



Update as of December 19, 2023

Lincoln Christian University Announces End of Academic Operations in May 2024 – Information for Students and Alumni

Lincoln Christian University announced it will end academic operations on October 11, 2023, and will officially stop offering for-credit courses and degrees on May 31, 2024. Please see the [joint announcement](#) for more details. Lincoln Christian University is located in Lincoln, Illinois and has been in operation since 1944. The institution is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), The Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP), and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

Transcripts

Until May 31, 2024, transcripts may be ordered online through Lincoln Christian University. After May 31, 2024, students may order their transcripts online from Ozark Christian College located in Joplin, Missouri.

More details will be forthcoming on how to access transcripts from Ozark Christian College.

Transfer Agreements

A portion of Lincoln Christian Seminary will move to Ozark Christian College (OCC) and pending approvals by accrediting bodies, OCC will continue Lincoln Christian Seminary's Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Bible and Theology, Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and the Master of Arts in Ministry; OCC will also offer to teach out Lincoln Christian University's undergraduate programs. Lincoln Christian University is also currently working to secure teach-out agreements with other post-secondary institution partners for those programs not moving to OCC. The details of all teach-out agreements will be posted to the Lincoln Christian University website as they become available.

VA Benefits: GI Bill students may contact the VA's Education Call Center at 1-888-442-4551 (Mon-Fri, 7 am-6 pm CT). The **Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs** may be able to assist you with veteran benefits questions. If you require additional assistance, please reach out to Dan Wellman at DAN.WELLMAN@illinois.gov or 217.782.7838.

1098-T-Questions and Important Information:

Forms are mailed to all eligible students by January 31 annually. If you are unable to locate your 1098-T and need further assistance, please contact Margie Martin at mmartin@lincolnchristian.edu

US Department of Education Resources:

Students can find their federal student loan information by accessing the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at <https://nsldsfa.ed.gov/login>. You can access the site using your Federal Student Aid (FSA) User ID and qualifying personal identification information.

Repayment Questions

IMPORTANT NOTE - Federal Loan Discharge: Loan discharge is the removal of your obligation to repay your federal student loan under certain circumstances.



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If you were unable to complete your program because your school closed, you may be eligible for closed school discharge of your federal student loans. Visit this [link](#) to evaluate the eligibility requirements for closed school discharge.

Students who attended a school who believe they were defrauded may be eligible for borrower defense loan discharge of federal student loans. Please visit this [link](#) for assistance.

This information **does not apply to non-federal student loans**. For those loans, please contact your lender or student loan servicer directly for options and to understand repayment obligations.

Student Loan Hotline and Complaints:

The Illinois Attorney General's office created the Student Loan Helpline (1-800-455-2456; TTY: 1-800-964-3013) to provide student borrowers with free resources about repayment options and information on avoiding default. If you wish to file a complaint with the Illinois Attorney General's Office, use this [link](#) to file a complaint.

General Questions for the Illinois Board of Higher Education: Please email info@ibhe.org