



Commission Actions

On Jan. 15, 2019 the District of Columbia Higher Education Licensure Commission (HELC) evaluated 30 postsecondary non-degree (ND) and degree-granting (D) schools operating or desiring to operate in the District of Columbia on their ability to comply with licensure standards.

The HELC protects the public against transient, unethical, deceptive and fraudulent educational institutions of higher education and assures quality by establishing standards in education, ethical business practices, fiscal responsibility, health and safety. The Commission investigates student complaints, serves as the State Approving Agency for veterans benefits and issues student transcripts from closed post-secondary schools.

Institution	Action Taken
Ana G. Mendez Sistema Universitario University System (D)	Approved license renewal for one year, addition of five new programs, name change to Universidad Ana G. Mendez-Carolina Campus
Athabasca University (D)	Approved conditional exemption renewal for one year
BAU International University (D)	Approved addition of ten programs, modification to nine and name change to Bay Atlantic University
Bennett Career Institute (ND)	Approved license renewal for one year
Catholic Charities (ND)	Approved license renewal for one year
Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security (D)	Approved license renewal for one year
Florida International University (D)	Approved conditional exemption for one year
Hamilton College (D)	Approved conditional exemption renewal for one year with the condition that the institution produce a home occupation permit if required by the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
Infinite 8 Institute (ND)	Denied request for exclusion
iTeach DC (ND)	Deferred action pending outcome of OSSE Teaching and Learning assessment
LADO International Institute (ND)	Approved license renewal for two years
Launch Academy (ND)	Approved closure plan
MedStar Washington Hospital Center (ND)	Approved provisional licensure for one year with condition of submitting documentation regarding employment plan
Middlebury College (D)	Approved license renewal for one year
PECB University (D)	Approved location change
Pepperdine University (D)	Approved provisional licensure for one year
Relay Graduate School of Education (D)	Approved license renewal for one year
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (D)	Approved conditional exemption renewal for one year
The Salon Professional Academy (ND)	Approved license renewal for one year with condition of submitting all final documents related to sale of the institution
TEACH NOW Graduate School of Education (D)	Approved professional development program
Thinkful, Inc (ND)	Approved Provisional license for 1 year

Transemantics Inc. d/b/a International Language Institute (ND)	Approved license renewal for two years with the condition of providing updated insurance certificate and catastrophic events policy and relocating student records to a more secure location
United Planning Organization (ND)	Approved license renewal for two years, addition of two new programs, modification to six programs, the addition one location and closure of two locations
University of the People (D)	Deferred action until next public session
University of the Potomac (D)	Approved request to add two new programs
University of Southern California (D)	Approved request for renewal for one year and program amendments
Walden University (D)	Approved license renewal for one year
Washington School of Psychiatry (ND)	Approved license renewal for two years

The Commission took the following actions for eligible veterans education providers:

Institution	Action Taken
Georgetown University (D)	Approved two new programs
Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (L&C)	Approved certification exam

The Commission took the following enforcement actions:

Institution	Action Taken
Mid-Atlantic Institute (D)	Informally accepted revised Offer of Compromise pertaining to license denial (case D2018-002)
Innovative Institute (ND)	Informally accepted revised Offer of Compromise pertaining to license denial (case D2018-003)
St. Michael College of Allied Health (D)	Referred complaint (case C2018-011) to a hearing
Rize-Up Technology Training, LLC (ND)	Referred matter of improper closure to the Office of Attorney General
Pepperdine University (D)	Fined \$500 for unlicensed activity
Florida International University (D)	Fined \$500 for unlicensed activity



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