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## Report from the Accrediting Commission July 19, 2024

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (the Commission) met on June 21, 2024. This report, made available to the public on DEAC's website, summarizes the accreditation actions taken by the Accrediting Commission in accordance with its procedure for Notification and Information Sharing (Section XV.A., E., and F.), Part Two, Processes and Procedures, DEAC *Accreditation Handbook*. In addition, the Report provides an update on institutions that have implemented substantive changes and the Commission's review of proposed changes to the Accreditation Standards.

### Initial Accreditation

The Commission took action to grant initial accreditation to the following institutions.

#### **Clinical Pastoral Education International**

**Founded 2018**

Dallas E. Speight, Ed.D., D.Min., Executive Director  
2105 Park Avenue, Suite 1  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
[www.cpe-international.org](http://www.cpe-international.org)  
[adminasst@cpei.us](mailto:adminasst@cpei.us)  
904-233-6885

Accredited Programs:

#### **Certificates**

Certificate in Clinical Pastoral Education

Certificate in Supervisory Education

The institution is accredited through June 2027.

#### **Detroit Institute of Gastronomy**

**Founded 2017**

John Piazza, Program Director  
2211 Gratiot Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48207  
<https://www.detroitgastronomy.org/>  
[concierge@dig.education](mailto:concierge@dig.education)  
313-312-4025

Accredited Programs:

#### **Vocational Programs**

Sous Chef

Culinarian

The institution is accredited through June 2027.

#### **Humboldt International University**

**Founded 2012**

German L. Prieto

4000 West Flagler Street,  
Fifth floor,  
Miami, FL 33134  
<https://www.hiuniversity.com/>  
[admissions@humboldtIU.com](mailto:admissions@humboldtIU.com)  
305-448-7454

Accredited Programs:

**Degrees**

Associate of Science in Business Administration  
Associate of Science in Health Information Management  
Associate of Science in Information Technology  
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration  
Master of Science in Business Administration  
Master of Science in Organizational Leadership  
Doctor of Science in Business Administration  
Doctor of Science in Education  
The institution is accredited through June 2027.

**Saint Athanasius and Saint Cyril Coptic Orthodox Theological School (ACTS)**

**Founded 1989**

Bishop Serapion, President  
3901 Westerly Place  
Newport Beach, CA 92660  
<https://www.actslibrary.org/>  
[info@acts.school](mailto:info@acts.school)  
657-390-2287

Accredited programs

**Degrees**

Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.)  
Master of Theology (Th.M.)

**Certificates**

Early Christian Studies Certificate  
Orthodox Scripture Certificate  
The institution is accredited through June 2027.

**Swiss School of Management**

**Founded 1981**

Massimiliano Bracale, President  
Via Pellandini 4  
Bellinzona, Switzerland 6500  
<http://www.ssm.swiss/>  
[info@barcelona.ssm.swiss](mailto:info@barcelona.ssm.swiss)  
+41 041 520 68 26

Accredited Programs

**Degrees**

Bachelor of Business Administration  
Masters of Business Administration  
Doctorate of Business Administration  
Bachelor of Business Management Online Program  
Masters in Strategic Management and Leadership  
The Institution is accredited through June 2027.

### **Renewal of Accreditation**

The Commission took action to renew the accreditation of the following institutions.

#### **Acacia University**

**Founded 2003**

Mr. Timothy Moman, President  
7665 South Research Drive  
Tempe, AZ 85284  
<http://www.acacia.edu>  
[information@acacia.edu](mailto:information@acacia.edu)  
(855) 247-3669  
Accredited Programs

#### **Degree Programs:**

Master of Arts in Elementary Education  
Master of Arts in Secondary Education  
Master of Education in English as a Second Language  
Master of Education in Special Education  
Master of Education in Educational Administration  
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

#### **Certificates:**

English Language Learners Certificate  
Foundations of Education Certificate  
Instructional Supervision Certificate  
Power Strategies for Teaching for Learning Certificate  
School Administration Certificate  
Special Needs Certificate  
Customized Teaching Preparation Certificate  
The institution is accredited through June 2029.

#### **Gemological Institute of America**

**Founded 1931**

Robyn Burrell, Director, Education Compliance & Financial Aid  
5345 Armada Drive  
Carlsbad, CA 92008  
<http://www.gia.edu>  
[info@gia.edu](mailto:info@gia.edu)  
800-421-7250  
Accredited Programs

**Vocational Programs:**

Graduate Diamonds

Graduate Colored Stones

Graduate Gemologist

Applied Jewelry Professional

Graduate Pearls

The institution is accredited through June 2028.

**Martinsburg College**

**Founded 1980**

Ms. Stella Garlick, Vice-President, Administration & Compliance

341 Aikens Center

Martinsburg, WV 25404

<http://www.martinsburgcollege.edu>

[info@martinsburgcollege.edu](mailto:info@martinsburgcollege.edu)

(304) 263-6262

Accredited Programs

**Degrees:**

Associate of Science in Business Administration

Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration

Associate of Science in Integrated Technologies

**Certificates:**

Business Administration Certificate

Computer Support Technology Certificate

Principles of Cybersecurity Certificate

Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis Certificate

Homeland Security Certificate

Human Resources Certificate

Introduction to Clinical Medical Assisting Certificate

Medical Assisting Certificate

Medical Billing and Coding Certificate

Medical Office Administration Certificate

Pharmacy Technician Certificate

Project Management Certificate

**Vocational Program:**

Healthcare Administrative Specialist

The institution is accredited through June 2029.

**Southwest University of Naprapathic Medicine**

**Founded 2010**

Dr. Patrick Nuzzo, President

2006 Botolph Road, Suite A

Santa Fe, NM 87505

<https://sunm-edu.com/>

[pnuzzo@sunmedu.com](mailto:pnuzzo@sunmedu.com)

505-467- 8777

Accredited Programs

**Degree Programs:**

Master of Science in Anti-Inflammatory Nutrition

Doctor of Naprapathy

The institution is accredited through June 2029.

**Institutions on Show Cause:**

The Commission voted to maintain the show cause directive for the following institution:

- **Anaheim University**, 1240 South State College Boulevard, Room 110, Anaheim, CA 92806-5150

The Commission took action to direct the following institution to show cause why its accreditation should not be withdrawn:

- **Lakewood University**, 2231 North Taylor Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44112

Information about the reasons for the Commission’s decisions and the pertinent standards can be found on [the DEAC website](#).

**Vacate The Show Cause Directive**

The Commission acted to vacate the February 1, 2023 Show Cause directive pertaining to the following institution:

- **Aspen University**, 4615 East Elwood St. Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85040

**Substantive Changes**

**Change of Location**

The Commission took action to confirm a change of location for the following institution. The current approved address is shown below.

- **Childcare Education Institute**, 1115 Perimeter Center West, Atlanta, GA 30338

**Change of Ownership**

The Commission took action to confirm a change of ownership for the following institution.

- **California Miramar University**, 3550 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego, CA 92108. California Miramar University was sold on November 1, 2023. California Miramar University is now a wholly owned subsidiary of SP Jain School of Advanced Technology, Inc. SP Jain School of Advanced Technology, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of SP Jain’s Dubai entity, SP Jain Education FZ-LLC. SP Jain Education FZ-LLC is wholly owned by Aulden Holdings Ltd. Aulden Holdings Ltd. Is wholly owned by Mr. Nitish Jain.

**Engaging in International Activities**

The Commission accepted a report on an international activities at an in-residence location for the following institution.

- **Gemological Institute of America**, 5345 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008. The in-residence component is offered at Mitrtown, Office Tower, 19th Floor, 944 Rama 4 Road, Wangmai, Pathumwan, Bangkok, Thailand 10330.

### **Implementation of an In-Residence Component**

The Commission took action to affirm the implementation of in-residence program components for the following The Commission took action to confirm in-residence program components for the following institution.

- **California Miramar University**, 3550 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego, CA 92108. The in-residence components are for the MBA-Data Analytics and Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence programs. The in-residence components are offered 3550 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego, CA 92108.
- **Laurus College**, 421 East Betteravia Road, Suite 100, Santa Maria, CA 93454. The in-residence components are offered at 8965 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 280, Las Vegas, NV 89123 and 2300 Boswell Road, Suite 170, Chula Vista, CA 91914.

### **New Administrative Site**

The Commission accepted a report on a new administrative site.

- **NationsUniversity**, 650 Poydras Street, Ste 1400. PMB 133, New Orleans, LA 70130. The new administrative site is located at 7003 Chadwick Drive, Suite 351, Brentwood, TN 37027

### **Substantive Changes - Academic Review Committee**

The Commission affirmed the following actions taken by the Academic Review Committee of the Accrediting Commission.

### **Change in Core Mission**

The Commission voted to approve a change in core mission for the following institution.

- **Crestpoint University (formerly National Paralegal College)**, 717 East Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85014  
The institution's new mission is approved as follows:  
*The mission of Crestpoint University is to provide high-quality, accessible education that empowers students with diverse backgrounds and life circumstances to fulfill their academic and professional potential. We seek to provide students with the skills and knowledge they need for personal growth and career advancement, and to inspire students to promote honesty, ethical behavior, fairness, and equity in their communities.*
- **Southwest University of Naprapathic Medicine**, 2006 Botulph Road, Suite A, Santa Fe, NM 87505  
The institution's mission is approved as follows:

*Southwest University of Naprapathic Medicine positions itself as a premier healthcare university. Our graduates become Doctors who are non-surgical, drug free, fascia, connective tissue specialists and anti-inflammatory nutritionists, educated to take the lead role in the world of Integrative Medicine. SUNM graduates are uniquely trained and qualified to deliver value-based healthcare focusing on treating the cause of neuro muscular pain and inflammation, not the symptoms. SUNM aspires to establish Naprapathic Medicine as the science-based standard in drug free fascia and connective tissue manipulation and anti-inflammatory nutrition.”*

### **Change in Name**

The Commission affirmed a change of name for the following institution.

- **Crestpoint University, (formerly National Paralegal College)**, 717 East Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85014. The institution was previously called National Paralegal College.<sup>1</sup>

### **Addition of a New Division**

The Commission affirmed the approval of an application for a new division for the following institutions. The institutions will receive an on-site visit within six months to one year after implementing the new division and enrolling students.

- **Crestpoint University, (formerly National Paralegal College)**, 717 East Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85014. The new division is National Paralegal College.
- **Patten University**, 2433 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601. The new division is the Elmwood Institute.

### **Addition of a New Unrelated-Field Non-Degree Program or Vocational Program:**

The Commission affirmed the addition of new non-degree or vocational programs in an unrelated field for the following institutions. There will be a follow up site visit six months to one year following the first enrollment in these programs.

- **Calbright College**, 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, CA 95811  
Project Management

### **Addition of a New Degree Program in an Unrelated Field**

The Commission affirmed the addition of new degree programs in an unrelated field for the following institutions. There will be a follow up site visit six months to one year following the first enrollment in these programs.

- **Crestpoint University (formerly National Paralegal College)**, 717 East Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85014  
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

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<sup>1</sup> National Paralegal College is now a division of Crestpoint University.

- **Quantic School of Business and Technology**, 80 M Street SE, Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003

Master of Science in Software Engineering

### **Addition of a Program at a Different Degree or Credential Level**

The Commission affirmed the addition of new programs at a different credential level for the following institutions. There will be a follow up site visit six months to one year following the first enrollment in these programs.

- **Agora University**, 9253 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke, VA 22015  
Doctor of Theology in Eastern Christian Studies
- **University of Fairfax**, 1813 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153  
Bachelor of Science in Software Development

### **Approval of New Programs**

The Commission affirmed the approval of the following new programs.

- **Calbright College**, 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, CA 95811  
Transition to Technology – Introduction to Networks (Network+)
- **City Vision University**, 3101 Troost Avenue, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64109  
Master of Science in Addiction Counseling
- **Doral College**, 2525 NW 112th Avenue, Doral, FL 33172  
Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education
- **Dunlap Stone University**, 16165 North 83rd Avenue Suite 200  
Peoria, AZ 85382  
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies  
Bachelor of Business Administration
- **Holmes Institute**, 573 Park Point Drive, Golden, CO 80401-7042  
Master's in Wisdom Studies
- **MIU City University Miami**, 111 NE 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33132  
Master of Science in Business Intelligence  
Master of Science in Cybersecurity  
Master of Science in Digital Marketing
- **Nexford University**, 1140 Third Street, NE, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20002  
Master of Science in Entrepreneurship
- **University of the People**, 595 East Colorado Street, Suite, Suite 623, Pasadena, CA 91101  
Master of Business Administration (Arabic)
- **William Carey International University**, 1010 East Union Street, Suite 110,  
Pasadena, CA 91106  
Master of Art in Development Studies

### **Approved Quality Curriculum**



The Commission affirmed the approval of the following institutions' curriculum to hold Approved Quality Curriculum Status through December 2027.

**Premier TEFL**

- Level 5 Diploma in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) (Premier TEFL)
- Level 5 Award in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Business English
- Level 5 Award in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Online and One-to-One English
- Level 5 Award in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Teaching Other Subjects in English (CLIL)
- Level 5 Award in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) English for Exams

**Sophia Learning**

- Ancient Greek Philosophers
- Approaches to Studying Religions
- College Algebra
- Conflict Resolution
- Developing Effective Teams
- English Composition I
- Environmental Science
- Financial Accounting
- Foundations of English Composition
- Foundations of Statistics
- Human Biology
- Introduction to Business
- Introduction to Ethics
- Introduction to Information Technology
- Introduction to Statistics
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Project Management
- Public Speaking
- The Essentials of Managing Conflict
- U.S. History I
- U.S. History II
- Visual Communications
- Art History I
- Art History II
- Business Communication
- Business Law
- Calculus I
- Career Readiness
- College Readiness

- Critical Thinking
- English Composition II
- Human Biology Lab
- Introduction to Career Readiness
- Introduction to Chemistry
- Introduction to Chemistry Lab
- Introduction to College Mathematics
- Introduction to Java Programming
- Introduction to Networking
- Introduction to Nutrition
- Introduction to Psychology: Smarter Decisions Through Psychology
- Introduction to Python Programming
- Introduction to Relational Databases
- Introduction to Sociology: Embracing Diversity and Collaboration
- Introduction to Web Development
- IT Career Exploration
- Personal Finance
- Precalculus
- Principles of Finance
- Principles of Management
- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- Topics in U.S. History: Learn from the Past, Prepare for the Future
- Workplace Communication

#### **The TEFL Institute**

- Level 5 Diploma in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) (The TEFL Institute)
- Level 5 Award in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Business English
- Level 5 Award in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Online and One-to-One English
- Level 5 Award in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Teaching Other Subjects in English (CLIL)
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#### **Update Regarding the Accreditation Standards: Review and Revisions**

The Commission expresses its appreciation to Dr. Ray Rodriguez and the Standards Committee for their dedicated efforts and significant time invested in reviewing revisions to the accreditation standards. Over the past 18 months, DEAC has conducted a thorough and systematic review of its accreditation standards. The Standards Committee

meticulously assessed the latest draft of the standards along with all public and institution feedback received between April 1, 2027 – May 17, 2024.

After carefully considering the recommendations from the Standards Committee and reviewing all comments, the Commission made minor technical adjustments and conforming amendments to the standards based on certain comments it received. Subsequently, a final draft was approved for publication and implementation. The revised Part III, Accreditation Standards, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook* is set to be released on September 1, 2024, with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

DEAC staff will personally reach out to institutions scheduled for on-site evaluations in 2025 to ensure a smooth transition and implementation of the updated standards. We encourage you to mark your calendars for the Accreditation Workshop taking place on October 20-22, 2024, in Portland, Oregon. The workshop will focus on the revised standards that will come into effect on January 1, 2025. More details regarding the workshop program, speakers, registration, and hotel reservations will be available on August 1, 2024 on the DEAC website.