



Public Disclosure:
Ohio Christian University status changed
from “Accredited” to “Accredited – On Notice”
Effective: February 27, 2020

The Higher Learning Commission has placed Ohio Christian University in Circleville, Ohio, on Notice. HLC took this action because it determined that the institution is at risk of being out of compliance with HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation.

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

What Notice Means for Students

In most cases, other institutions of higher education 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 should contact any institution they plan to attend in the future so they are knowledgeable about their admission and transfer policies.

Noted Criteria for Accreditation

HLC concluded the institution has demonstrated that it is in compliance with the HLC Criteria for Accreditation but is at risk of out of being compliance for the following Criteria:

- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.A, “the institution’s resource base supports its current educational programs and its plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.C, “the institution engages in systematic and integrated planning”

Next Steps

The institution is required to provide evidence that it has addressed the issues that led to the Notice sanction by July 1, 2021 in preparation for HLC’s on-site evaluation no later than September 2021. In February 2022, the HLC Board of Trustees will determine whether the institution has demonstrated that it is no longer at risk of being out of compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation and whether Notice can be removed.

About the Higher Learning Commission

The Higher Learning Commission accredits approximately 1,000 colleges and universities that have a home base in one of 19 states that stretch from West Virginia to Arizona. 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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