
**Recent Board Action**
On November 3, 2016, the HLC Board of Trustees (the Board) accepted the Institute’s voluntary resignation effective at the close of the Institute’s spring term in 2017. The Institute had undergone a comprehensive evaluation earlier in 2016, and the Board was considering whether to continue its accreditation when the Institute elected to withdraw voluntarily prior to Board action. Should the Institute close or cease academic operations before the effective resignation date approved by the Board, the Board directed that the Institute’s accreditation terminate immediately.

**Next Steps**
The Institute is required to prepare a teach-out plan for students that complies with the Commission’s requirements found on the [HLC website](http://hlcommission.org). The plan will be filed no later than January 1, 2017 and will be effective at the close of the current academic year.

The Institute will notify current and prospective students by November 20, 2016 about the voluntary resignation as well as the development of a teach-out plan and the availability of assistance with transfers.

For questions related to this change, students can contact:

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