



Public Disclosure:
Harris-Stowe State University status changed
from “Accredited” to “Accredited – On Notice”
Effective: November 3, 2022

The Higher Learning Commission has placed Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis, Missouri on Notice. HLC took this action because it determined that the institution was at risk of being out of compliance with HLC requirements.

While on Notice, the institution remains accredited, and it has the opportunity to remedy the issues that led to the sanction. The period of Notice is not more than two years.

What This Means for Students

In most cases, other colleges and universities will continue to accept the institution’s credits in transfer or for admission to a higher degree program. All colleges and universities define their own transfer and admission policies. Students interested in pursuing a higher degree or transferring should contact the college or university they plan to attend so that they are knowledgeable about the admission and transfer policies for that college or university.

Noted HLC Requirements

HLC concluded the institution is in compliance with HLC requirements but meets the following Core Component with concerns:

- Criterion Two, Core Component 2.A, “Integrity”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.A, “Program Review”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.B, “Assessment of Student Learning”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.C, “Persistence, Retention and Completion Outcomes”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.B, “Resource Base”

Next Steps

The institution is required to provide evidence that it has addressed the issues that led to the sanction, no later than February 1, 2024 (or at least eight weeks in advance of the on-site evaluation) in preparation for HLC’s on-site evaluation no later than April 2024. In October/November 2024, the HLC Board of Trustees will determine whether the institution has demonstrated that it is in compliance with HLC requirements and whether Notice can be removed.

To provide transparency for all stakeholders, HLC publishes a Directory of Institutions on its website (hlcommission.org/directory). The directory includes information about a college or university’s accreditation status, recent activities and upcoming activities.

About the Higher Learning Commission

The Higher Learning Commission accredits approximately 1,000 colleges and universities in the United States. HLC is a private, nonprofit accrediting agency. It is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Questions? Contact info@hlcommission.org or call 312.263.0456.

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