



**PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE FOR AN INSTITUTION
RESIGNING COMMISSION AFFILIATION**

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
Chicago, Illinois
July 20, 2012

The following public information is provided by the Higher Learning Commission regarding The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. This public information is provided to assist current and prospective students and other individuals seeking information about the accreditation status of the School. The Higher Learning Commission is the regional accrediting agency that accredits institutions of higher education in the 19 states that constitute its region.

Accreditation status of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

The Commission has accredited The Chicago School of Professional Psychology since 1984 following a period of candidacy that began in 1980. The School notified the Commission that it intended to change its headquarters from Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles, California, where it had an existing branch campus, and to seek accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC), the regional accrediting agency that has jurisdiction in California. Seeking WASC accreditation was necessary because the Commission's bylaws require that institutions accredited by the Commission have substantial presence, in particular locate their main campus or headquarters, in the nineteen-state region in which the Commission has jurisdiction.

In November 2011, the School notified the Commission that it had achieved initial accreditation with WASC. In July 2012, the United States Department of Education notified the School that it had approved the request to change its gatekeeping agency (the accreditation that allows the institution's students to access Title IV federal financial aid) from the Commission to WASC.

The School subsequently voluntarily resigned its affiliation with the Commission effective July 20, 2012; it was not under any sanction or show-cause order at the time of its resignation, nor had there been any notification by the Commission to the institution of any intention to withdraw accreditation because of non-compliance with Commission standards.

Information for Students

The School continues to be accredited through WASC. Therefore, because the School remains accredited by another recognized agency, the School's decision to voluntarily resign

affiliation from the Commission is not likely to have any effect on the School's eligibility to participate in the federal student aid program. However, students with questions regarding federal student aid or other matters related to the voluntary resignation of accreditation should direct those questions to the School. For questions related to this change, students can contact:

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For questions related to the accreditation status of the School with WASC, students can contact that agency:

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