Public Disclosure:
Malone University status changed from “Accredited” to “Accredited – On Notice”
Effective: November 2, 2017

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has placed Malone University in Canton, Ohio, on Notice.

HLC took this action because it determined that, unless improvements are made, the University is at risk of not meeting HLC's Criteria for Accreditation related to institutional resources, strategic planning, and improvement of institutional performance.

What This Means for Students
Notice is a sanction meaning that an accredited institution is at risk of not meeting one or more of HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation. The period of Notice is not more than two years.

While on Notice, the institution remains accredited, and it has the opportunity to remedy the issues that led to the sanction. 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 the admission and transfer policies for that institution.

Noted Criteria for Accreditation
The following Criteria for Accreditation must be addressed by the University:

- 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”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.D, “The institution works systematically to improve its performance”

Next Steps
The University is required to provide evidence that it has addressed the issues that led to the Notice sanction by March 1, 2019 in preparation for HLC’s on-site evaluation no later than May 2019. In November 2019, the HLC Board of Trustees will determine whether the institution has demonstrated improvement 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.