

Public Disclosure Notice

Bacone College Withdrawal of Accreditation

Effective: July 17, 2024

On June 27, 2024, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) acted to withdraw the accreditation of Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma. 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 July 16, 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 July 17, 2024.

Noted HLC Requirements

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

- Criterion 2, Core Component 2.C, "Sufficient board autonomy"
- Criterion 3, Core Component 3.B, "Exercise of intellectual inquiry integral to programs"
- Criterion 3, Core Component 3.C, "Sufficiency of faculty and staff"
- Criterion 3, Core Component 3.D, "Support for student learning and effective teaching"
- Criterion 5, Core Component 5.A, "Effective governance and administrative structures"
- Criterion 5, Core Component 5.B, "Resource base"
- Criterion 5, Core Component 5.C, "Systematic and integrated planning and improvement"
- Assumed Practice D.1, "Ability to meet current financial obligations"
- Assumed Practice D.3, "Future financial projections"
- Assumed Practice D.5, "External audits"
- Eligibility Requirement #8, "Financial capacity"
- Eligibility Requirement #10, "Faculty and other academic personnel"
- Eligibility Requirement #12, "Student support services"
- Eligibility Requirement #15, "Current activity"

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HLC also concluded that there are concerns related to the institution's compliance with the following requirements:

- Criterion 4, Core Component 4.A, "Ensuring quality of educational offerings"
- Criterion 4, Core Component 4.B, "Assessment of student learning"

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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