Public Disclosure:
Morton College status of “Accredited – On Notice” Continues
Effective: November 4, 2021

The Higher Learning Commission has extended the period of Notice for Morton College in Cicero, Illinois. HLC took this action because the COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose an imminent threat to members of the public. HLC determined that review of the Notice sanction of Morton College should occur at the HLC Board of Trustees meeting in February 2022.

In November 2018, HLC determined that the College was at risk of being out of compliance with HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation related to Criterion Two-Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct, as well as Criterion Five-Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness.

In November 2020, HLC extended the College’s status of “Accredited – On Notice” because the institution remained at risk of noncompliance with the Criteria for Accreditation and met the definition for the extension of Notice set forth in HLC policy.

Notice is a sanction meaning that an accredited institution is at risk of not meeting one or more of HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation. While on Notice, the institution remains accredited and has the opportunity to remedy the issues that led to the sanction. The period of Notice is not more than two years, unless extended per HLC policy.

What This Means for Students
In most cases, other colleges and universities 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 interested in pursuing a higher degree or transferring should contact the college or university they plan to attend so that they are knowledgeable about their admission and transfer policies.

Next Steps
In February 2022, the HLC Board of Trustees will determine whether the institution has demonstrated that it is in 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 in the United States. 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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