

Dear **Lincoln University Student**:

The purpose of this communication is to update you with the situation created by the decertification of Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE).

On December 12, 2016, the Secretary for US Dept. of Education announced that the certification of ACICS as a National Accreditor of higher education institutions has been terminated. **Technically, the accreditation of LU and all other four hundred ACICS accredited schools was taken over for a period of 18 months by USDOE on that day.** This temporary accreditation requires the affected institutions to meet some specific reporting requirements, and initiate actions to pursue accreditation by other operating accrediting bodies. **The administration of LU has taken all actions required by USDOE.**

Provided below is an overview of the process which LU administration plans to implement to protect (and possibly, enhance) the welfare of LU students in the context of the institutional accreditation of LU, and the Specialized Program Accreditation of the Business Administration (BA) and Allied Health (AH) programs:

- The administration of LU has initiated processes which are expected to result in (i) the institutional accreditation of LU by a prestigious regional accreditor, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and (ii) the specialized program accreditation of the Business Administration (BA) by International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), one of the top three business studies program accreditors, recognized by USDOE. The anticipated accreditation of the BA programs will especially enhance the recognition of the DBA degree immensely, and enable graduates with DBA degree from LU to qualify for teaching positions at well-known universities in all parts of the world.
- The process for accrediting the BS degree and certificate in Diagnostic Imaging programs by Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES), a highly regarded accreditor in this area of specialization, will be initiated in the near future. ABHES accreditation will also significantly improve the value/credibility of our DI degrees.

It is appropriate to state that institutional and specialized program accreditation processes are lengthy and burdensome processes. I plan to keep our students and other stake holders at LU informed about significant developments as we move forward in pursuit of the accreditations mentioned earlier.

Please be assured that LU is an accredited institution despite the current decertification of ACICS.

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