

**Public Disclosure**  
**Baker College**  
**Designation: Governmental Investigation**  
**Effective: June 20, 2023**  
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The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has assigned a Governmental Investigation designation to Baker College in Owosso, Michigan, based on information indicating the U.S. Department of Education, through the Office of Federal Student Aid, has initiated a formal investigation of the institution related to its recruitment and marketing practices.

The purpose of a Governmental Investigation designation is to apprise the public of an ongoing investigation by a federal or state entity, regardless of its merits. In assigning the designation, HLC reaches no conclusion about the merits of the investigation or its possible outcome. HLC intends for the designation to remain in place until the investigation is concluded or sufficient information is available for HLC to conclude that the designation is no longer warranted.

While under the designation, the College remains accredited.

### **What the Governmental Distress designation Means for Students**

In most cases, colleges and universities will continue to accept the College's credits for transfer and admission to other higher degree programs and institutions. As all colleges and universities define their own transfer credit and admission policies, students interested in other institutions are advised to seek information on individual transfer and admission policies.

### **Next Steps**

The College is required to file a report with HLC on the status of the investigation every 90-120 days. HLC will review the report on receipt and determine whether additional action is needed or whether the designation should be removed or remain in place.

### **About the Higher Learning Commission**

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