



**Public Disclosure Notice on  
National University of Health Sciences  
Lombard, Illinois  
Effective: June 30, 2016**

National University of Health Sciences (“the University”) in Lombard, Illinois, is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). It has been placed on Notice. The HLC Board of Trustees took this action because of concerns related to quality of educational programs, assessment of student learning, and institutional planning.

### **Recent Board Action**

On June 30, 2016, the HLC Board of Trustees placed the University on Notice.

The Board concluded that the the University is at risk of being out of compliance with the following Criteria for Accreditation:

- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.A “the institution demonstrates responsibility for the quality of its educational programs,”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.B “the institution demonstrates a commitment to educational achievement and improvement through ongoing assessment of student learning,”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.C “the institution engages in systematic and integrated planning.”

### **Understanding Notice**

Notice is a public status signifying that an accredited institution is at risk of being out of compliance with one or more of HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation. The period of Notice is not more than two years, commencing with the date that the HLC Board of Trustees placed the institution on Notice. During the Notice period, the institution remains accredited and it has the opportunity to remedy the concerns that led to the Notice sanction.

In most cases, because institutions on Notice remain accredited, other institutions of higher education will continue to accept the institution’s credits in transfer or for admission to a program at a higher degree level. However, students enrolled at an institution on Notice and interested in pursuing a higher degree or transferring should contact any institution they plan to attend in the future to confirm the institution’s admission and transfer policies.

### **Next Steps**

The University is required to file a Notice Report no later than December 2017, providing evidence that the University is no longer at risk of non-compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation identified in this action and that it has ameliorated issues that led to the Notice sanction.

The University is required to host a Focused Visit in early 2018 to validate contents of the Notice Report.

At its meeting in June 2018, the Board will review related materials to determine whether the institution has demonstrated that it is no longer at risk for non-compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation identified in this action and whether Notice can be removed, or the University has not demonstrated compliance and other action may be appropriate.

### **About the Higher Learning Commission**

The Higher Learning Commission accredits approximately 1,000 colleges and universities that have a home base in one of 19 states that stretch from West Virginia to Arizona. HLC is a private, nonprofit regional accrediting agency. HLC's mission is to assure and advance the quality of higher learning. It is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The institutions HLC accredits include public, private not-for-profit, and proprietary institutions at degree levels from the associate's through the doctoral degree level and from small, specialized institutions through large research universities.

Students, parents, and others from the general public with questions regarding the Commission's work should contact at the Higher Learning Commission by email at [info@hlcommission.org](mailto:info@hlcommission.org) or by phone at 312.263.0456.

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