



**Public Disclosure:
Morton College status changed
from “Accredited” to “Accredited – On Notice”
Effective: November 1, 2018**

The Higher Learning Commission has placed Morton College in Cicero, Illinois, on Notice. HLC took this action because it determined that the College is at risk of being out of compliance with HLC's Criteria for Accreditation related to Criterion Two-Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct, as well as Criterion Five-Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness.

Notice is a sanction meaning that an accredited institution is at risk of not meeting one or more of HLC's Criteria for Accreditation. While on Notice, the institution remains accredited and has the opportunity to remedy the issues that led to the sanction. The period of Notice is not more than two years.

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 their admission and transfer policies.

Noted Criteria for Accreditation

HLC concluded that the College meets, but with concerns, the following:

- Criterion Two, Core Component 2.A, “The institution operates with integrity in its financial, academic, personnel, and auxiliary functions; it establishes and follows policies and processes for fair and ethical behavior on the part of its governing board, administration, faculty, and staff”
- Criterion Two, Core Component 2.C, “the governing board of the institution is sufficiently autonomous to make decisions in the best interest of the institution and to assure its integrity”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.B, “the institution's governance and administrative structures promote effective leadership and support collaborative processes that enable the institution to fulfill its mission”

Next Steps

The College is required to provide evidence that it has addressed the issues that led to the sanction, no later February 1, 2020, in preparation for HLC's on-site evaluation no later than April 2020. In November 2020, the HLC Board of Trustees will determine whether the institution has demonstrated that it is in compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation and whether Notice can be removed.

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 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.