

**Public Disclosure:
Morton College status changed
from “Accredited” to “Accredited – On Notice”
Effective: November 2, 2023**

The Higher Learning Commission has placed Morton College in Cicero, Illinois 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 on 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 that the institution is in compliance with HLC requirements but is at risk of being out of compliance based on the following HLC requirements being Met with Concerns:

- Criterion Two, Core Component 2.A, “Integrity”
- Criterion Two, Core Component 2.C, “Sufficient Board autonomy”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.C, “Systematic and integrated planning and improvement”

Next Steps

The institution is required to provide evidence that it has addressed the issues that led to the sanction no later February 1, 2025 in preparation for HLC’s on-site evaluation in April 2025. In November 2025, 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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