

Public Disclosure Notice

Northwestern College Withdrawal of Accreditation

Effective: November 21, 2024

On October 31, 2024, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) acted to withdraw the accreditation of Northwestern College in Oak Lawn, Illinois. HLC took this action because it determined that the institution was out of compliance with HLC requirements.

Withdrawal of accreditation is an adverse action that is subject to appeal prior to becoming final. The deadline for the institution to file a notice of intent to appeal the action to withdraw accreditation was November 20, 2024. The institution did not submit a notice of intent to appeal to by this date. Therefore, the institution has forfeited its opportunity to appeal the action, and the action to withdraw accreditation is now final.

The withdrawal of the institution's accreditation is effective as of November 21, 2024.

Noted HLC Requirements

HLC concluded that the institution was out of compliance with the following HLC requirements:

- Eligibility Requirement #2 (Legal status)

What This Means for Students

The institution's status as an HLC-accredited institution expired on the effective date above. Credits and degrees earned from the institution through this date remain accredited.

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 and history with HLC.

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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