

Report from the Accrediting Commission

March 1, 2021

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) met on January 29, 2021. This report summarizes the accreditation actions taken by the Accrediting Commission in accordance with its procedure for Notification and Information Sharing, Section XV, Process and Procedures, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*. In addition, the Report provides notice of any final changes that the Commission adopted for the DEAC Standards of Accreditation.

Initial Accreditation

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

WorldQuant University

Founded 2015

Ms. Daphne Kis, President
201 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 2500
New Orleans, LA 70170
<https://wqu.org>
gabriella.maiello@wqu.org
(760) 846-1355
Accredited Program

Degree

- Master of Science in Financial Engineering

The institution is accredited through January 2024.

Renewal of Accreditation

The Commission took action to grant renewal of accreditation to the following institutions.

Anaheim University

Founded 1996

Dr. Andrew Honeycutt, President
1240 South State College Boulevard, Suite 110
Anaheim, CA 92806
www.anaheim.edu
admissions@anaheim.edu
(714) 772-3330
Accredited Programs:

Degrees

- Doctor of Business Administration: Management
- Doctor of Business Administration: International Business
- Doctor of Business Administration: Sustainable Management

- Doctor of Business Administration: Entrepreneurship
- Doctor of Education in TESOL
- Master of Arts in TESOL
- Master of Fine Arts in Digital Filmmaking
- Master of Business Administration in International Business
- Master of Entrepreneurship
- Master of Business Administration in Global Sustainable Management

Certificates and Diplomas

- Graduate Diploma in TESOL
- Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Management
- Graduate Diploma in International Business
- Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Management
- Graduate Certificate in International Business
- Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Certificate in Teaching English to Young Learners
- Undergraduate Diploma in TESOL

The institution is accredited through June 2023.

Antioch School of Church Planting and Leadership Development

Founded 2006

Mr. Jeff Reed, President

2400 Oakwood Road

Ames, IA 50014

www.antiochschool.edu

info@antiochschool.edu

(515) 292-9694

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- 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 Theology

The institution is accredited through June 2025.

Catholic Distance University

Founded 1983

Dr. Marianne Evans Mount, President

300 South George Street

Charles Town, WV 25414

cdu.edu

cdu@cdu.edu

(304) 724-5000

Accredited programs

Degrees

- Master of Arts (Theology)
- Master of Arts in Theology and Educational Ministry
- Bachelor of Arts in Theology (Completion)
- Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts with a Concentration in Catholic Studies

Certificates and Diplomas

- Catechetical Diploma (undergraduate certificate)
- Catechetical Coordinator Certificate (undergraduate certificate)
- Graduate Certificate for Catholic Educators
- Graduate Certificate in Church History
- Graduate Certificate in Sacred Scripture

The institution is accredited through January 2026.

Columbia Southern University

Founded 1993

Mr. Ken Styron, President

21982 University Lane

Orange Beach, AL 36561

<https://www.columbiasouthern.edu>

information@columbiasouthern.edu

(800) 977-8449

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Associate of Science in Business
- Associate of Science in Criminal Justice
- Associate of Science in Emergency Medical Services
- Associate of Fire Science
- Associate of Arts in General Studies
- Associate of Science in Health Information Science/Track I - Medical Coding
- Associate of Science in Health Information Science/Track II - General
- Associate of Science in Occupational Safety and Health
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/General

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Finance
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Hospitality and Tourism
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Human Resource Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/International Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Marketing
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Project Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Sport Management
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration/Arson Investigation
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration/Forensics
- Bachelor of Science in Emergency Medical Services Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management
- Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration/Fire Investigation
- Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration/EMS Management
- Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security
- Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management
- Bachelor of Science in Information Systems and Cyber Security/General
- Bachelor of Science in Information Systems and Cyber Security/Homeland Security
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety & Health
- Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety & Health/Construction Safety
- Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety & Health/Fire Science
- Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety & Health/Oil & Gas
- Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Master of Business Administration/General
- Master of Business Administration/Entrepreneurship
- Master of Business Administration/Finance
- Master of Business Administration/Health Care Management
- Master of Business Administration/Human Resource Management
- Master of Business Administration/Marketing
- Master of Business Administration/Project Management
- Master of Business Administration/Public Administration
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration

- Master of Science in Emergency Services Management
- Master of Science in Homeland Security/Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Homeland Security/Emergency Services Management
- Master of Science in Homeland Security/Management
- Master of Science in Occupational Safety and Health/General
- Master of Science in Occupational Safety and Health/Environmental Management
- Master of Science in Organizational Leadership
- Master of Public Administration/General
- Master of Public Administration/Criminal Justice Administration
- Master of Public Administration/Emergency Services Management
- Master of Public Health/General
- Master of Public Health/Community Health Education
- Doctor of Business Administration/Theoretical-Based Study
- Doctor of Business Administration/Project-Based Study

Certificates

- Certificate in Cybersecurity
- Certificate in Emergency Management
- Certificate in Environmental Management
- Certificate in Finance
- Certificate in Fire Science
- Certificate in Hospitality and Tourism
- Certificate in Human Resource Management
- Certificate in Information Technology
- Certificate in International Management
- Certificate in Management
- Certificate in Marketing
- Certificate in Military Operations
- Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health
- Certificate in Project Management
- Certificate in Psychology
- Certificate in Sport Management
- Graduate Certificate in Environmental Management
- Graduate Certificate in Finance
- Graduate Certificate in Health Care Management
- Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management
- Graduate Certificate in Marketing
- Graduate Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health
- Graduate Certificate in Project Management

- Graduate Certificate in Public Administration
The institution is accredited through January 2026.

Doral College

Founded 2011

Mr. Douglas Rodriguez, President

2525 NW 112th Avenue

Doral, FL 33172

<https://www.doral.edu>

drodriguez@doral.edu

(305)463-7210

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts
- Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with ESOL and Reading Endorsement

The institution is accredited through January 2026.

Huntington University of Health Sciences

Founded 1985

Dr. Arthur M. Presser, President

118 Legacy View Way

Knoxville, TN 37918

<https://www.huhs.edu>

presser@huhs.edu

(865) 524-8079

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Associate of Science in Applied Nutrition
- Associate of Science in Integrative Nutrition
- Bachelor of Science in Nutrition
- Bachelor of Science in Integrative Nutrition
- Master of Science in Nutrition
- Master of Science in Integrative Nutrition
- Doctor of Science in Integrative Healthcare
- Doctor of Science in Integrative Healthcare-Personalized Concentration

Diplomas

- Diploma in Comprehensive Nutrition
- Diploma in Dietary Supplement Science
- Diploma in Sports Nutrition
- Diploma in Women's Nutrition
- Diploma in Herbal Sciences

The institution is accredited through January 2026.

Moreland University (Formerly Teach-Now Graduate School of Education) Founded 2012

Dr. Kevin J. Ruth, President

1701 K Street NW, Suite 250

Washington, DC 20006

<https://teach-now.edu/>

(844)283-2246

info@teach-now.com

Accredited Programs

Certificates

- Teacher Preparation Certificate Program

Degrees

- Master's in Education with Teacher Preparation: Research Emphasis
- Master's in Education with Teacher Preparation: Globalization Emphasis
- Master's in Education with Globalization and Education Research Emphasis
- Master's in Education with Teacher Preparation: Early Childhood Education Focus
- Master's in Education with Teacher Preparation: Teaching Multilingual Learners Focus
- Master's in Education with Teacher Preparation: Special Education Focus
- Master's in Educational Leadership
- Master's in Education with Teacher Preparation: Educational Technology Emphasis

The institution is accredited through January 2025.

Rockbridge Seminary

Founded 2003

Mr. Tommy Hilliker, President

3111 East Battlefield

Springfield, MO 65804

www.rockbridge.edu

info@rockbridge.edu

(866) 931-4300

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Master of Ministry Leadership
- Master of Divinity
- Doctor of Ministry

Diploma

- Diploma in Ministry Studies

The institution is accredited through January 2026.

University of Arkansas System eVersity

Founded 2014

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Chief Academic Operating Officer
2402 North University Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72207
www.eversity.edu
(501)682-7868
kbradford@eversity.uasys.edu
Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Bachelor of Science in Business
- Associate of Science in Business
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Business
- Associate of Applied Science in Business
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Associate of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management
- Associate of Science in Healthcare Management
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Healthcare Management
- Associate of Applied Science in Healthcare Management
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- Associate of Science in Information Technology
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Technology
- Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology
- Bachelor of Arts in University Studies
- Associate of Arts in University Studies

Certificates

- Technical Certificate in Office Management
- Certificate of Proficiency in Administrative Office
- Technical Certificate in Law Enforcement
- Certificate of Proficiency in Criminal Justice
- Technical Certificate in Healthcare Management
- Certificate of Proficiency in Medical Office Management
- Technical Certificate in Information Technology
- Certificate of Proficiency in Information Technology

The institution is accredited through January 2026.

University of Fairfax

Founded 2012

Mr. Frank Longaker

President

1813 East Main Street

Salem, Virginia 24153

info@ufairfax.edu

<http://www.ufairfax.edu>

(703) 790-3200

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Doctorate in Information Assurance
- Doctorate of Business Administration
- Doctorate of Software Development (added 2018)
- Master of Science in Cybersecurity Management
- Master of Business Administration - General MBA Specialization
- Master of Business Administration - Information Technology Specialization
- Master of Business Administration - Cybersecurity Specialization
- Master of Business Administration - Project Management Specialization
- Master of Computer Science and Engineering

Certificates

- Cybersecurity Best Practices
- Information Security Professional Practices
- Enterprise Information Security
- Project Management and Quality Assurance

The institution is accredited through January 2025.

University of Management and Technology

Founded 1998

Dr. Yanping Chen, President

1901 Fort Myer Drive, Suite 700

Arlington, VA 22209-1609

<http://www.umtweb.edu>

info@umtweb.edu

(703) 516-0035

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Associate of Business Administration
- Associate of Science in Computer Science
- Associate of Science in Criminal Justice
- Associate of Science in Engineering Management
- Associate of Science in General Studies
- Associate of Science in Homeland Security
- Associate of Science in Information Technology
- Bachelor of Business Administration

- Bachelor of Business Administration - Criminal Justice Administration major
- Bachelor of Business Administration - Engineering Management major
- Bachelor of Business Administration - Health Administration major
- Bachelor of Business Administration - Human Resources Management major
- Bachelor of Business Administration - Information Technology Management major
- Bachelor of Business Administration - International Management major
- Bachelor of Business Administration - Management major
- Bachelor of Business Administration - Marketing Management major
- Bachelor of Health Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science - Information Systems major
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science - Information Technology major
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science - Software Engineering major
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice - Homeland Security major
- Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management
- Bachelor of Science in General Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology - Information Systems major
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology - Software Engineering major
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration - General Management concentration
- Master of Business Administration - Project Management concentration
- Master of Business Administration - Supply Chain Management
- Master of Health Administration
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Administration - Public Administration concentration
- Master of Public Administration - Criminal Justice Administration concentration
- Master of Science in Computer Science
- Master of Science in Computer Science - Computer Science concentration
- Master of Science in Computer Science - Software Engineering concentration
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice - Homeland Security concentration
- Master of Science in Engineering Management
- Master of Science in Homeland Security
- Master of Science in Information Technology
- Master of Science in Information Technology - IT Management concentration

- Master of Science in Information Technology - IT Project Management concentration
- Master of Science in Information Technology - Management Information Systems concentration
- Master of Science in Management
- Master of Science in Management - Project Management concentration
- Master of Science in Management - Acquisition Management concentration
- Master of Science in Management - Criminal Justice Administration concentration
- Master of Science in Management - General Management concentration
- Doctor of Business Administration

Certificates

- Certificate in Business Management
- Certificate in Criminal Justice
- Certificate in Homeland Security
- Certificate in Human Resources Management
- Certificate in Health Administration
- Certificate in Information Technology
- Executive Certificate in Project Management
- Executive Certificate in Acquisition Management
- Executive Certificate in Criminal Justice
- Executive Certificate in Homeland Security
- Executive Certificate in Public Administration
- Executive Certificate in Information Technology
- Graduate Certificate in Project Management

The institution is accredited through January 2026.

Weston Distance Learning

Mr. Earl Weston, President

2001 Lowe Street

Fort Collins, CO 80525

<https://www.westondistancelearning.com>

enroll@at-homeprofessions.edu

(970) 207-4500

Weston Distance Learning includes the following divisions

Founded 1981

At-Home Professions

2001 Lowe Street

Fort Collins, CO 80525

<http://www.at-homeprofessions.edu>

U.S. Career Institute

2001 Lowe Street

Fort Collins, CO 80525

<http://www.uscareerinstitute.edu>

Accredited Programs

Degrees

- Associate of Applied Science - Accounting
- Associate of Applied Science - Business Management
- Associate of Applied Science - eCommerce *¹
- Associate of Applied Science - Entrepreneurship
- Associate of Applied Science - Fashion Merchandising *
- Associate of Applied Science - Financial Services *
- Associate of Applied Science - Health Information Technology
- Associate of Applied Science - Human Resources
- Associate of Applied Science – Marketing *
- Associate of Applied Science - Medical Specialties
- Associate of Applied Science - Social Work

Certificates and Diplomas

- Healthcare Documentation
- Accounting Services Specialist
- Bookkeeping Specialist
- Certified Personal Fitness Trainer
- Child Day Care Specialist
- CompTIA A+
- CompTIA Network+
- CompTIA Security+ *
- Computer Essentials Specialist
- Criminal Justice Specialist
- Dental Assistant
- Electronic Medical Records Specialist (HM165)
- Healthcare Office Manager
- Home Inspector
- Insurance Claims Adjuster
- Legal Transcriptionist *
- Massage Therapist

¹ For all programs marked * DEAC has received notification that these programs are in teach-out. When the students enrolled in these programs have completed their studies, the institution must provide DEAC with written notice that the teach-outs are complete.

- Medical Assistant
- Medical Billing Specialist
- Medical Coding Specialist
- Medical Coding and Billing Specialist
- Medical Transcriptionist
- Office Administrator
- Paralegal
- Patient Care Technician
- Personal Care Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician
- Physical Therapy Aide
- Veterinary Assistant
- Wedding Consultant/Event Planner

The institution is accredited through January 2025.

Title IV Certification

The Commission acted to approve the following institution for Title IV certification. This means that the institution provided evidence that it is compliant with DEAC's certification requirements for institutions seeking to participate in federal student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended. The institution may, therefore, apply to the United States Department of Education to become eligible to participate in its Federal Student Aid ("FSA") programs.

- **Doral College**, 2525 NW 112th Avenue, Doral, FL 33172

Change of Location

The Commission took action to affirm the following changes of location.

- **American Sentinel University**. The Commission confirmed the institution's change of location. The institution's approved location is 10065 East Harvard Avenue, Suite 450, Denver, CO 80231.
- **Sarasota University**. The Commission confirmed the institution's change of location. The institution's approved location is 5104 Lockwood Ridge Road, Suite 102, Sarasota, FL 34234.
- **Shiloh University**. The Commission confirmed the institution's change of location. The institution's approved location is 416 D Avenue, Kalona, IA 52247

Application for a Change in Core Mission

The Commission approved an application for a change in core mission for the following institution.

- **Sonoran Desert Institute**, 1555 West University Drive, Suite 103, Tempe, Arizona 85281. The proposed mission statement is,
“To provide students with current, industry-driven, quality education with a focus on specialized programs delivered through online distance education and practical application. SDI is committed to continuous improvement in our instructional processes and the overall student experience. We accomplish this through student and graduate achievement and satisfaction as well as our stakeholder relationships and reputation in the markets we serve.”

Confirmation of the Implementation of New Degree Programs

The Commission acted to confirm the following institution’s continuing compliance with DEAC standards in the implementation of the new bachelor’s degree programs listed below.

- **Laurus College**, 421 East Betteravia Road, Suite 100, Santa Maria, CA, 93454.
 - Bachelor of Science in Business Systems Management
 - Bachelor of Science in Digital Arts and Computer Animation
 - Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Systems Management
 - Bachelor of Science in Web Design and Development

Approval of New Programs

The Commission affirmed the approval of the following new programs.

American Sentinel University

- MSN-MBA Healthcare

Columbia Southern University

- Associate of Science in Emergency Medical Services
- Military Operations Certificate
- Master of Science in Homeland Security with concentrations in Criminal Justice, Emergency Services Management, and Management

Grantham University

- Associate of Applied Science in Healthcare Administration
- Associate of Applied Science in Medical Administrative Assistant

Lakewood University

- Grant Writer Certificate
- Motivational Speaker Certificate
- Minister Certificate
- Real Estate Management Certificate
- Entrepreneurship Certificate

Sessions College for Professional Design

- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design

University of the People

- Associate of Science in Business Administration (Arabic)

William Carey International University

- Master of Arts in Transformational Urban Leadership

William Howard Taft University

- Master of Public Administration

Changes to the *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*

At its January 2021 meeting, the Commission reviewed a proposal from the Standards Committee that recommended revisions to Standard III.H.3, First Professional and Doctoral Degrees. The current language of this standard is prescriptive with respect to the timing for when a student must take their comprehensive examination and initiate the final research project/dissertation. The Standards Committee recommended modifying the language to allow students more flexibility to start dissertation work prior to completing the comprehensive exam, especially when a program is utilizing a mentoring model. The Commission accepted this recommendation, recognizing that pre-dissertation work may include topical research, literature review development, and the study of potential methodologies to support the student's future study.

The Commission is therefore seeking [comment](#) on proposed revisions that follow below. Comments may be sent to Leah Matthews, Executive Director at leah.matthews@deac.org. Please submit Comments by **May 1, 2021**.

New or relocated language for Standard III.H.3 is indicated with **bold red underlined text**; deletions are indicated with ~~strikethrough~~.

III.H.3. FIRST PROFESSIONAL AND DOCTORAL DEGREES

The institution assesses student achievement through multiple means of evaluation **that includes a doctoral dissertation or final research project as well as other forms of assessments such as** ~~including~~ qualifying examinations, comprehensive examinations, **or other assessments that demonstrate student mastery of the stated program learning outcomes.** ~~and dissertation or final research project.~~ The institution requires students to successfully complete a ~~comprehensive examination when all coursework is completed and prior to commencing work on the~~ **and a doctoral** dissertation or final research project **to graduate from the program.**

At its January 2021 meeting, the Commission also considered a report from DEAC staff pertaining to non-substantive change submissions by DEAC-accredited institutions and recommendations from DEAC staff to refine and add clarification to the process and

procedures for the submission and review of such changes. In reviewing this report, the Commission adopted technical and conforming amendments to Section XX, Part Two of the *DEAC Accreditation Handbook* to clarify non-substantive change submission procedures. The amendments to Section XX include adding a Non-Substantive Change Request Form and implementing a new fee schedule for certain non-substantive change procedures. The application form, procedures and fees are effective on **April 1, 2021**. Please visit the [Changes to the Handbook](#) page of DEAC's website to review the amendments that will go into effect on April 1, 2021.