

State Regulations Requiring International American University And All Approved Schools To Obtain Accreditation By July 2020

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE DEGREE PROGRAM STUDENT

Students of Institutions with Existing Approvals to Operate,

- a. This institution is approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to offer degree programs. To continue to offer degree programs, this institution must meet the following requirements:
 1. Become institutionally accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, with the scope of the accreditation covering at least one degree program.
 2. Achieve accreditation candidacy or pre-accreditation, as defined in regulations, by July 1, 2017, and full accreditation by July 1, 2020.

If this institution stops pursuing accreditation, the following will happen:

1. The institution must stop all enrollment in its degree programs, and
 2. Provide a teach-out to finish the educational program or provide a refund.
 3. An institution that fails to comply with accreditation requirements by the required dates shall have its approval to offer degree programs automatically suspended.
- b. The student and an institutional representative shall initial and date the notice prior to executing an enrollment agreement. An initialed copy of the notice shall be given to the student and the original shall be retained in the enrolled student's records.
- c. The notice shall also be posted immediately adjacent to wherever an institution's degree granting programs are described and shall include, at a minimum, the following locations:
 1. The institution's catalog.
 2. The institution's website.
 3. The institution's degree program brochures.
 4. This section shall remain in effect until July 1, 2021, and as of that date is repealed.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 94803, 94877, 94885 and 94885.1, Education Code.

Reference:

Sections 94885, 94885.1, 94897, 94900, 94900.5, 94909, 94927.5 and 94932 Education Code.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR IAU AND FOR IAU STUDENTS?

Prior to this new law and regulation, IAU prepared to pursue national accreditation (see below). With all accreditation efforts, there can never be a guarantee that an institution will be successful. IAU administration, faculty, alumni, and students are strongly committed to obtaining accreditation, and will keep students, prospective students and the State informed of our progress. If IAU does not obtain accreditation by July 2020, IAU will proceed in a teach-out with all IAU students, closing enrollment for any future students, and those students will be able to receive an academic degree that is fully approved by the State of California.

ACCREDITING COMMISSION OF CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES (ACCSC)

IAU is pursuing national accreditation from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). ACCSC is formerly known as Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCST). ACCSC was founded in 1965. ACCSC is the second-largest national accreditor. ACCSC is recognized by U.S. Department of Education. ACCSC's principal purpose is the accreditation of institutions of higher education that provide occupational, vocational, trade, and technical education and training at the degree and non-degree level.

UPDATE ON IAU'S STEPS IN OUR PROGRESS TOWARD NATIONAL ACCREDITATION:

- MAR 2013** IAU submitted an application for accreditation to Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), formerly known as Distance Education and Training Council (DETC).
- MAY 2013** IAU submits its Self Study Report (SER). The SER was a 1,500+ page document that tells a story about IAU, including how the institution originated, what academic programs IAU offers, how IAU is managed, how IAU complies with accreditation standards and requirements, and what IAU's plans are for future improvement and growth. It also presents insightful analyses into trends and patterns within the institution and discusses candidly the larger issues and challenges confronting it. The initial draft of the SER was returned and IAU was deemed "not ready" to move forward with the accreditation process. IAU submits the revision of its SER for re-review.
- DEC 2013** IAU's revision of the SER is accepted and IAU is deemed "ready" by DEAC to move forward with the accreditation process.
- MAR 2015** IAU undergoes the Curriculum Review. DEAC subject matter experts evaluate IAU's 4 degree programs and 3 accounting degree and certificate programs. DEAC deems IAU ready to move forward with the site visit.

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- APR 2015** IAU undergoes a site visit with 6 Committee Members. The 6-person Committee consisted of a DEAC staff, the Chair, two subject matter experts, the Business Standards reviewer, and the Education Standards reviewer. The site visit spanned two days and was a rigorous inspection of IAU's facility, recordkeeping, and many other areas of the institution's operation. Staff, students, and instructors were interviewed by the team to assess the quality of IAU instruction and student service.
- At this time, IAU is pending the official report from the Committee Chair. DEAC does not have a "candidacy" status and there is no guarantee of accreditation.
- MAY 2015** After the official report was released by DEAC Committee Chair, IAU Board of Directors decided to formerly withdraw accreditation application because DEAC's accreditation scope was not suitable for IAU's goals.
- FEB 2016** IAU chose Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) as an accreditation body. IAU initiated the initial accreditation process with ACICS. IAU submitted the Minimum Eligibility Self-Assessment (MESA) and met the minimum eligibility requirements for initial accreditation.
- AUG 2016** Due to unforeseen circumstances, ACICS is at risk of losing its recognition by the Department of Education (DOE) pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 602. ACICS is no longer accepting applications for initial applicants. Therefore, IAU decided to seek accreditation with Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). ACCSC evaluates and accredits post-secondary education institutions. IAU submitted the revised accreditation plan to BPPE on August.
- SEP 2016** IAU attended ACCSC Initial Accreditation Workshop at San Diego. Attending the workshop is the first step required for any institution seeking initial accreditation from ACCSC.
- MAR 2017** IAU submitted the Application for Initial Accreditation Part I.
- APR 2017** IAU's received confirmation from ACCSC for its Initial Application Part I.

CERTIFICATION

I have read the above and understand.



«Name»
Student signature or initials.

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IAU representative initials.



Date

4/28/2017

Date