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Northwestern College- Oak Lawn, IL

Northwestern College, located in Oak Lawn, Illinois officially announced a closing date of July 6, 2024. Please see the [closure announcement](#) for more details. Northwestern College has been in operation in Illinois since 1902 and institutionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

Transcripts

To request transcripts, please complete the student transcript verification request form https://www.ibhe.org/assets/files/Closed-Schools/DG_Transcript_Form_Public_2022.pdf. Please include a self-addressed, postage paid business size 10 envelope so that the transcript can be returned to you.

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.

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

Federal Loan Discharge and Forgiveness:

IMPORTANT NOTE: Visit this [link](#) to evaluate the eligibility requirements for discharge of Federal Direct Loans, Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL) Program loans, or Federal Perkins Loans. This information **does not apply to non-federal student loans**. For those loans, please contact lenders directly for options and to understand repayment obligations.

Students who attended a school who believe they were defrauded or that their school otherwise violated applicable state law may be eligible for discharge (loan forgiveness). Please visit this [link](#) for assistance.

Assistance from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC):

Former students can find Closed College Information at <https://www.isac.org/students/after-college/repaying-your-student-loans/closed-colleges-information.html> or <https://www.isac.org/>

Student Complaints/Hotline:

The Illinois Attorney General's office created the Student Loan Helpline (1-800-455-2456; Individuals with hearing or speech disabilities can reach the AG's office by using the 7-1-1 relay service) to provide student borrowers with free resources about repayment options and information on avoiding default. Here is the [link to file a complaint](#).

Employee Complaints:

Employees with questions or complaints regarding their employment rights may contact the [Illinois Attorney General's Workplace Rights Bureau](#) (hotline 844-740-5076).



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

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