Public Disclosure Notice on
Wilberforce University
Wilberforce, Ohio
Effective: November 5, 2015

Wilberforce University (the University) in Wilberforce, Ohio, is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC); it had previously been under a Show-Cause Order.

Recent Board Action
On November 5, 2015, the Higher Learning Commission removed a Show-Cause Order following an evaluation. In taking this action, the Board considered materials from the Show-Cause evaluation, including but not limited to the Show-Cause Report the University submitted, the Show-Cause Evaluation Visit, and other materials relevant to the evaluation.

Next Steps
The Board required that the University host a focused evaluation no later than October 2017 focused on financial stability, planning, and consistency of quality in academic programs with a focus on the CLIMB program. The Board required that it host its next comprehensive evaluation for Reaffirmation of Accreditation in the 2019-20 academic year.

About the Higher Learning Commission
The Higher Learning Commission accredits about 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 regional accrediting agency. HLC’s mission is to assure and advance the quality of higher learning. It is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The institutions HLC accredits include public, private not-for-profit, and proprietary institutions at degree levels from the associate’s through the doctoral degree level and from small, specialized institutions through large research universities.

Students, parents, and others from the general public with questions regarding HLC’s work should contact John Hausaman by email at info@hlcommission.org or by phone at 312-263-0456.

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