

ACCREDITING AGENCY DISCLOSURE

WHAT HAPPENED?

On August 19, 2022, the Department of Education announced the termination of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) as an ED Recognized Accrediting Agency. NLEI was accredited by ACICS until March 2024.

IMPLICATIONS FOR NLEI

The Department of Education stated that colleges currently accredited by ACICS would be able to offer financial aid to their students for at least 18 more months.

The Department of Education determined a series of provisions all ACICS accredited institutions must accomplish to be able to offer Financial Aid. NLEI is committed to comply with all the requisites defined by the Department of Education.

NLEI is currently working to get accreditation from another agency recognized by the Department of Education. We are confident we will be accredited before February 2024.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR STUDENTS AT ACICS-ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS?

[\(From the Department of Education website\)](#)

Most students will not see much change in their day-to-day experience in class. Many institutions will not be impacted for the next 18 months, the deadline the institutions have to seek accreditation with another recognized agency.

The 18-month time frame means that, ideally, a significant number of students who already have started at one of these schools will be able to complete their certificates or degrees before anything changes.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

[\(From the Department of Education website\)](#)

Your school and others accredited by ACICS now have 18 months to get a new seal of approval from a different recognized accrediting agency to continue offering federal student aid, as well as participate in programs from other federal agencies (including the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs).

Schools accredited by ACICS can offer federal financial aid during this 18 month transitional period, and your aid should not be affected. Both the Department and your school will notify you if benchmarks are not being met or events happen that will threaten your school's access to federal student aid.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

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