



Texas Health and Science University

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Dear THSU Students:

The purpose of this notice is to correct and update the letter sent to you previously. The U.S. Department of Education withdrew recognition of our institutional accreditor, the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (“ACICS”) on August 19, 2022. ACICS announced its decision to not appeal the Department’s decision on September 6, 2022.

Although ACICS is no longer recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, the accreditor is still the institution’s accreditor until March 1, 2024. THSU must obtain a new nationally-recognized institutional accreditor by February 19, 2024. This action does not reflect on the quality of THSU’s academic programs.

The Master of Acupuncture with a Chinese Herbal Medicine Specialization (MAcCHM) degree program of Texas Health and Science University is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (ACAHM). Accreditation status and notes may be viewed on the [ACAHM Directory](#). ACAHM is recognized by the United States Department of Education as the specialized accreditation agency for institutions/programs preparing acupuncture and practitioners of Chinese herbal medicine. ACAHM is located at 8941 Aztec Drive, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55347; phone 952/212-2434, fax 952/657-7068; www.ACAHM.org.

Because the MAcCHM program is programmatically accredited by ACAHM, the institution may continue to recruit and enroll students in the Master of Acupuncture program and receive federal financial aid while seeking institutional accreditation. Other programs offered at THSU are no longer offered and will be taught out by March or April 2023.

Texas Health and Science University has 18 months following the decision date to find a new nationally-recognized institutional accrediting agency to maintain eligibility to receive funds under Title IV, HEA programs. After February 19, 2024, THSU will no longer be eligible to receive funds under Title IV, HEA programs.

THSU has already begun seeking institutional accreditation with another accrediting agency. You may check our webpage [Accreditations \(THSU.edu\)](#) as more information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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