



## Consumer Information Disclosure Form

*A uniform website public disclosure form for DEAC accredited institutions.*

### General Information:

Name of Institution: Atlantic University

Address: 215 67<sup>th</sup> Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Year Founded: 1930                      First Accredited: 1994

Accreditation Expires: 2015 (currently undergoing reaccreditation)

CEO/President: Kevin J. Todeschi, M.A.

Accreditation(s) and Agency E-mail Contact Information: Distance Education Accrediting Council, 1101 17th Street NW, Suite 808 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 234-5100 Fax: (202) 332-1386  
www.deac.org

State Approval and E-mail Contact Information: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, 101 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, James Monroe Building, Richmond, VA 23219, communications@schev.edu

Participation in Funding Programs: (G.I. Bill, DANTES, Title IV, etc.) Veterans Administration Tuition Assistance programs, Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Veteran's Services, State Approving Agency for Veterans Education and Training, 900 East Main Street, Ground Floor, East Wing, Richmond, VA 23219, Jack Hilgers, jack.hilgers@dvs.virginia.gov

### Mission & Description:

Institution Mission Statement: Atlantic University's mission is to provide a high quality graduate-level distance education learning environment for adult learners that integrates body, mind, and spirit to help people achieve higher human potential and transform their lives, better understand their relationship to all life, and be of profound service to others.

Areas of Special Focus: Masters of Arts in Transpersonal Studies

Description of Institution: Atlantic University is a not-for-profit online graduate school offering a Masters of Arts in Transpersonal Studies. Located on the campus of the Edgar Cayce's Association for Research and Enlightenment in Virginia Beach, Virginia, Atlantic University received its charter in 1930 with a vision of offering a liberal arts education through a holistic perspective. Struggling in the economic climate at the beginning of the Great Depression, Atlantic University remained open for only two years. The vision was kept alive in the minds of a group of individuals who kept the charter in force with the hope of once again opening AU's doors. Finally in 1985, Atlantic University reopened as a residential graduate school with a curriculum that focused on the interdisciplinary field of transpersonal studies. In 1994, Atlantic University adopted a distance learning model instituting one-on-one correspondence courses and achieved its first accreditation from the Distance Education and Training Council in the same year. In the fall of 2010, AU changed its instructional model to a three-semester online course delivery model.

Student Demographic Profile: The typical Atlantic University student is female, US-based, between the ages of 40 and 60, and interested in personal enrichment and personal transformation. However, the student body includes individuals from their twenties to their eighties of both sexes from 13 countries around the world with a variety of reasons for taking the Master's program.

Courses/Programs/Degrees: Masters of Arts in Transpersonal Studies; Spiritual Guidance Mentor Training (SGMT) Certificate

Average Program Tuition/Cost per credit hour: Academic courses are \$516 per credit hour or \$1548 per course; SGMT courses are \$750 per course.

### **Success Indicators:**

Average Completion/Graduation Rate for Students in the Master of Arts in Transpersonal Studies program:

Graduation rate for the cohort who were admitted to the Master's program from January 2003 through December 2013: 65%

Average Completion/Graduation Rate for Students in the Spiritual Guidance Mentor Training Certificate program:

Graduation rate for the cohort who were admitted to the certificate program from January 2012 through December 2014: 83%

Percentage of students who, in 2013, took the top ten courses with the most enrollments and who completed the course evaluation survey, who responded that they had:

Achieved their learning goals: 98%

Would recommend the institution to a friend: 96%

Were satisfied with their studies at Atlantic University: 96%