Public Disclosure Notice:
Walden University has received an
“Under Governmental Investigation” Designation
Effective: November 9, 2020

The Higher Learning Commission has assigned a designation of “Under Governmental Investigation” for Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The designation is based on an open civil investigation into the university that was initiated jointly by the Fraud Section of the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Minnesota, the Offices of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The investigation alleges the university violated the False Claims Act based on representations it made to the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and to students.

The purpose of this HLC designation is to inform the public that the institution is being investigated by a governmental agency. The assignment of a designation does not indicate that HLC has independently evaluated or reached any conclusion about the merits of the investigation or its possible outcome.

What This Designation Means for Students

While under this HLC designation, Walden University remains accredited. HLC will review this designation again when there are further developments in the investigation. The designation remains in place until HLC learns that the investigation has concluded.

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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