



Virginia Institutions with Conditional Certification to Operate a Postsecondary School

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The Code of Virginia requires that private degree-granting institutions operating in Virginia be accredited by an accrediting agency “recognized” by the US Department of Education (USED). On December 12, 2016, USED terminated its recognition of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools’ (ACICS). In accordance with the *Contingency Plan for Continuing Authorization of ACICS Institutions Operating in Virginia*, which was approved by Council at the September 19, 2016 meeting, all ACICS accredited institutions were granted an 18 month “Conditional Certification” to allow them to seek accreditation with another agency recognized by USED. The 18 month “Conditional Certification” expires June 12, 2018 and institutions that have failed to obtain new accreditation by this deadline will lose state authorization to operate in Virginia. Extensions to this timeline can only be granted by action of Council.

As of December 12, 2017, the following institutions have not yet achieved accreditation with another agency:

American National University

California University of Management and Sciences

Fortis College

Global Health College

IGlobal University

Stratford University

University of North America

Virginia College

Virginia International University

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