

Public Disclosure:
Cloud County Community College status changed
from “Accredited” to “Accredited – On Probation”
Effective: June 24, 2021

The Higher Learning Commission has placed Cloud County Community College, in Concordia, Kansas, on Probation. HLC took this action because it determined that the institution is out of compliance with HLC requirements.

The initial period of Probation is not more than two years. Probation affords an institution a reasonable period to address HLC’s concerns. 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 HLC Requirements

HLC concluded that the institution is out of compliance with the following HLC requirements:

- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.B, “the institution engages in ongoing assessment of student learning as part of its commitment to the educational outcomes of its students”

HLC concluded that the institution needs to address additional concerns related to the following HLC requirements:

- Criterion Three, Core Component 3.A, “the rigor of the institution’s academic offerings is appropriate to higher education”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.A, “the institution ensures the quality of its educational offerings”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.C, “the institution pursues educational improvement through goals and strategies that improve retention, persistence and completion rates in its degree and certificate programs”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.C, “the institution engages in systematic and integrated planning and improvement”

Next Steps

The institution is required to provide evidence that it has addressed the issues that led to the sanction, no later than October 1, 2022, in preparation for HLC’s on-site evaluation no later than December 2022. In June 2023, the HLC Board of Trustees will determine whether the institution

has demonstrated that it is in compliance with HLC requirements and whether Probation can be removed.

To provide transparency for all stakeholders, HLC publishes a Directory of Institutions on its [website](#). The directory includes information about a college or university's accreditation status, recent activities and upcoming activities.

About the Higher Learning Commission

The Higher Learning Commission accredits approximately 1,000 colleges and universities. HLC is a private, nonprofit accrediting agency 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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