



Calbright Accreditation

Calbright College is a California Community College established and approved to operate by the State of California (California Education Code § 75001.)

Calbright College are seeking accreditation through an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Per agency rules, we are not able to project estimated timelines for achieving Candidacy or Initial Accreditation. As an unaccredited institution, degrees and certificates earned from Calbright College may incur the following limitations:

1. A student enrolled in an unaccredited institution may not be able to sit for some applicable licensure examinations. **This does not include industry recognized certifications.**
2. A degree program that is unaccredited or a degree from an unaccredited institution is not recognized for some employment positions, including, but not limited to, positions within the State of California.
3. A student enrolled in an unaccredited institution is not eligible for state or federal financial aid programs.

Notice To Prospective Degree Program Students

Calbright College is approved by California Education Code [75000–75012] to offer certificate and degree programs. To continue to offer degree programs, Calbright must meet the following requirements:

- Become institutionally accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, with the scope of the accreditation covering at least one-degree program.

In accordance with California Education Code 75007

(b) (1) The college shall seek accreditation and meet requirements for students to become eligible for federal and state financial aid.

(A) The college shall provide the Department of Finance and the Legislature with all of the following:

(i) An accreditation plan that, at a minimum, identifies an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education from which the college will seek accreditation, and outlines the process by which the college will achieve accreditation candidacy or pre-accreditation by April 1, 2022, and full accreditation by April 1, 2025. This plan shall be provided on or before April 1, 2021.

(ii) Evidence of having achieved accreditation candidacy or pre-accreditation from an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education on or before April 1, 2022.

(iii) Evidence of having obtained full accreditation from an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education on or before April 1, 2025.

(2) While the college is seeking accreditation, the Workforce Development Board and the Employment Development Department shall determine whether the programs offered by Calbright College have job market value to California industries by utilizing existing programmatic review processes.

- (3) **Upon offering credit courses and programs the college** shall explore a process for allowing students to retroactively obtain credit units upon demonstrated mastery of competencies for programs completed while the college was seeking accreditation. It is the intent of the Legislature that the college reimburses students for any fees charged if the college fails to meet accreditation standards.
- (4) The college shall inform potential and enrolled students regarding the implications of taking courses prior to accreditation and how the college will help students rectify this issue in the future.