Public Disclosure:
Arkansas Baptist College Status Continues as “Accredited – On Probation”
Effective: February 25, 2021

The Higher Learning Commission has extended the sanction of Probation for Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock, Arkansas. HLC took this action because it determined that the institution remains out of compliance with HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation and meets the conditions for extension of Probation set forth in HLC policy.

While on Probation, the institution remains accredited, and it has the opportunity to remedy the issues that led to the sanction.

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 the admission and transfer policies for that college or university.

Noted Criteria for Accreditation
HLC concluded that the institution does not meet the following HLC Criterion for Accreditation:

- Criterion Five Core Component 5.B, “the institution’s resource base supports its educational offerings and its plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future.”

Next Steps
The institution is required to provide evidence that it has addressed the issues that led to the sanction, no later than August 1, 2021 in preparation for HLC’s on-site evaluation no later than September 2021. 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 HLC requirements that necessitated the continuation of the sanction and whether Probation 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.

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