



Commission Actions

On May 14, 2020 the District of Columbia Higher Education Licensure Commission (HELC) evaluated 60 postsecondary non-degree (ND or NCD) and degree-granting (D or IHL) 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
Arizona State University (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20, license renewal and amendments for additional location and new program with conditions
Aveda Arts & Science Institute (formerly AVEDA Institute of Washington, DC (Beauty Basics, Inc.) (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 4/30/20
Bard College (D)	Approved license renewal for one year, amendment to add additional location synchronous with current approval and waived surety bond requirement
Bay Atlantic University (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Bennett Career Institute (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Berlitz Languages, Inc. (ND)	Approved renewal with conditions
Boston University (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Byte Back (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20 and program amendment with conditions
Calvary Bible Institute (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Career Technical Institute (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Carnegie Mellon University-Heinz College (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Catholic Charities (ND)	Approved temporary distance education with conditions
Certification School Worldwide (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Drexel University (D)	Approved amendment for new location with conditions
Dudley Beauty College (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Flatiron School (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Four Walls Career and Technical Education Center (ND)	Approved license renewal, request for program amendment and temporary distance education with conditions
General Assembly (ND)	Approved license renewal with conditions
Graduate School USA (ND)	Approved license renewal for two years with conditions
Hands on Dental Assistant Training (ND)	Deferred action until July 9, 2020 public session
HealthWrite Training Academy	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Intellect Health Institute (ND)	Deferred action until July 9, 2020 public session


Mentora College (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
National University (D)	Approved name approval
New York University (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Nexford University (D)	Approved program amendment for one year
Northwestern University (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Norwich University (D)	Approved license renewal with conditions
Opportunities Industrialization Center (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/30/20
PECB University (D)	Approved license renewal and amendment with conditions
Pepperdine University (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Pruontos Hair Design Institute d/b/a The Salon Professional Academy (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Quantic School of Business and Technology (D)	Approved request for participation in SARA for one year
Relay Graduate School of Education (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Saint Michael College of Allied Health (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
S.O.M.E. Center for Employment Training (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/30/20
Southeast Children’s Fund/Professional Development Institute (ND)	Approved license renewal with conditions
Strayer University (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Syracuse University (D)	Approved license renewal with conditions
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (D)	Approved license renewal for one year
The Institute of World Politics (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20, licensure renewal and amendment of distance modality with conditions
Time for Change (ND)	Approved request for Provisional licensure with conditions
Toni Thomas & Associates – CETA (ND)	Approved amendment with conditions
Transemantics Inc./International Language Institute (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
University of Connecticut (D)	Approved Conditional Exemption renewal with conditions
University of San Francisco (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
University of the Potomac (D)	Approved request in continued participation in SARA and temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Urban Ed., Inc (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Washington School of Psychology (D)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/8/20
Washington University in St. Louis (D)	Approved license renewal with conditions
YWCA National Capital Area Education & Training Center (ND)	Approved temporary distance education through 6/30/20

The Commission took the following actions for eligible veteran’s education providers:

Institution	Action Taken
Aveda Arts & Sciences Institute (NCD)	Approved closure, all programs withdrawn
Career Technical Institute (IHL)	Approved catalog and continued approval of 16 programs
Excel Automotive Institute (NCD)	Approved closure, all programs withdrawn
Georgetown University (IHL)	Approved 3 new programs and 3 program amendments

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George Washington University (IHL)	Approved campus extension
University of Maryland College park – Washington, DC (IHL)	Approved 1 new program
University of Maryland – Global Campus (IHL)	Initial approval of 31 programs
University of the Potomac (IHL)	Approved 7 new programs
Webster University (IHL)	Approved catalog and continued approval of 10 programs

The Commission took the following enforcement actions:

Institution	Action Taken
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology	<p>Case # C2019-002 (C. Scruggs) The Commission voted unanimously to dismiss the violation of 38-1301(3) on prohibiting misleading literature, advertising solicitation, or representation by post-secondary institutions or their agents.</p> <p>The Commission voted (In favor: Cross, Joyner, Mathis-Lloyd, Dilworth; Opposed; Shelton) to dismiss the complaint of the institutions violation pertinent provisions of the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics, Sections F.2.B, F.3.A, and F.6.B on the grounds of exceeding the Commissions jurisdiction.</p> <p>The Commission voted (In favor: Cross, Joyner, Shelton, Dilworth; Opposed: Mathis-Lloyd) to dismiss the complaint on the institution not acting in good faith, resulting in harm to the student, allowed personal beliefs to interfere without adhering to proper self-awareness and retaliation, discrimination and harassment</p>
Windsor University	<p>Case #D2019-004 The Commission voted (In favor: Cross, Joyner, Mathis-Lloyd, Dilworth; Abstain: Shelton) to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer, Matthew Caspari and that the Notice of Intent to Deny stands</p>
H.O.P.E. Project	<p>Case # C2020-004 (HELC) The Commission voted (In favor: Cross, Joyner, Mathis-Lloyd, Dilworth; Opposed: Shelton) to issue a fine in the amount of \$500 for unlicensed activity</p>