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Kaplan University Earns Reaffirmation of Regional Accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission

Exhaustive peer review process reconfirms approval of University's educational programs and integrity of operations through 2025-2026 academic year

DAVENPORT, IA – August 24, 2016– Kaplan University, today announced that it has received Reaffirmation of Accreditation by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission. The determination continues Kaplan University's regional accreditation through its 2025-2026 academic year.

The regularly scheduled reaffirmation process included a thorough peer review of Kaplan University's assurance argument which was complemented by site visits to seven Kaplan University ground campuses.

"We are very pleased with this outcome as it recognizes our faculty and staff's tireless dedication to making a positive lasting difference for our students and the greater community," said Dr. Betty Vandebosch, President of Kaplan University. Dr. Vandebosch noted that with this reaffirmation, Kaplan University has been given the choice of an accreditation pathway to follow until the next reaffirmation in 2025-2026.

"Kaplan University remains steadfast in its longstanding commitment to provide its students with a high quality affordable education that gives them a good return on their educational investment," said Kay K. Runge, chairperson of Kaplan University's Board of Trustees.

Founded in 1895, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. HLC accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the North Central region, which includes 19 states. Recognized by both the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, the HLC accredits approximately one-third of U.S. regionally accredited public and private institutions.

More information about Kaplan University's Accreditation can be found [here](#).

About Kaplan University:

Kaplan University offers a different school of thought for higher education. It strives to help adult students unlock their talent by providing a practical, student-centered education that prepares them for careers in some of the fastest-growing industries. The University, which has its main campus in Davenport, Iowa, and its headquarters in Chicago, is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission. Kaplan University serves approximately 33,000 online and campus-based students. The University has 14 campuses in Iowa, Indiana, Nebraska, Maryland, Maine, Missouri and Wisconsin, and a Kaplan University Learning Center in Maryland.

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