

## Public Notice – Loss of ACICS Accreditation

The United States Department of Education has notified Jones College that the Secretary of Education has affirmed the Department's earlier ruling that the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools, ACICS, no longer be recognized as a national accreditation body.

While the Department of Education will continue to allow ACICS accredited institutions to participate in the federal student aid program through provisional certification for up to 18 months from the date of the Secretary's decision, Jones College's continued participation in the federal student aid program will be limited to the timeframe it takes to complete the orderly closeout of the main campus as the college has already notified all regulators of its intention to close. Consequently, Jones College will not be seeking to renew accreditation with another regional or national accrediting organization.

The administration of the college anticipates this closeout will be completed no later than December 31, 2017.

Students with complaints relating to Title IV eligibility or administration, the quality of education received at Jones College, or otherwise relating to the accreditation standards of Jones College's former accrediting agency, ACICS, can submit that complaint to Jones College, attention Dr. Mayra Nunez (mnunez@jones.edu), and/or any of the following agencies:

USDOE's Student Complaint website - <http://www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/gen/index.html?src=ft>

Florida Commission for Independent Education - <http://www.fldoe.org/policy/cie/file-a-complaint.stml>

Florida Attorney General -  
[http://myfloridalegal.com/contact.nsf/contact?Open&Section=Citizen\\_Services](http://myfloridalegal.com/contact.nsf/contact?Open&Section=Citizen_Services)

Florida Office of Consumer Affairs - <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Contact-Us/File-a-Complaint>