



Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department University

WHAT IS ACCREDITATION?

Accreditation is the stamp of approval from independent regional or national agencies. It states that an institution meets standards; that its classes should be accepted by other schools (are transferable); that its degrees, certificates, and licenses are valid; and that its students are eligible for federal assistance. Regional accreditation is the gold standard!

All affiliated colleges and universities within the LASD University consortium have regional accreditation.

Why is Accreditation Important?

Since the U.S. Department of Education and the state of California require that schools getting government aid be accredited, you will not get any federal or state financial help at an unaccredited school.

In addition, you might not be able to transfer classes from an unaccredited school, and might have to retake all required courses at your new school.

Finally, you might not be able to get a good job or a promotion. In fact, the Los Angeles County Department of Human Services does not even recognize degrees from unaccredited schools!

For more detailed information on Accreditation, please view the following sites:

<http://www.chea.org/>

<http://www2.ed.gov/students/prep/college/diplomamills/index.html>

<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/faqaccr.aspx>