

State of South Dakota

Office of the Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION Postsecondary Education

I, **Steve Barnett**, Secretary of State of the State of South Dakota, hereby certify that

COLUMBIA COLLEGE

meets the requirements to provide postsecondary education in the State of South Dakota pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law 13-48. This registration has an effective date of **August 09, 2021** and will be valid through **June 30, 2022**.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this day, **August 09, 2021**.

Steve Barnett

Steve Barnett
Secretary of State

SD Secretary of State Office
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

SDCL 13-48

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1. Name of Applicant (the institutional name under which postsecondary educational programs are provided):

Columbia College

2. Applicant's Main Address (Additional sites listed on Attachment A):

1001 Rogers Street Columbia MO 65216
Actual Street Address City State ZIP+4

Mailing Address, if Different from Street Address City State ZIP+4

http://www.ccis.edu
Website

3. Contact Person: Dusti Schnedler Assistant Director, Institutional Compliance
Name Title
(573) 875-3960
Telephone Number Fax Number
dschnedler@ccis.edu
Email Address

4. Applicant's PHYSICAL South Dakota Address:

1000 Ellsworth Drive, Suite 1400 Ellsworth AFB SD 57706
Actual Street Address City State ZIP+4

Mailing Address, if Different from Street Address City State ZIP+4

5. Does the Applicant operate at sites other than the addresses stated above? YES NO

If "YES", please be advised that Attachment A to this application must be completed, which shall comprise part of this application, and any subsequent changes to the information provided in Attachment A must be submitted with an amendment application to the Secretary of State Office, within thirty (30) days of such change.

6. Does the Applicant have a parent organization (non-profit, corporate, or otherwise)? YES NO

If "YES", please indicate the following:

Parent Organization Name

Street Address City State ZIP+4

7. Is the Applicant an instrumentality of the State of South Dakota under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Board of Regents?

YES NO

If "NO", please indicate whether the Applicant is either (check one of the following):

An instrumentality of another state (please list the state agency which has jurisdiction over Applicant)

State	Agency		
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4
Contact Phone Number	Fax Number		

Legally established to operate in South Dakota as a business entity

FN206593
South Dakota Business ID

Columbia College
South Dakota Business Name

8. Is the Applicant accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education?

YES - Please include a COPY of your Accreditation.

If "YES", please indicate the following:

Higher Learning Commission
Accrediting Agency

<u>230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>IL</u>	<u>60604</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

Effective date of most recent grant of accreditation: 2013

Term or expiration date of most recent accreditation: 01/01/2023

NO

If "NO", Application submission MUST include documentation of an affiliation agreement whose terms make another postsecondary institution, which is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, responsible for awarding academic credit and educational credentials to its students and maintaining transcripts for such students:

9. Has the Applicant ever been ordered to cease operations?

YES

If "YES", please indicate the following:

Jurisdiction _____

Agency that made the order _____

The date ordered to cease operations: _____

Dates the cease operation was in effect: _____

Is the cease operations order still in effect?

YES

NO

NO

The undersigned acknowledges that Applicant is required to notify the Secretary of State Office within thirty (30) days of a change in information set forth in this Application, including any changes in information set forth in any Attachments or other accompanying information. The undersigned has executed the foregoing document and, under penalties of perjury, certifies that the information provided herein, and in support thereof, is true and correct.

The application must be signed by an authorized officer of the postsecondary educational institution. No person may execute this report knowing it is false in any material respect. Any violation may be subject to a criminal penalty (SDCL 22-39-36).

Dated _____

8/5/2021

Signature of an authorized person

Victoria Steel

Printed name

Director, Institutional Compliance

Title

Submit Application to:
South Dakota Secretary of State
500 East Capitol, Suite 204
Pierre, SD 57501

Or email us at:

SOS.EDU@state.sd.us

ATTACHMENT A

ADDITIONAL SITES AT WHICH APPLICANT OPERATES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

(Must be accompanied by an Application for Certificate of Authorization to
Provide Postsecondary Education or Amendment thereof.)

1. Denver
Name
6892 S Yosemite Ct Suite 3-100 Centennial CO 80112
Street Address City State ZIP+4

2. Ft. Sill
Name
4700 Mow-Way Road, Suite 502 Fort Sill OK 73503-9009
Street Address City State ZIP+4

3. Naval Station Everett/Marysville
Name
13910 45th Avenue NE, Suite 802 Marysville WA 98271
Street Address City State ZIP+4

4. Imperial
Name
380 E. Aten Road, Building 100 Imperial CA 92251
Street Address City State ZIP+4

5. Naval Base San Diego
Name
3975 Norman Scott Road, Bldg. 3280 Room B114 San Diego CA 98136-1421
Street Address City State ZIP+4

6. Crystal Lake
Name
446 N. Route 31 Crystal Lake IL 60012
Street Address City State ZIP+4

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1. Elgin
Name

<u>1700 Spartan Drive E205</u>	<u>Elgin</u>	<u>IL</u>	<u>60123-7193</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

2. Ft. Leonard Wood
Name

<u>4904 Constitution Ave. Suite 27</u>	<u>Ft. Leonard Wood</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>65473</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

3. Ft. Leonard Wood-58th Trans BN
Name

<u>1786 Michigan Ave</u>	<u>Ft. Leonard Wood</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>65473</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

4. Ft. Leonard Wood - 5th Engr BN/3rd Chem BDE
Name

<u>11401 Nebraska Avenue</u>	<u>Ft. Leonard Wood</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>65473</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

5. Fort Stewart
Name

<u>100 Knowledge Drive, Suite 147</u>	<u>Ft. Stewart</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>31314</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

6. NASJRB Fort Worth
Name

<u>1564 Headquarters Ave</u>	<u>Fort Worth</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>76127</u>
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1. Freeport
Name

<u>2998 West Pearl City Rd.</u>	<u>Freeport</u>	<u>IL</u>	<u>61032-9341</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

2. NB Guantanamo Bay
Name

<u>PSC 1005, P O Box 422</u>	<u>FPO</u>	<u>Cuba</u>	<u>09593</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

3. Hunter Army Airfield
Name

<u>165 Markwell St, Bldg 1290</u>	<u>Hunter Army Airfield</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>31409</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

4. Jacksonville
Name

<u>7077 Bonneval Road, Suite 114</u>	<u>Jacksonville</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>32216</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

5. Jefferson City
Name

<u>3314 Emerald Lane</u>	<u>Jefferson City</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>65109</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

6. Kansas City
Name

<u>4240 Blue Ridge Blvd., Suite 400</u>	<u>Kansas City</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>64133-1702</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

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1. Lake County
Name

<u>1225 Tri-State Parkway, Suite 560</u>	<u>Gurnee</u>	<u>IL</u>	<u>60031</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

2. Lake Ozark
Name

<u>900 College Blvd</u>	<u>Osage Beach</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>65065</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

3. NAS Lemoore
Name

<u>Bldg 826 Hancock Circle</u>	<u>NAS Lemoore</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>93246-0001</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

4. JFTB Los Alamitos
Name

<u>11206 Lexington Drive, Suite 110</u>	<u>Los Alamitos</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>90720</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

5. Mesquite
Name

<u>802 South Buckner Blvd.</u>	<u>Dallas</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>75217</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

6. Mesquite
Name

<u>3737 Motley Drive</u>	<u>Mesquite</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>75150</u>
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1. Minot AFB
Name

<u>Minot AFB Education Center, 156 Missile Ave</u>	<u>Minot AFB</u>	<u>ND</u>	<u>58705</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

2. NAS Jacksonville
Name

<u>Building 110, Yorktown Ave, P O Box 441325</u>	<u>Jacksonville</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>32222-0014</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

3. NAS Whidbey Island
Name

<u>1045 Midway Street, Building 2739, Room 117</u>	<u>Oak Harbor</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>98278-1000</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

4. Naval Station Great Lakes
Name

<u>2221 MacDonough Street</u>	<u>Great Lakes</u>	<u>IL</u>	<u>60088</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

5. NS Everett
Name

<u>2000 W. Marine View Drive</u>	<u>Everett</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>98207</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

6. NSB Kings Bay
Name

<u>Navy College Education Center, Building 1030</u>	<u>NSB Kings Bay</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>31547</u>
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1. Orlando
Name

<u>2600 Technology Drive, Suite 100</u>	<u>Orlando</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>32804</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

2. Redstone Arsenal
Name

<u>Building 3495</u>	<u>Redstone Arsenal</u>	<u>AL</u>	<u>35898-5192</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

3. Rolla
Name

<u>550 Blues Lake Parkway</u>	<u>Rolla</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>65401</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

4. Salt Lake City
Name

<u>5250 South Commerce Drive Suite 300</u>	<u>Murray</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>84107</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

5. MCRD San Diego
Name

<u>4025 Tripoli Avenue, Bldg. 111</u>	<u>San Diego</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>92140</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

6. San Luis Obispo
Name

<u>Bldg. 2700 at Cuesta College</u>	<u>San Luis Obispo</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>93403-8106</u>
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1. Springfield
Name

<u>3271 East Battlefield Road, Suite 250</u>	<u>Springfield</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>65804</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

2. Springfield-TMobile
Name

<u>2645 N. Airport Plaza Ave.</u>	<u>Springfield</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>65803</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

3. St. Louis
Name

<u>4411 Woodson Road</u>	<u>St. Louis</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>63134</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

4. Travares PD
Name

<u>1565 Lane Park Cutoff Road</u>	<u>Tavares</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>32788</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

5. USCG Base Honolulu
Name

<u>400 Sand Island Parkway</u>	<u>Honolulu</u>	<u>HI</u>	<u>96819</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

6. Waynesville
Name

<u>Townfield Plaza Center 320 Ichord Ave., Suite A</u>	<u>Waynesville</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>65583</u>
Street Address	City	State	ZIP+4

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HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION

Statement of Accreditation Status

as of July 19, 2021

Columbia College

1001 Rogers Street

Columbia, MO 65216

(800) 231-2391

www.ccis.edu

**Previous names: Christian College to Columbia College (1970)*

The information on this page describes the accreditation relationship between this institution and the Higher Learning Commission. General information about the Commission and the accreditation process is provided at the end of this document. In addition, links to definitions are provided for many of the terms used.

Accreditation Information

Current status: Accredited

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Accreditation date(s): 01/01/1918 - 12/31/1918; 01/01/1923

Most recent reaffirmation of accreditation: 2012 - 2013

Next reaffirmation of accreditation: 2022 - 2023

Upcoming or In-Progress Reviews

Date	Event	Description
03/13/2023:	Comprehensive Evaluation	

Most Recent History with the Commission

Date	Event	Description
11/20/2017:	Assurance Review	Review Accepted
02/08/2016:	Focused Visit	Accepted
04/16/2013:	Reaffirmation of Accreditation (PEAQ)	

General Institutional Information

This section provides brief, general information about the institution's organization and scope. The information is self-reported by the institution through the annual Institutional Update to the Commission. Additional information can be found at nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/ or on the institution's web site noted above.

Control: Private NFP

Degree programs (number in each category): Associates (13), Bachelors (59), Masters (4)

Certificate programs (number offered): 5

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Off-Campus Activities (This listing was last updated: 07/08/2021; the information may not be current.) The institution's accreditation includes courses and programs at:

Location	Campuses	Additional Locations
In-State:	None.	Fort Leonard Wood - Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Fort Leonard Wood - 58th Trans BN - Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Fort Leonard Wood - 5th Engr BN/3rd Chem BDE - Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Jefferson City - Jefferson City, MO; Kansas City - Kansas City, MO; Lake Ozark - Osage Beach, MO; Rolla - Rolla , MO; Springfield - Springfield, MO; Springfield - TMobile - Springfield, MO; St Louis - St Louis, MO; Waynesville - Waynesville, MO;
Out-of-State:	None.	Columbia College - Denver - Centennial, CO; Crystal Lake - Crystal Lake, IL; Mesquite - Dallas, TX; Elgin - Elgin, IL; NS Everett - Everett, WA; Columbia College - Fort Sill - Fort Sill , OK; Fort Stewart - Fort Stewart, GA; NASJRB Fort Worth - Fort Worth, TX; Freeport - Freeport, IL; Naval Station Great Lakes - Great Lakes, IL; Lake County - Gurnee, IL; USCG Base Honolulu - Honolulu, HI; Hunter Army Airfield - Hunter Army Airfield, GA; Columbia College, Imperial - Imperial, CA; Jacksonville - Jacksonville, FL; NAS Jacksonville - Jacksonville, FL; JFTB Los Alamitos - Los Alamitos, CA; Columbia College - Naval Station Everett - Marysville, WA; Mesquite - Mesquite, TX; Minot AFB - Minot AFB, ND; Salt Lake - Murray, UT; NAS Lemoore - NAS Lemoore, CA; NSB Kings Bay - NSB Kings Bay, GA; NAS Whidbey Island - Oak Harbor, WA; Orlando - Orlando, FL; Redstone Arsenal - Redstone Arsenal, AL; MCRD San Diego - San Diego , CA; Columbia College, Naval Base San Diego - San Diego, CA; San Luis Obispo - San Luis Obispo, CA; Tavares PD - Tavares, FL;
Out-of-U.S.:	None.	NB Guantanamo Bay - FPO, CUBA;

About HLC and Accreditation

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is a regional accreditation agency that accredits degree-granting colleges and universities that are based in a [19-state region](#) of the United States.

Regional accreditation validates the quality of an institution as a whole and evaluates multiple aspects of an institution, including its academic offerings, governance and administration, mission, finances, and resources. HLC's institutional accreditation includes all degree levels as well as onsite and online offerings. Institutions of higher education in the United States may also seek

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accreditation through national or specialized accreditation agencies. National accreditation associations, like regional accreditors, accredit the institution as a whole. Specialized accreditation agencies accredit programs, departments or schools within a college or university.

Regional accreditation agencies are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit degree-granting colleges and universities. There are six regions of the United States which regional agencies oversee. The regional accreditation agencies have similar standards for accrediting colleges and universities.

Institutions that HLC accredits are evaluated against its [Criteria for Accreditation](#), a set of standards that institutions must meet to receive and/or maintain accredited status.

HLC's Criteria for Accreditation reflect a set of [guiding values](#). The accreditation process is based on a system of [peer review](#). Approximately 1,600 educators from institutions of higher education serve as HLC peer reviewers conducting accreditation evaluations for other institutions. Peer reviewers also serve on committees that make up the [decision-making bodies](#) of the accreditation process.

Evaluation Process



HLC accreditation assures quality by verifying that an institution (1) meets standards and (2) is engaged in continuous improvement. In addition, all institutions are required to complete an annual filing of the [Institutional Update](#), undergo annual monitoring of [financial and non-financial indicators](#), and adhere to HLC policies and practices on [institutional change](#).

Peer reviewers trained in HLC's standards evaluate institutions' demonstration of whether they meet the Criteria for Accreditation and make recommendations to HLC's decision-making bodies.

Institutional Actions Council (Decision-Making Body)



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The Board of Trustees appoints and authorizes members of the [Institutional Actions Council \(IAC\)](#) to conduct reviews and take actions on the majority of accreditation recommendations. IAC members consist of representatives of academic institutions accredited by HLC, as well as members of the public. Detailed information on IAC processes is found in HLC's [policies on decision-making](#).

Public Information



In the interest of being transparent, HLC is committed to providing information to the public regarding accreditation decisions made regarding individual institutions.

[Actions](#) that are taken by HLC regarding an institution's accreditation status are disclosed to the public. Since July 2013, in all cases of issuing continued accreditation, placing an institution on or resolving a sanction, or withdrawing accreditation, the Action Letter issued to the institution is made available for viewing and the institution's status in HLC's [online directory](#) is updated. [Public Disclosure Notices](#) are also issued in cases of sanction and other HLC actions to provide the public insight into the issues regarding that institution.

Complaints Against HLC-Accredited Institutions



HLC allows faculty, students, and other parties to submit formal complaints regarding an HLC-affiliated institution through its [complaints process](#). As stated in [HLC policy](#), the complaints process is designed to enable HLC to review, in a timely and fair manner, information that suggests potential substantive non-compliance with an institution's ability to meet the Criteria for Accreditation or other HLC requirements.



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RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Please accept Columbia College's request for Certification of Authorization to Provide Postsecondary Education for a new location at Ellsworth AFB, SD.

The College's main campus is located at: 1001 Rogers Street, Columbia, MO 65216

The physical South Dakota address will be:

Columbia College – Ellsworth AFB, SD
1000 Ellsworth Drive, Suite 1400
Ellsworth AFB, SD 57706

Please find enclosed with the application a copy of our accreditation status with the Higher Learning Commission and a \$500.00 check for the filing fee.

Please contact me directly at (573) 875-7792 or vsteel@ccis.edu, if you have any questions regarding this request or if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Victoria Steel
Director, Institutional Compliance
Columbia College

Enclosures