

Public Disclosure:
Eastern Gateway Community College status continues
As “Accredited - Probation”
Effective: November 2, 2023

The Higher Learning Commission has extended the sanction of Probation for Eastern Gateway Community College in Steubenville, Ohio.

HLC took this action because it determined that the institution remains out of compliance with HLC requirements and otherwise meets the requirements for extension of Probation under HLC policy. The college was initially placed on Probation in November 2021.

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 they are knowledgeable about the admission and transfer policies for that college or university.

Noted HLC Requirements

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

- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.B, “Resource base”
- Assumed Practices D.3, “Future financial projections”
- FDCR.A.10.060, “Title IV Program Responsibilities”

HLC also concluded the institution met the following Criteria for Accreditation, but with concerns:

- Criterion One, Core Component 1.B, “Mission and public good”
- Criterion Two, Core Component 2.A, “Integrity”
- Criterion Two, Core Component 2.C, “Sufficient board autonomy”
- Criterion Three, Core Component 3.A, “Academic offerings appropriate to higher education”
- Criterion 3, Core Component 3.C, “Sufficiency of faculty and staff”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.A, “Ensuring quality of educational offerings,”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.B, “Assessment of student learning”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.C, “Persistence, retention and completion outcomes”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.C, “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 extended sanction no later than April 15, 2024 in preparation for a Focused Visit by HLC no later than May 2024.

In November 2024, 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.

About the Higher Learning Commission

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