



Update as of April 13, 2022

## **Lincoln College Closure in May 2022 – Information for Students and Alumni**

Lincoln College, located in Lincoln, Illinois, officially announced a closing date of May 13, 2022. Please see the [closure announcement](#) for more details. Lincoln College has been in operation in Illinois since 1865. The institution is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

### **Transcripts**

Until May 13, 2022, Transcripts may be ordered online through the National Student Clearinghouse. Order and receive a transcript using the online form:

<https://secure.studentclearinghouse.org/tsorder/schoolwelcome?ficecode=00170900>

More details will be forthcoming on how to access transcripts after the May 13, 2022 closure date.

### **Transfer Fair – April 14, 2022 (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)**

Lincoln College is planning an on-campus college transfer fair on Thursday, April 14, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Center. A virtual college fair for the Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) and graduate students will be held on April 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Please contact the Provost's Office at 217-735-7275 for access to the virtual transfer fair. Current students will be able to talk with an array of institutions about teach out and transfer options to complete their degree programs.

**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](mailto: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://nslds.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>. 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.

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.



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**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](mailto:info@ibhe.org)