



**Public Disclosure Notice on
Baker College
Flint, Michigan
Effective: June 12, 2014**

Baker College (“the College”) in Flint, Michigan, and offering programs online and at additional locations throughout Michigan is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

The College has requested approval from the Commission to extend its accreditation to include the St. Francis School of Law (“the School of Law”), an online law school operating in California. The extension of accreditation to the School of Law and the College’s ability to offer the Juris Doctor degree program require prior approval by the Commission through its Change of Control, Structure, or Organization process.

Recent Board Action

On June 12, 2014, the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees (“the Board”) voted not to approve the requested Change of Control, Structure, or Organization to extend the College’s accreditation to include the School of Law. The College remains accredited. The Board voted not to approve the Change of Control, Structure, or Organization because it determined that the College had not demonstrated that the proposed transaction meets each of the five approval factors for such a change. In particular, the College did not successfully demonstrate that it had secured the appropriate resources and support services for the J.D.; integrated policies for the J.D. program into its existing policies for graduate students; developed appropriate strategies for assessing student learning and for supporting student success in the J.D. program; and provided clear information to the public about the professional accreditation of the J.D. program.

Next Steps

The College is undergoing a regular review of its Systems Portfolio at this time. The College is scheduled to host its next evaluation for reaffirmation of accreditation in 2018-19.

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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