



Public Disclosure Notice on American Sentinel University

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This public information is provided by the Higher Learning Commission regarding American Sentinel University to assist current and prospective students and other individuals seeking information about the accreditation status of the institution. The Higher Learning Commission is the regional accrediting agency that accredits organizations of higher learning in the 19 states of the North Central region.

What is the process of initial affiliation?

An institution seeking to affiliate with the Commission first undergoes an Eligibility Process to ascertain whether the institution is prepared to conduct a self-study and host an on-site visit. An evaluation team then visits an institution and determines whether it meets accreditation standards. Decision-making bodies review materials from the institution and the report of the visiting team and determine whether the institution should be awarded status with the Commission.

Regional accreditation is voluntary for institutions. Therefore, an institution can choose to withdraw from the application process or from affiliated status at any time.

What is the affiliation status of American Sentinel University?

American Sentinel University is not affiliated with the Higher Learning Commission.

The institution submitted an application for status with the Commission, conducted a self-study, and hosted an on-site evaluation team. The team was not able to document that the institution met accreditation standards. The next step in the process would have been for the institution to meet with a Review Committee of the Commission that would consider the evaluation team report and the institution's materials and arrive at findings of fact as well as a recommendation regarding accreditation for the institution. Subsequent to the visit, but before the next Review Committee was scheduled to meet, the institution chose to withdraw its application for status. The Commission had reached no decision regarding the application of the institution for accredited status.

What are the next steps for American Sentinel University?

Because the institution withdrew its application for status before any action by the Commission, American Sentinel is eligible to re-apply for status at any time beginning with the Eligibility Process, which will determine whether another on-site evaluation to the institution is warranted. More information on the Eligibility Process is available on the Commission's Web site, www.ncahlc.org under "Maintaining Accreditation."
