

UNDERSTANDING THE HLC FINANCIAL ISSUE DESIGNATION AT GU

In late 2025, Greenville University entered a short season of financial realignment — a decisive and faithful step that allowed us to respond to significant challenges and reposition the University for long-term sustainability. In accordance with accreditor policy, we formally notified the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and worked closely with their team throughout the process. That phase concluded on January 6, 2026.

As part of standard protocol, HLC has placed Greenville under a temporary Financial Issue Designation, requiring a public disclosure on our website until our previously scheduled comprehensive review in November 2026. Greenville University remains fully accredited and in good standing. Our leadership team is working closely with HLC, and we are confident that our current strategies — including our partnership with the Core Education Foundation and the momentum of Greenville Rising — position us to meet or exceed expectations and remove the designation at our upcoming evaluation. Greenville is confident in the future we're building and fully committed to continued progress and accountability.

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1. What does the HLC Financial Issue Designation mean?

This is a temporary status assigned to institutions that have experienced financial challenges. It requires us to post a public disclosure notice on our website and remain in regular communication with HLC through our scheduled comprehensive evaluation in November 2026. It is not probation or sanction and does not impact our accreditation standing.

2. Is Greenville University still accredited?

Yes. Greenville University remains fully accredited and in good standing with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Our academic programs, degrees, and operations continue without interruption.

3. Why did this happen?

In late 2025, Greenville University declared a period of financial realignment to respond to structural challenges shared by many small, private institutions. We took bold, faithful steps to streamline operations and stabilize our foundation — and we exited this phased on January 6, 2026.

This designation simply reflects that HLC is monitoring our continued recovery. They want to ensure that we're on a path to sustainable financial health, and we are.

4. What steps has GU taken to address financial stability?

Since 2025, we've:

- Streamlined operations and realigned academic offerings
- Forged a strategic partnership with the Core Education Foundation for long-term infrastructure and shared services
- Launched Greenville Rising, our bold plan for student-first, mission-driven growth
- Seen a 22% increase in non-athlete deposits year-over-year
- Accelerated momentum in fundraising, including over \$66M raised toward our \$100M campaign

These are not signs of retreat. They are evidence of forward movement and renewal.

5. When will the Financial Issue Designation be removed?

We expect to clear the designation following our previously scheduled HLC comprehensive evaluation on November 2–3, 2026. We're confident that our continued progress will fully meet HLC's expectations.

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