



AGAPE COLLEGE of BUSINESS & SCIENCE

Dr. Linda Scott, CEO
Diana Padilla, Dean of Schools

September 14, 2022

RE: Notice of Disclosure and Accreditation Status

Dear Agape College of Business and Science Student:

On August 19, 2022, the Deputy Secretary of Education, as delegated by the Secretary, issued a final decision on the appeal of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) regarding its status as a recognized accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education. Deputy Secretary Marten has upheld the decision by the Senior Department Official (SDO) to terminate ACICS as a nationally recognized accrediting agency. You can find a link with more information about the Deputy Secretary's decision at <https://www.ed.gov/acics>.

What does this mean for Agape College of Business and Science and our students?

Agape College of Business and Science is no longer accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency. Our institution has 18 months following the Decision Date (August 19, 2022) to find a new nationally recognized accrediting agency to maintain eligibility to receive funds under Title IV, HEA programs.

After that 18-month period, the Institution will no longer be eligible to receive funds under Title IV, HEA program unless the institution obtains accreditation from a new nationally-recognized accrediting agency before the 18 months.

At this time, Agape College of Business and Science may continue to participate in Title IV (federal student financial aid) programs on a provisional certification with conditions, for a period not to exceed 18 months from the date of the loss of recognition.

Agape College of Business and Science must obtain a new nationally recognized accrediting agency by **February 19, 2024**.

Agape College of Business and Science is currently seeking accreditation with a new nationally recognized accrediting agency. We submitted our initial institutional application for accreditation in July 2021.

We are looking forward to our upcoming initial accreditation full visit with a new nationally recognized accrediting agency in **November 2022**. After our visit, the accrediting agency will notify Agape College of Business of Science in January 2023 of its decision regarding our institution's application for accreditation.



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Agape College of Business and Science will keep you informed of any updates to our accreditation status as it progresses.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email Mrs. Padilla, Dean of Schools at (559) 486-1166 or dpadilla@agapeschools.org.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diana Padilla
Dean of Schools

Please sign that you have read and understand this letter.

Student Name (Printed): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____