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Statement of Accreditation Status
Westcliff University

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Current Accreditation Status: Accredited
Most Recent Commission Action: July 29, 2026
First Accredited: 2018

Undergraduate FTE: 2,065
Graduate FTE: 4,876
Financial Structure Type: For-Profit
Sponsorship: No Related Entity
Academic Calendar: Semester
Distributes Federal Finanicial Aid: Yes

Commission Actions

*Structural Change Commission Action Letter, Change of Ownership, June 2026 action
*Commission Action Letter, Special Visit, February 2026 action
*Commission Action Letter, Reaffirmation, August 2024 action
*Commission Action Letter, Special Visit, June 2022 action
*Structural Change Commission Action Letter, JD approval, October 2019 action
*Commission action letter, grant retroactive accreditation date, January 2019 action
*Commission action letter, seeking accreditation visit 2, June 2018 action
*Commission action letter, seeking accreditation visit 1, June 2017 action
*Team Report, Special Visit, February 2026 action
*Team Report Reaffirmation, June 2024 action
*Team Report, Special Visit, June 2022 action
*Team report, seeking accreditation visit 2, June 2018 action

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Locations

OPEID	Location Name	City	Location Type	Status
04249600	Westcliff University	Irvine	Main Campus	active
	Westcliff University – Corona Campus	Corona	Branch Campus	active
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	Westcliff University – Dallas Campus	Dallas	Additional	active
	Westcliff University – King’s College Campus	Kathmandu	Additional	active
	Westcliff University – Los Angeles Campus	Santa Monica	Additional	active
	Westcliff University – Miami Campus	Miami	Additional	active
	Westcliff University – Orlando Campus	Orlando	Additional	active
	Westcliff University – Presidential Graduate School Campus	Kathmandu	Additional	active
	Westcliff University – San Francisco Campus	San Francisco	Additional	active
	Westcliff University – Toronto Campus	Markham	Additional	active
	Westcliff University – Western State College of Law Campus	Tustin	Branch Campus	active

Degrees

Degree	Degree Level	Year Implemented	Modality
Bachelor of Arts in Education	Bachelors	2020	On-Site
Bachelor of Arts in Education	Bachelors	2018	Distance Education

Degree	Degree Level	Year Implemented	Modality
Bachelor of Business Administration	Bachelors	2018	Distance Education
Bachelor of Business Administration	Bachelors	2020	On-Site
Bachelor of Science in AI and Machine Learning	Bachelors	2026	On-Site
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	Bachelors	2021	Distance Education
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	Bachelors	2021	On-Site
Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity	Bachelors	2026	On-Site
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT)	Bachelors	2020	On-Site
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT)	Bachelors	2020	Distance Education
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Bachelors	2025	On-Site
Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering	Bachelors	2026	On-Site
Certificate in Health Science	Non-degree	2022	On-Site
Certificate in Health Science	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Non-degree	2018	Distance Education
Coding Bootcamp Graduate Certificate	Non-degree	2020	On-Site
Coding Bootcamp Graduate Certificate	Non-degree	2020	Distance Education
Coding Bootcamp Undergraduate Certificate	Non-degree	2020	On-Site
Coding Bootcamp Undergraduate Certificate	Non-degree	2020	Distance Education
Doctor of Business Administration	Professional Doctorate	2018	Distance Education
Doctor of Business Administration	Professional Doctorate	2020	On-Site
Doctor of Computer Science	Professional Doctorate	2024	On-Site
Doctor of Computer Science	Professional Doctorate	2024	Distance Education
Doctor of Computer Science (60 credits)	Professional Doctorate	2026	On-Site
Doctor of Data Science (60 Credits)	Professional Doctorate	2026	On-Site
Doctor of Information Technology (60 credits)	Professional Doctorate	2026	On-Site
Doctoral Certificate in Applied Computer Science	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Doctoral Certificate in Applied Computer Science	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Doctoral Certificate in Business Administration	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education

Degree	Degree Level	Year Implemented	Modality
Doctoral Certificate in Business Administration	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Doctoral Certificate in Business Intelligence & Data Analytics	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Doctoral Certificate in Business Intelligence & Data Analytics	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Doctoral Certificate in Information Technology Management	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Doctoral Certificate in Information Technology Management	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Doctoral Certificate in Strategic Leadership for the 21st Century	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Doctoral Certificate in Strategic Leadership for the 21st Century	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Doctorate of Education in Leadership, Curriculum, and Instruction	Professional Doctorate	2022	On-Site
Doctorate of Education in Leadership, Curriculum, and Instruction	Professional Doctorate	2022	Distance Education
English As an Additional Language (EAL/ESL)	Non-degree	2020	On-Site
English As an Additional Language (EAL/ESL), Online	Non-degree	2020	Distance Education
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing	Masters	2025	On-Site
Graduate Certificate in Business Administration	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Graduate Certificate in Business Administration	Non-degree	2018	Distance Education
Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Graduate Certificate in Educational Technology	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Graduate Certificate in Educational Technology	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Graduate Certificate in Executive Management	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Graduate Certificate in Executive Management	Non-degree	2018	Distance Education
Graduate Certificate in Marketing	Non-degree		Distance Education
Graduate Certificate in Marketing	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Graduate Certificate in Organizational Leadership	Non-degree	2021	On-Site

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Graduate Certificate in Organizational Leadership	Non-degree	2018	Distance Education
Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Non-degree	2018	Distance Education
Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Graduate Communications (Pathway)	Non-degree	2020	On-Site
Graduate Communications (Pathway)	Non-degree	2020	Distance Education
Juris Doctor	Professional Doctorate	2020	On-Site
Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	Masters	2020	On-Site
Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	Masters	2018	Distance Education
Master of Business Administration	Masters	2020	On-Site
Master of Business Administration	Masters	2018	Distance Education
Master of Business Administration in Data Analytics	Masters	2026	On-Site
Master of Business Administration in Finance & Economics	Masters	2026	On-Site
Master of Business Administration in Information Technology	Masters	2026	On-Site
Master of Information Systems and Technology	Masters	2025	On-Site
Master of Laws (LLM)	Masters	2022	On-Site
Master of Legal Studies	Masters	2026	Distance Education
Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence	Masters	2024	Distance Education
Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence	Masters	2024	On-Site
Master of Science in Computer Science	Masters	2019	Distance Education
Master of Science in Computer Science (MSCS)	Masters	2019	On-Site
Master of Science in Engineering Management (MSEM)	Masters	2020	Distance Education
Master of Science in Engineering Management (MSEM)	Masters	2020	On-Site
Master of Science in Information Technology (MSIT)	Masters	2019	Distance Education
Master of Science in Information Technology (MSIT)	Masters	2019	On-Site
Master's in Engineering Management	Masters	2024	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Business Administration	Non-degree	2021	On-Site

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Undergraduate Certificate in Business Administration	Non-degree	2018	Distance Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Computer Science	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Computer Science	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Cybersecurity	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Cybersecurity	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Data Analytics	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Data Analytics	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Digital Marketing	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Digital Marketing	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education - Administration	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education - Administration	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education - Teaching Preparation	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education - Teaching Preparation	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Educational Technology	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Educational Technology	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Finance	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Finance	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Human Resources	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Human Resources	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Information Technology	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Information Technology	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Leadership	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Leadership	Non-degree	2018	Distance Education
Undergraduate Certificate in Sports Management	Non-degree	2021	On-Site
Undergraduate Certificate in Sports Management	Non-degree	2021	Distance Education

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Undergraduate Communications (Pathway)	Non-degree	2020	Distance Education
Undergraduate Communications (Pathway)	Non-degree	2020	On-Site

Upcoming Reviews

Season	Year Level	Review Type
Fall	2026	Progress Report
Fall	2029	Offsite Review
Spring	2030	Accreditation Visit