



**Public Statement:  
Information for Argosy University Students  
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The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) understands that the recent closing of Argosy University is a difficult and confusing time for many students. Argosy University is currently accredited by WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), which can answer questions regarding the closing of Argosy University. However, we also understand students may be anxious to learn which institutions within HLC's 19-state region may be able to provide educational assistance.

It is important to note that, in addition to teach-out and transfer options, Argosy students can pursue a Closed School Discharge under these circumstances. The U.S. Department of Education has comprehensive information related to the Argosy closure located here: <http://bit.ly/2FgyJ8y>

### **Formal Teach-Out and Articulation Agreements**

Prior to closure, Argosy pursued and secured arrangements with certain institutions in HLC's region. A teach-out agreement was secured with The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, located in Illinois and accredited by WSCUC. Students interested in pursuing opportunities with this institution should contact the institution itself for more information.

Argosy also pursued and secured articulation agreements with a number of institutions. An articulation agreement is one in which each institution agrees to offer some portion of its own curriculum toward a degree or credential. HLC does not require its member institutions to seek prior approval from HLC to agree to such arrangements; however, we have been notified that the following HLC-accredited institutions have signed articulation agreements with Argosy University:

- American College of Education
- National Louis University, Tampa Campus
- Waldorf University, Iowa

### **Other Arrangements**

Because of the abrupt nature of the Argosy closure, there are a number of HLC-accredited institutions that have expressed a willingness, even in the absence of a formal teach-out agreement with Argosy, to provide students with teach-out assistance. This means the institutions are willing to go beyond simply evaluating students as standard transfers. These flexibilities may include any, but not necessarily all, of the following:

- waiving residency requirements
- waiving application requirements
- accepting all credits earned
- charging tuition comparable to what Argosy would have charged

HLC reviews the proposals of these institutions to ensure that, even absent a formal agreement, the institutions have the capacity for Argosy students. Students should be sure to understand precisely what assistance is being offered by any institution and should contact such institution directly for details.

The following HLC-accredited institutions have expressed a willingness to assist Argosy students by modifying transfer procedures in these programs:

- Adler University, Chicago – Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology, Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision, M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and M.A. in Industrial Organizational Psychology
- Adler Graduate School, Minnesota – Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology, Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision, M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and MA in Industrial Organization Psychology
- Arkansas State University – Multiple undergraduate and graduate programs online
- Buena Vista University, Iowa – Undergraduate level/online – Business Administration, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Liberal Arts, and Information Technology; Graduate level – Mental Health Counseling, Organizational Leadership, and Curriculum and Instruction
- Crown College, Minnesota – Online/Graduate level – A.S. and B.S. in Business; B.S. in Counseling/Psychology; B.S. in Criminal Justice; B.S.N in Nursing Completion; B.S. in General Liberal Studies; M.A. in Counseling, for students transitioning from M.A. in Clinical Psychology; M.A. in Organizational Leadership MBA; and MBA; On-Campus – A.S. and B.S. in Business Administration; B.A. in Psychology; B.S.in Criminal Justice; and B.A. in Liberal Arts
- DePaul University, Illinois – Graduate programs
- Dunwoody College of Technology, Minnesota – Radiologic Technology
- Herzing University, Wisconsin – Associates, Bachelors and Master’s in Business; BS in Criminal Justice; and Nursing – Atlanta, Minneapolis and Tampa locations or online
- Robert Morris University, Illinois – A.A.S. in Computer Studies, B.A. in Psychology, B.S. in Accounting, BBA and MBA in Business Administration, B.P.S. in Law Enforcement, B.A.S. in Computer Networking, MBA in Human Resource Management, and MBA in Management
- Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, Colorado – BFA
- St. Mary’s University of Minnesota, Minnesota – Doctoral Psy.D. and DBA

### **Transfer Options**

Colleges and universities define their own transfer policies. Students interested in transferring should contact the college or university they plan to attend so that they are knowledgeable about its policies. Several other HLC-accredited institutions have indicated that they are still exploring their options for assisting Argosy students. HLC does not require institutions to seek approval prior to accepting transfer students. However, the list below represents HLC-accredited institutions that have contacted HLC to indicate that they are considering accepting Argosy students as transfer students. It is not an exhaustive list of schools that may accept Argosy students in transfer:

- Alpena Community College, Michigan
- Illinois Eastern Community Colleges
- Institute for Clinical Social Work, Illinois
- St. Catherine University, Minnesota
- Siena Heights University, Michigan
- Tiffin University, Ohio
- University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- University of the Southwest, New Mexico

HLC will continue to work promptly in response to member institutions intending to assist Argosy students. Students who were in programs accredited by specialized, or programmatic, accreditors should become informed of requirements and statements regarding the Argosy closure by those accrediting agencies as well.

This information is current as of the posting date and will be updated as needed. Additionally, Dream Center Education Holdings has created a website (<http://bit.ly/2XYK6sO>) to identify institutions that have signed articulation agreements or memos of understanding to support transfer of students.

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