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The Higher Learning Commission Lifts Morton College’s “On Notice” Status

CICERO, ILLINOIS –The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) today announced it has lifted its “On Notice” status of Morton College, granting Morton College full accreditation. While the institution maintained its On Notice status during the review, this next chapter provides a strong footing as the college continues to invest in student success, enhance college services and facilities and contribute to the economic vitality of District 527.

The designation of Accredited indicates that the College is in full compliance with the HLC accreditation standards and that the institution is no longer at risk of noncompliance with the Criteria for Accreditation.

“Our greatest responsibility is to our college community. This review shows that Morton has utilized best practices since the beginning, and now we can focus on the important work that lies ahead,” said Dr. Stan Fields, Morton College President. “Students can rest assured that their academic pursuits are backed by credential integrity from an institution that is well suited for today and tomorrow’s challenges. I want to express my gratitude to the Higher Learning Commission and for their rigorous review to ensure that Morton College can continue to serve the community.”

The HLC was founded in 1985. As one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States, the HLC accredits degree-granting, a post-secondary educational institution in 19 states throughout the United States. The HLC is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and represents over 1,000 colleges.

Morton College remains committed to upholding all accreditation standards the HLC provides to promote and foster academic integrity for the students, staff, and Institution.

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ABOUT MORTON COLLEGE

Founded in 1924 to meet the educational demands in the growing communities of Berwyn, Cicero, Forest View, Lyons, McCook, Stickney and other near-western suburbs, Morton College is the second oldest community college in Illinois. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life of its diverse community through exemplary teaching and learning opportunities, community service, and life-long learning. Morton College is governed by a locally elected Board of Trustees and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. For more information on Morton College, visit www.morton.edu.



**Public Disclosure:
Morton College status changed
from “Accredited – On Notice” to “Accredited”
Effective: February 25, 2022**

The Higher Learning Commission has removed the sanction of Notice for Morton College in Cicero, Illinois.

HLC took this action based on the institution’s ability to demonstrate it is no longer at risk of being out of compliance with HLC requirements. It was placed on Notice in November 2018 when it was determined to be at such risk.

To provide transparency for all stakeholders, HLC publishes a Directory of Institutions on its website (hlcommission.org/directory). The directory includes information about a college or university's accreditation status, recent activities and upcoming activities.

About the Higher Learning Commission

The Higher Learning Commission accredits approximately 1,000 colleges and universities that have a home base 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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