



**Public Disclosure:  
Donnelly College status changed  
from “Accredited” to “Accredited – On Probation”  
Effective: February 23, 2017**

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has placed Donnelly College in Kansas City, Kansas, on Probation. HLC took this action because it determined that the College does not meet HLC's Criteria for Accreditation related to assessment of student learning and institutional resources.

While on Probation, the College remains accredited, and it has the opportunity to remedy the issues that led to the sanction.

**What Probation Means for Students**

Probation is a sanction meaning that an accredited institution is no longer in compliance with one or more of HLC's Criteria for Accreditation. The period of Probation is not more than two years.

In most cases, other institutions of higher education 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 should contact any institution they plan to attend in the future so they are knowledgeable about the admission and transfer policies for that institution.

**Noted Criteria for Accreditation**

HLC concluded that the College does not meet the following Criteria for Accreditation:

- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.B, “the institution demonstrates a commitment to educational achievement and improvement through ongoing assessment of student learning”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.A, “the institution's resource base supports its current educational programs and its plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future”

HLC concluded that the College is at risk of not meeting the following Criteria for Accreditation:

- Criterion Three, Core Component 3.C, “the institution has the faculty and staff needed for effective high-quality programs and and student services.”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.A, “the institution demonstrates responsibility for the quality of its educational programs”

**Next Steps**

The College is required to provide evidence that it has addressed the issues that led to the February 23, 2017 sanction no later than July 1, 2018 in preparation for HLC's on-site evaluation no later than September 2018. In February 2019, the HLC Board of Trustees will determine whether the institution has demonstrated that it is in compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation and whether Probation can be removed.

**About the Higher Learning Commission**

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