

HLC Fact of the Week:
“HLC Language Relating to Specialized Accreditation”
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As noted in the [June 2, 2017 HLC Fact of the Week](#), Lindenwood has a number of academic programs that have attained a specialized accreditation (see [accreditation webpage](#)). As evident below, HLC has language within its criteria for accreditation, assumed practices, and obligations of affiliation that relate to these specialized accreditations.

[Criteria for Accreditation](#)

Criterion 4.A.5: The institution maintains specialized accreditation for its programs as appropriate to its educational purposes.

[HLC Assumed Practices](#)

A. Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct

7. The institution portrays clearly and accurately to the public its current status with the Higher Learning Commission and with specialized, national, and professional accreditation agencies.

- a. An institution offering programs that require specialized accreditation or recognition by a state licensing board or other entity in order for its students to be certified or to sit for the licensing examination in states where its students reside either has the appropriate accreditation and recognition or discloses publicly and clearly the consequences to the students of the lack thereof. The institution makes clear to students the distinction between regional and specialized or program accreditation and the relationships between licensure and the various types of accreditation.
- b. An institution offering programs eligible for specialized accreditation at multiple locations discloses the accreditation status and recognition of the program by state licensing boards at each location.
- c. An institution that provides a program that prepares students for a licensure, certification, or other qualifying examination publicly discloses its pass rate on that examination, unless such information is not available to the institution.

[HLC Obligations of Affiliation](#)

6. The institution notifies the Commission when it receives an adverse action from or has been placed on sanction by any other accrediting agency or if a state has issued a pending or final action that affects the institution’s legal status or authority to grant degrees.

To learn more about accreditation and Lindenwood’s comprehensive evaluation and site visit scheduled for November 6-7, 2017, and to see the countdown clock to the visit, go to the HLC page on the Lindenwood website here: <http://www.lindenwood.edu/about/higher-learning-commission/>.

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