



REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY Institutional Reauthorization

Request:

Wilberforce University requests continued authorization from the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Profile:

Wilberforce University, located in Wilberforce, Ohio, is a private, nonprofit institution affiliated with the African Methodist Episcopal Church and founded in 1856. The university serves approximately 600 students in bachelor-level programs and a master-level program.

Accreditation/Authorization:

Wilberforce University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission until its next review in 2025-26. Wilberforce University has been authorized by the Chancellor since February 1970.

Program Offerings:

Wilberforce University offers the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and the Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling degree programs.

Institutional Changes:

Since its last reauthorization, Wilberforce University has had changes in senior leadership, change in presidency, and received approval to offer distance education programs.

Recommendation to the Chancellor:

Wilberforce University meets the Chancellor's standards and the staff recommends continued institutional authorization through December 31, 2026 to coincide with the college's next accreditation reaffirmation review with the Higher Learning Commission. The Chancellor may, in his judgment, withdraw authorization or require additional review if the institution fails to continue to meet the Chancellor's standards for authorization or receives a sanction from the Higher Learning Commission.

End of Comment Period: 12/8/2021 at 8:30am
No comments received, recommend approval

RECOMMENDATION	
The Associate Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.	
/s/ Stephanie McCann	12/8/2021
Stephanie McCann, Associate Vice Chancellor of Program Development & Approval	Date

APPROVAL	
	
Randy Gardner, Chancellor	12/22/2021
	Date

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