

## Public Disclosure Notice

# Sinte Gleska University status changed from “Accredited” to “Accredited On Probation”

**Effective: June 25, 2026**

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has placed Sinte Gleska University in Mission, South Dakota, on Probation. HLC took this action because the institution no longer meets one or more HLC requirements.

Probation is a public sanction that allows the institution a period of time to resolve the areas of concern. The initial period for Probation is up to two years. While on Probation, the institution remains accredited.

### What This Means for Students

In most cases, other colleges and universities will continue to accept the institution’s credits in transfer or for admission to a higher degree program. All colleges and universities define their own transfer and admission policies. Students interested in pursuing a higher degree or transferring should contact the college or university they plan to attend so that they are knowledgeable about the admission and transfer policies for that college or university.

### Noted HLC Requirements

HLC concluded that the institution does not meet the following HLC requirements:

- Criterion 3, Core Component 3.E. “Assessment of Student Learning”
- Criterion 3, Core Component 3.F. “Program Review”
- Criterion 3, Core Component 3.G. “Student Success Outcomes”
- Criterion 4, Core Component 4.C. “Planning for Quality Improvement”
- Assumed Practice A.5.a, “Statements of mission, vision and values”
- Assumed Practice B.2.a, “Policies and procedures to determine that faculty are qualified”

HLC also concluded that the institution needs to address concerns related to the following HLC requirements:

- Criterion 2, Core Component 2.B. “Transparency”
- Criterion 3, Core Component 3.C. “Sufficiency of Faculty and Staff”
- Criterion 4, Core Component 4.A. “Effective Administrative Structures”

### Next Steps

The institution will host a comprehensive evaluation for Probation no later than December 2027, to provide evidence that the areas of concern have been addressed and the institution is otherwise in compliance with HLC requirements.

At the end of the Probation period, HLC may remove the institution from Probation if it has addressed the areas of concern and meets all HLC requirements. If the institution still does not meet all

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requirements, HLC may take other action in accordance with HLC policies, including extending Probation, issuing a Show Cause Order or withdrawing accreditation.

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***

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