

Public Disclosure Notice

Hiram College Financial Issue Designation

Effective: February 25, 2026

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) assigned a Financial Issue designation to Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio, effective February 25, 2026, based on the U.S. Department of Education placing the institution on the Heightened Cash Monitoring 2 (HCM2) method of payment in January 2026.

On June 22, 2026, HLC expanded the designation to include that the institution's auditors expressed 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, Hiram College 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 an Advisory Visit no later than July 2026 on various HLC requirements, including Core Component 4.B, Resource Base and Sustainability. HLC anticipates the designation will remain in place until the Advisory Visit process concludes. Following action on the Advisory Visit, HLC will determine whether the designation can be removed or if other action is necessary.

To provide transparency for all stakeholders, HLC publishes a [Directory of Institutions](#) on its website. The directory includes information about a college or university's accreditation status, recent activities and upcoming activities.

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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