

Public Disclosure Notice

Graceland University Financial Issue Designation

Effective: June 22, 2026

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has assigned a Financial Issue designation to Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa, based on the institution's auditors expressing substantial doubt about the institution's ability to continue as a going concern.

A Financial Issue designation is meant to apprise the public that current conditions at an accredited college or university raise potential concerns about its resource base to support its educational programs as required by HLC's Criteria for Accreditation. HLC does not undertake an independent evaluation of the institution in advance of assigning a designation.

While assigned the designation, Graceland University remains accredited.

What the Financial Issue Designation Means for Students

In most cases, colleges and universities will continue to accept the college's credits for transfer and admission to other higher degree programs and institutions. As all colleges and universities define their own transfer credit and admission policies, students interested in other institutions are advised to seek information on individual transfer and admission policies.

Next Steps

The institution will host its previously scheduled comprehensive evaluation in March 2027. As part of the comprehensive evaluation, HLC will review the Institution's ongoing compliance with HLC requirements, including but not limited to, Criterion 4, Core Component 4.B (resource base and sustainability).

HLC anticipates the designation will remain in place until the comprehensive evaluation process concludes. Following final action on the comprehensive evaluation, HLC will determine whether the designation can be removed or if other action is necessary.

About the Higher Learning Commission

The Higher Learning Commission accredits approximately 1,000 colleges and universities in the United States. 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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