



**Public Disclosure Notice on  
DeVry University**

Effective: March 31, 2016

*Note for students of DeVry University—The U.S. Department of Education has prepared information specifically to inform students of DeVry University and the public about its action described in this Notice. You can find that information at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/announcements/devry>. The Federal Trade Commission also has made an announcement about its action with regard to DeVry University. You can find this information at <https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2016/01/ftc-brings-enforcement-action-against-devry-university>.*

*Current or prospective students should carefully review the information provided in this Public Disclosure Notice, on the website of the U.S. Department of Education and the Federal Trade Commission, and by DeVry University to make an informed decision whether to enroll or continue enrollment at DeVry University given the issues raised by the recent actions of the U.S. Department of Education and the Federal Trade Commission.*

DeVry University, which has campuses and additional locations in several states across the United States and also operates on-line, is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. DeVry University is one of several higher education entities owned by the DeVry Education Group, Inc. The Commission only accredits DeVry University and Chamberlain College of Nursing (which is not affected by any of the actions described in this Notice).

The U.S. Department of Education (“the Department”) announced on January 27, 2016 that “it had initiated a process to require DeVry University (as condition of its continued participation in the Title IV program<sup>1</sup>) to cease making certain representations regarding its students’ postgraduation employment outcomes. [The Department] took this step after finding that claims made by DeVry University have not been substantiated to the extent required by law.”<sup>2</sup> At the same time the Federal Trade Commission announced an enforcement action against DeVry University “alleging that [its] advertisements deceived consumers about the likelihood that students would find jobs in their fields of study, and would earn more than those graduating with bachelor’s degrees from other colleges or universities.”<sup>3</sup> For more information about these actions please see the above links.

The Commission has asked DeVry University for information about the advertising and recruiting materials published by the institution both currently and historically. The Commission has also asked the institution for ongoing reporting on the status of the Department and FTC actions.

The Commission will update this Public Disclosure Notice after it has more information about the status of these actions and any Commission action taken as a result.

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Education, Notice of Intent to Limit, issued to DeVry University on January 27, 2016, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Education website at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/announcements/devry>.

<sup>3</sup> Federal Trade Commission website at <https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2016/01/ftc-brings-enforcement-action-against-devry-university>.

**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 the Higher Learning Commission by email at [info@hlcommission.org](mailto:info@hlcommission.org) or by phone at 312-263-0456.

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