



**Public Disclosure Notice on
Arkansas Baptist College**
Little Rock, Arkansas
Effective: February 27, 2014

Arkansas Baptist College (“the College”) in Little Rock, Arkansas, is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; it has been placed on Notice.

Understanding Notice

Notice is public status signifying that an accredited institution is at risk of being out of compliance with one or more of the Commission’s Criteria for Accreditation. The period of Notice is not more than two years, commencing with the date that the Board placed the institution on Notice. During the Notice period, the institution remains accredited and it has the opportunity to remedy the concerns that led to the Notice sanction.

In most cases, because institutions on Notice remain accredited, other institutions of higher education will continue to accept the institution’s credits in transfer or for admission to a program at a higher degree level. However, students enrolled at an institution on Notice and interested in pursuing a higher degree or transferring should contact any institution they plan to attend in the future to confirm the institution’s admission and transfer policies.

Recent Board Action

On February 27, 2014, the Higher Learning Commission placed Arkansas Baptist College on Notice. The Commission’s Board of Trustees took this action because of concerns related to financial resources, human resources, and administrative processes.

The Criteria for Accreditation (2013 Criteria for Accreditation) and Core Components on which the Board based its action are: Criterion Five, particularly **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,” and **Core Component 5.B**, “the institution’s governance and administrative structures promote effective leadership and support collaborative processes that enable the institution to fulfill its mission.”

Next Steps

The College is required to file a Notice Report in August 2014 providing evidence that the College has resolved the concerns of the Board identified in the Notice action and that the College meets the Criteria for Accreditation and Core Components identified in this action as at risk of not being met.

The College will host a focused visit in October 2014 focused on validating the contents of the Notice Report. At its meeting in February 2015, the Board will review materials related to this evaluation and determine whether the College can be removed from Notice. If the College has not resolved the Board’s concerns that led to the imposition of Notice and demonstrated that it is

in compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation and Core Components, other action by the Commission may be appropriate.

About the Higher Learning Commission

The Higher Learning Commission accredits more than 1,000 colleges and universities that have a home base in one of 19 states that stretch from West Virginia to Arizona. The Commission is a private, nonprofit regional accrediting agency. The Commission's mission is to assure and advance the quality of higher learning. It is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The institutions the Commission accredits include public, private not-for-profit, and proprietary institutions at degree levels from the associate's through the doctoral degree level and from small, specialized institutions through large research universities.

Students, parents, and others from the general public with questions regarding the Commission's work should contact John Hausaman at the Higher Learning Commission by email at info@hlcommission.org or by phone at 312-263-0456.

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