon Education Consortium & d/b/a Texas EMS School

KB Massingill, Ph.D, President/CEO

473 Cypress Street, Suite 110, 210

Abilene, TX 79601

<https://www.axoneducation.com>

866-466-0911

Accredited Programs

Vocational Programs:

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Advanced EMT

Paramedic

The institution is accredited through June 2028.

Eckerd Connects Academy

Founded 2021

Mr. Michael Smith, President

100 Starcrest Drive

Clearwater, FL 15206

www.eckerd.org

727.461.2990

Accredited Programs

High School Program

The institution is accredited through June 2028.

Elmwood Institute

Founded 2024

Dr. Nathan Breitling, Chief Compliance Officer

2433 Coolidge Ave

Oakland, CA 94601

www.elmwoodinstitute.org

info@elmwoodinstitute.org
626-966-4576
Accredited Programs
Master of Leadership and Management
The institution is accredited through June 2028.

Instituto Profesional Latinoamericano de Comercio Exterior (IPLACEX)

Founded 1990

Roberto Barriga, Rector (President)

Av. Ejército Libertador 133

Santiago, Chile 8370007

www.iplacex.cl

+56 6000850085

Accredited Programs

Degree Programs:

Technical Degree in Accounting

Technical Degree in Automotive Mechanic

Technical Degree in Business Administration

Technical Degree in Childcare Education, Preschool, and Elementary Education

Technical Degree in Computer Science

Technical Degree in Construction

Technical Degree: Dental Hygienist

Technical Degree in Digital Marketing

Technical Degree in Electrical

Technical Degree in Foreign Trade

Technical Degree in Guidance Counselor

Technical Degree in Health and Nutrition

Technical Degree in Health Center Management

Technical Degree in Human Resources

Technical Degree in Industrial Control

Technical Degree in Industrial Technician

Technical Degree in International and Cultural Gastronomy

Technical Degree in Logistics

Technical Degree in Massage Therapy

Technical Degree in Mining Plant Operations

Technical Degree in Natural Health and Alternative Therapies

Technical Degree in Network and Cloud Infrastructure

Technical Degree in Network Connectivity and Telecommunications

Technical Degree in Nursing

Technical Degree in Pharmacy

Technical Degree: Programming Analyst

Technical Degree in Public Administration

Technical Degree in Renewable Energy

Technical Degree in Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Electrical Installation

Technical Degree in Risk Prevention
Technical Degree in Social Work
Technical Degree in Special Education
Technical Degree in Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation
Technical Degree in Topography
Technical Degree in Tourism
Professional Degree in Auditing
Professional Degree in Auto Mechanic Management
Professional Degree in Business Administration
Professional Degree in Business Administration - Private Security
Professional Degree in Computer Science Engineering
Professional Degree in Construction Engineering
Professional Degree in Cybersecurity Engineering
Professional Degree in Educational Psychology
Professional Degree in Electrical Engineering
Professional Degree in Foreign Trade
Professional Degree in Health Center Management
Professional Degree in Human Resources
Professional Degree in Industrial Automation and Control Engineering
Professional Degree in Industrial Engineering
Professional Degree in International and Cultural Gastronomy Management
Professional Degree in Logistics
Professional Degree in Management - Local and Regional Development
Professional Degree in Management - Municipal Administration
Professional Degree in Marketing Engineering
Professional Degree in Mining Plant Operations
Professional Degree in Naturopathy
Professional Degree in Network and Cloud Infrastructure Engineering
Professional Degree in Public Administration
Professional Degree in Public Administration - Public Security and Risk Management
Professional Degree in Risk Prevention Engineering
Professional Degree in Social Work
Professional Degree: Surveyor
Professional Degree in Tourism Management
The institution is accredited through June 2028.

Sura College

Founded 2020

Habeeb Rahman, M.D, College President/CEO

9590 E. Ironwood, Square Dr.

Suite 230-A

Scottsdale, AZ 85258-4581

suracollege.com

1-480-744-0860

Accredited Programs

Master of Science in Nursing: Nurse Educator

The institution is accredited through June 2028.

UTH Florida University

Founded 2014

Ronald Lacayo, Executive Director/CEO

2650 SW 27th Avenue, Suite 300

Miami, Florida 33145

<https://www.uthflorida.us/>

305 530-9070

Accredited Programs

Master of Science in Business & Finance

Master of Science in Business & Marketing

Master of Science in Cybersecurity

Master of Science in Human Resource Management

Master of Science in Management & International Business

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management

Bachelor of Science in Marketing

The institution is accredited through June 2028.

Renewal of Accreditation

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

American National University

Founded 1886

Mr. Frank Longaker, President

1813 East Main Street

Salem, VA 24153

<https://www.an.edu>

frank@an.edu

540 769 -8289

Accredited Programs

Degree Programs:

Master of Business Administration

Master of Science in Cybersecurity

Master of Science in Information Technology

Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting

Bachelor of Business Administration in Management

Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity

Bachelor of Science in Medical and Health Services Management

Bachelor of Science in Network Administration

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Associate of Science in Business Administration - Accounting
Associate of Science in Health Information Management
Associate of Science in Medical Assisting
Associate of Science in Administrative Medical Assisting
Associate of Science in Business Administration - Management
Associate of Science in Network Support
Associate of Science in Paralegal
Associate of Science in Pharmacy Technician

Certificate/Diploma Programs:

Diploma in Accounting
Diploma in Business Administration
Certificate in Medical Assisting
Certificate in Administrative Medical Assisting
Diploma in Medical Billing and Coding
Diploma in Phlebotomy & ECG Technician
Certificate in Paralegal Studies
Diploma in Pharmacy Technician

Vocational Programs:

English as a Second Language-ESL

The institution is accredited through January 2030.

Antioch School of Church Planting and Leadership Development

Founded 2006

Dr. Stephen Kemp, Academic Dean

2400 Oakwood Road

Ames, IA 50014

<http://www.antiochschool.edu>

info@antiochschool.edu

515-292-9694

Accredited Programs

Degree Programs:

Bachelor of Ministry

Bachelor of Theology

Master of Ministry

Master of Theology

Doctor of Ministry in Global Church-Based Theological Education

Doctor of Ministry in Theology in Culture

Certificates:

Certificate of Ministry

Certificate of Ministry (graduate)

Certificate of Theology

Certificate of Theology (graduate)

The institution is accredited through June 2030.

Crestpoint University

Founded 2002

Mr. Avi Katz, President

717 East Maryland Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85014

<https://www.crestpoint.edu/>

info@crestpoint.edu

845-371-9101

Crestpoint University includes the division National Paralegal College. National Paralegal College is included in the scope of Crestpoint University' accreditation.

Accredited Programs

Degree Programs:

Associate of Paralegal Studies

Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies

Bachelor of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Bachelor of Science in Child Psychology

Master of Science in Compliance Law

Master of Science in Legal Studies

Certificate Programs:

Certificate in Paralegal Studies

The institution is accredited through June 2030.

Grace Communion Seminary

Founded 1947

Dr. Michael Morrison, Dean of Faculty

3120 Whitehall Park Dr.

Charlotte, NC 28273

<http://www.gcs.edu>

registrar@gcs.edu

800-851-2611

Accredited Programs

Degree Programs:

Master of Pastoral Studies

Master of Theological Studies

Master of Divinity

The institution is accredited through June 2030.

Kaho'Iwai Center for Adult Teaching and Learning

Founded 2011

Dr. Taffi Wise, Executive Director

64-1043 Hi'iaka Street, Hālau Ho'olako

Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

www.kahoiwai.org

info@kahoiwai.org

808 887-1117

Accredited Programs

Post Baccalaureate Certificate of Teaching - Elementary Education (emphasis)

Post Baccalaureate Certificate of Teaching - Secondary Education (emphasis)

The institution is accredited through June 2030.

Lakewood University

Founded 1998

Ms. Tanya Haggins, President and CEO

2231 North Taylor Road

Cleveland Heights, OH 44112

<http://www.lakewood.edu>

info@lakewood.edu

1-800-517-0857

Accredited Programs

Degree Programs:

Associate of Applied Business in Business Management

Associate of Applied Business in Paralegal Studies

Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration

Associate of Science in Information Technology

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies

Master of Business Administration

Graduate Certificate Programs:

Project Management Graduate Certificate

Undergraduate Certificate Programs:

Restaurant Business Management Undergraduate Certificate

Office Manager Undergraduate Certificate

Legal Secretary Undergraduate Certificate

Legal Document Preparer Undergraduate Certificate

Legal Assistant Undergraduate Certificate

Law Office Management Undergraduate Certificate

Entrepreneur Undergraduate Certificate

Project Management Undergraduate Certificate

Cybersecurity Undergraduate Certificate

Diploma/Certificate Programs:

Paralegal Diploma

Mediation Certificate

Pharmacy Technician Certificate

Administrative Medical Assistant Certificate

Criminal Justice Certificate

Medical Billing Certificate
Medical Coding Certificate
Virtual Executive Assistant Certificate
Grant Writer Certificate
Group Fitness Certificate
Minister Certificate
Personal Training Certificate
Professional Coaching Certificate
Entrepreneur Certificate
Motivational Speaker Certificate
Real Estate Management Certificate
Medical Coding & Administrative Medical Assistant Certificate
Medical Billing & Administrative Medical Assistant Certificate
Pharmacy Technician & Medical Coding Certificate
Pharmacy Technician & Administrative Medical Assistant Certificate
Pharmacy Technician & Medical Billing Certificate
Mediation & Paralegal Certificate
Criminal Justice & Paralegal Certificate
Criminal Justice & Mediation Certificate
Medical Billing & Medical Coding Certificate

High School

GED (Prep)

The institution is accredited through June 2029.

Penn Foster

Founded 1974

Mr. Kermit Cook, CEO

Penn Foster includes the following divisions, which are included in the scope of Penn Foster's accreditation.

Penn Foster College

3133 West Frye Road, Suite 215

Chandler, AZ 85226

Penn Foster High School and Penn Foster Career School

200 Hickory Street

Scranton, PA 18505

ICS Canada

610-245 Victoria Avenue

Westmount, QC H3Z 2M6

<http://www.pennfostercollege.edu>

info@pennfostercollege.edu

Phone

Accredited Programs

Degree Programs:

Associate of Science in Accounting

Associate of Science in Business Management
Associate of Science in Computer Information Systems
Associate of Science in Construction Technology
Associate of Science in Criminal Justice
Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education
Associate of Science in Engineering Technology
Associate of Science in Graphic Design
Associate of Science in Health Care Management
Associate of Science in Human Resources Management
Associate of Science in Industrial Electronics and Electrical Maintenance
Associate of Science in Interior Design
Associate of Science in Medical Assistant
Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies
Associate of Science in Veterinary Technician
Bachelor of Science in Business Management
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology

Undergraduate Certificate Programs:

Accounting
Business Management
CDA Credential Preparation (Child Development Associate)
General Studies
Graphic Design
Human Resources
Veterinary Practice Management

Penn Foster Career School:

Career Diploma and Certificate Programs:

ABC Certified Wedding Planner
Administrative Assistant
Appliance Repair
Auto Repair Technician
Bookkeeping
Caterer
Child Care Professional
Computer Graphic Artist
Construction Trades
Dental Assistant
Diesel Mechanics/Heavy Truck Maintenance
Dog Obedience Trainer/Instructor
Drafting with AutoCAD
Dressmaking and Design
Electronics Technician
Event Planning

Floral Design

Guest Service Agent

Gunsmith

Home Health Aide

Home Remodeling and Repair

Hotel/Restaurant Management

HVACR Technician

Interior Decorator

IT Support Specialist

Jewelry Design and Repair

Landscaping Technology

Legal Secretary

Locksmith & Home Security Technician

Medical Administrative Assistant

Medical Assistant

Medical Billing and Coding

Medical Transcriptionist

Motorcycle Repair Technician

Optician Exam Preparation

Paralegal

Payroll Clerk

Pharmacy Technician

Pharmacy Technician Professional

Physical Therapy Aide

Plumber

Private Investigator

Residential Electrician

Retail Supervisor

Small Business Management

Small Engine Repair

Sterile Processing

Tax Preparation

Travel Agent

Veterinary Assistant

Veterinary Team Telehealth

Virtual Assistant

Wildlife/Forestry Conservation

Avocational Programs:

Accounting Essentials

Anatomy and Physiology

AutoCAD

Business Management Essentials

Career Readiness Bootcamp

Child Psychology
E-Business Management
Electronic Medical Records
Comprehensive English: Skills in Reading and Writing
Fitness and Nutrition
Gourmet Cooking
Human Resources Management Essentials
LexisNexis: Legal Research
Medical Terminology
Microsoft Office 2019
National Electrical Code
Pet Grooming
Property Management
Starting Your Own Business
Supervisory Skills for the Industrial Workplace
Penn Foster High School
Penn Foster High School program
The institution is accredited through January 2030.

Rhombus University

Founded 2018

Dr. Raymond Hamond, Chief Executive Officer
8050 La Mesa Blvd
La Mesa, CA 91942
<https://rhombusuniversity.com>
info@rhombusuniversity.com
858) 848-1766
Accredited Programs
Degree Programs:
Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology
The institution is accredited through June 2030.

Sessions College

Founded 1997

Mr. Gordon Drummond, President
404 South Mill Avenue, Suite 201
Tempe, AZ 95281
<http://www.sessions.edu>
admissions@sessions.edu
800-258-4115
Accredited Programs
Degree Programs:
Associate of Occupational Studies in Graphic Design
Associate of Occupational Studies in Web Design
Associate of Occupational Studies in Digital Media

Associate of Occupational Studies in Illustration

Associate of Occupational Studies in Digital Photography

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Photography

Certificate Programs:

Undergraduate Certificate in Graphic Design

Undergraduate Certificate in Web Design

Undergraduate Certificate in Digital Media

Undergraduate Certificate in Illustration

Undergraduate Certificate in Advertising Design

Undergraduate Certificate in Digital Photography

Undergraduate Certificate in Filmmaking and Digital Media

Professional Certificate in Graphic Design

Professional Certificate in Web Design

Professional Certificate in Multimedia Arts

Professional Certificate in Digital Arts

Professional Certificate in Marketing Design

Certificate in Fine Arts

The institution is accredited through June 2030.

University of Fairfax

Founded 2002

Dr. Umesh Varma, President

1813 East Main Street

Salem, VA 24153

<http://www.ufairfax.edu>

info@ufairfax.edu

703 790-3200

Accredited Programs

Degree Programs:

Doctorate in Information Assurance

Doctorate of Business Administration

Doctorate of Software Development

PhD of Computer Science and Engineering (Pilot)

Master of Science in Cybersecurity Management

Master of Business Administration

Master of Computer Science and Engineering

Master of Science in Cloud Computing

Master of Science in Information Technology

Bachelor of Science in Network Administration

Bachelor of Science in Network Administration and Cybersecurity

Bachelor of Science in Software Development

Certificate Programs:

Cybersecurity Best Practices

Information Security Professional Practices

Enterprise Information Security

Project Management and Quality Assurance

The institution is accredited through January 2030.

Institutions on Show Cause:

The Commission voted to vacate the show cause directive for the following institution:

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

Substantive Change

Change in Name

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

- **Sessions College** (previously Sessions College for Professional Design), 404 South Mill Avenue, Suite 201, Tempe, AZ 95281

Change of Core Mission

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

- **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.

- **Crestpoint University**, 717 East Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85014

The institution's mission is approved as follows:

The mission of Crestpoint University is to provide high-quality, accessible education that empowers students with diverse backgrounds and life circumstances to fulfill their academic and professional potential. We seek to provide students with the skills and knowledge they need for personal growth and career advancement, and to inspire students to promote honesty, ethical behavior, fairness, and equity in their communities.

Implementation of an Addition of an In-Residence Program

The Commission affirmed the implementation of the addition of an in-residence program component for the following institution.

- **United Medical Institute**, 5750 Sunrise Boulevard, Suite 105, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. The In-residence component is for the Associate of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography programs and will be located at 1921 S Alma School Rd # 303, Mesa, AZ 85210.

Follow Up on a New Program

The Commission affirmed the implementation of the addition of new programs for the following institutions.

- **Crestpoint University**, 717 East Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85014
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- **Doral College**, 2525 NW 112th Avenue, Doral, FL 33172
Master of Education in Educational Leadership
- **EC-Council University**, 101 C Sun Avenue, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109
Master of Computer Science
Master of Business Administration
- **William Carey International University**, 1010 East Union Street, Suite 110, Pasadena, CA 91106
PhD in Global Development
- **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

Addition of a New Division

The Commission affirmed the implementation of a new division at the following institution.

- **Crestpoint University**, 717 East Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85014, Crestpoint University implemented its new division National Paralegal College.

Substantive Changes - Academic Review Committee

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

Change in Name

The Commission affirmed the approval of a change in name for the following institution.

- **Rockbridge International Seminary**, (previously Rockbridge Seminary) 3111 East Battlefield, Springfield, MO 65804

Addition of a Program in an Unrelated Field

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

- **Acacia University**, 7665 South Research Drive, Tempe, AZ 85284
Master of Business Administration (MBA)
Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
- **Agora University**, 9253 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke, VA 22015
Master of Business Administration (MBA)

- **Dunlap-Stone University**, 16165 North 83rd Avenue Suite 200, Peoria, AZ 85382
Bachelor of Education
Master of Education

Addition of an In-Residence Program

The Commission affirmed the addition of an in-residence program component for the following institutions. There will be a follow up site visit six months to one year following the implementation of the in-residence component.

- **California Intercontinental University**, 101 South Reid Street, Suite 307, Sioux Falls, SD 57103. The in-residence program is for the Associate of Business Administration and Bachelor of Business Administration programs and will be located at 2601 Main Street, Suite 250, Irvine, CA 92614.
- **California Miramar University**, 3550 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego, CA 92108. The in-residence component is for the following programs Associate of Science in Business and Technology and Bachelor of Science in Business and Technology programs will be located at 1720 Walnut Ave, La Puente, CA 91744 and 505 S. Market Street, San Jose, CA 95133.
- **Laurus College**, 421 East Betteravia Road, Suite 100 Santa Maria, CA 93454. The In-residence component will be located at 3411 E. Betteravia, Suite 100-B, Santa Maria, CA 93454
- **MIU City University Miami**, 111 NE 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33132. The In-residence component is for the following programs Master of Science in Business Administration, Master of Science in Business Intelligence, Master of Science in Cybersecurity, Master of Science in Digital Marketing and will be located at 111 NE 1st Street, 6th Floor, Miami, FL 33132
- **San Diego Global Knowledge University**, 1095 K Street, Suite B, San Diego, CA 92101. The In-residence component is for the Mobile Development Immersive 1 (MDI-1) and Mobile Development Immersive 2 (MDI-2) programs and will be located at 1095 K Street, Suite B, San Diego, CA 92101.
- **San Ignacio University**, 3905 NW 107th Ave. Ste. 301, Doral, Florida 33178. The in-residence component will be for the following programs: Master of Science in Business Analytics (English), Master of Science in Business Analytics (Spanish), Master of Science in Entrepreneurship (English), Master of Science in Entrepreneurship (Spanish), Doctorate in Education (English), Doctorate in Education (Spanish), Doctorate of Business Administration (English) and Doctorate of Business Administration (Spanish) and will be located at 3905 NW 107th Ave., Suite 301, Doral, FL 33178.

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.

- **Genesis University**, 4000 Alton Road, Miami Beach, FL 33140
Master of Jewish Business Administration

- **San Diego Global Knowledge University**, 1095 K Street, Suite B, San Diego, California 92101
Associate of Science in Software Development

Approval of New Programs in a Field Related to Programs Already within the Scope of the Institution's Accreditation

The Commission affirmed the staff approval of the following new programs .

California Intercontinental University

Master of Science in Accounting

Crestpoint University

Bachelor of Science in Child Psychology

Dunlap-Stone University

Master of Public Administration

Jose Maria Vargas University

Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (English)

Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (Spanish)

MIU City University Miami

Master of Science in Business Administration

Master of Science in Business Intelligence

Master of Science in Cybersecurity

Master of Science in Digital Marketing

Newlane University

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts

San Diego Global Knowledge University

Mobile Development Immersive MDI-1

Mobile Development Immersive MDI-2

Westfield Business School

Executive Master of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration in Business Analytics

Master in Digital Marketing Analytics

Master in Financial Analytics

Executive Committee Elections

The Commission voted to elect the following individual to serve as an Officer of the Corporation/Executive Committee for the remainder of the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Robert Frankel, Institution Member, Chief Academic Officer, Genesis University – At Large
Member of the Executive Committee

Technical and Conforming Updates to the DEAC *Accreditation Handbook*

The Commission approved technical and conforming amendments to the definitions of certain terms within the *Accreditation Handbook*. Specifically, it authorized updates to DEAC's Conflict of Interest Policy (Part Four, Appendix 1, DEAC *Accreditation Handbook*) and the corresponding Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form (Part Four, Appendix 2, DEAC *Accreditation Handbook*). Furthermore, the Commission endorsed the addition of a comprehensive definition of the term "scholarship" to the Glossary, aimed at promoting greater clarity and consistency in the application of standards across both academic pursuits and financial support contexts. Please see page 167 of the *Accreditation Handbook* for the additional definition of scholarship.)

Forthcoming Call for Comment

Based on recommendations from the Standards Committee, the Commission intends to issue a Call for Comment regarding proposed standards for a reduced-credit bachelor's degree program and a subscription-based tuition model. Please be attentive to the upcoming release of this Call for Comment within the next week, and prepare to submit your feedback on these proposals.