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[U.S. Department of Education announces final rule on campus sexual assault concerns](#)

The U.S. Department of Education is publishing the final rule implementing changes made to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) by the [Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 \(VAWA\)](#). That law and the new rule strengthen the Clery Act to address, and ultimately reduce, sexual violence on college campuses, including, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

The Clery Act requires institutions of higher education to comply with certain campus safety and security related requirements as a condition of participating in the Federal student financial aid programs authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act.

"The Department has the responsibility to ensure that all of our students have the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe environment," said U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. "These new rules require institutions to ensure that students and employees have vital information about crime on campus and the services and protections available to victims if a crime does occur, which will be significant assets in addressing the growing problems of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on our nation's campuses."

The final rule includes additional requirements to ensure that institutions provide the most complete information possible to their students, better inform and protect victims, and clarify the process for collecting crime statistics. The final rule, which will be formally published in the Federal Register on October 20, requires an institution to record incidents of stalking based on the location where either the perpetrator engaged in the stalking or the victim first became aware of the stalking. Other provisions of the new rule require institutions to: add gender identity and national origin as two new categories of bias that serve as the basis for a determination of a hate crime; describe each type of disciplinary proceeding used by the institution in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, including the steps, anticipated timelines, and decision-making process for each, and how the institution determines which type of disciplinary proceeding to use; include in their annual security report a statement of policy regarding the institution's programs to prevent dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking as well as the procedures that the institutions will follow when one of these crimes is reported; and provide that an institution's disciplinary proceeding will afford the accuser and the accused the same opportunities to have others present during the institutional disciplinary proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by an advisor of their choice.

To help support the higher education community, the Department has created a [resource list](#) to share some examples of best practices, information, and strategies postsecondary institutions may use to inform and tailor their campus sexual assault training and prevention efforts. Although the final rule will not go into effect on July 1, 2015, [the Department reminded institutions that the VAWA statutory provisions are in effect now](#) and institutions are expected to make a good faith effort to comply with those requirements.

UPCOMING

OCTOBER

- 17 [IBHE-Faculty Advisory Council, Governors State University](#)
- 22–25 [ICCTA Board meeting, Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel](#)
- 23 [P-20 Council, video conference in Springfield, ICCB, 401 E. Capitol, 2nd floor, and Chicago, JRTC, 100 W. Randolph, 2nd floor, Room 2-025](#)

[2014 Veterans Fiscal Impact Report now available](#)

This year's Veterans Fiscal Impact Report is now available on IBHE's web page under the [Higher Education Support for Veterans link](#). The Veterans Fiscal Impact Report, produced since 2010, as required by Public Act 96-133 (Higher Education Veterans Services Act), highlights public university and community college costs associated with providing services to student veterans in 2014. Additionally, information is provided on Illinois Veterans Grants shortfall, as well as the number of veteran students attending the public universities and community colleges.

Upcoming Higher Ed Conferences

2014 ICCFA Teaching & Learning Excellence Conference

October 23-24, 2014

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, Springfield, IL

To see the tentative [conference program click here](#).

To register for the conference [click here](#).



2014 Annual ILSADE Conference

Friday, October 24th

@ 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Triton College

River Grove, IL

[CONFERENCE DETAILS](#)



The Illinois Council of Community College Administrators (ICCCA) is accepting registrations for the [41st Annual Fall 2014 Conference](#) at Hyatt Regency, Schaumburg, on November 19 – 21.

Campus News

[Chicago Innovation Exchange to partner with University of Illinois' College of Engineering](#)

The University of Chicago's new Chicago Innovation Exchange (CIE), which opened October 16, announced a partnership with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's College of Engineering. The CIE, in collaboration with the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation of the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, helped foster the relationship, which unites Chicago Booth students and entrepreneurs with top-tier engineering talent, and encourages the development and retention of startups in Illinois, both in Chicago and Urbana-Champaign. A central component of the partnership is a pilot program that teams Booth students with senior engineering students from the University of Illinois to learn early-stage opportunity identification and product design.

[Governor Quinn announces investment for new Early Childhood Education Center at SWIC](#)

Governor Pat Quinn has announced a \$6.1 million investment to build an Early Childhood Education Center at Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC). The announcement was made as the Governor was joined by school and local officials to dedicate SWIC's new Veterans and Career Services Center, and to celebrate the prestigious LEED Gold certification for the college's Liberal Arts Complex on October 16.

[Governor Quinn announces funding for JJC City Center Campus Project](#)

Governor Pat Quinn has announced a \$5 million state investment to help finish ongoing construction of the new downtown Joliet Junior College (JJC) City Center Campus. Quinn made the announcement at the new site, which will offer increased space for key college programs including workforce development, adult education, and the nationally-renowned culinary arts program.

[University of Illinois Electrical and Computer Engineering Building dedicated](#)

Governor Pat Quinn and University of Illinois President Robert Easter dedicated the new Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) Building on the University's Urbana campus. The \$95 million facility will enhance educational opportunities serving 2,500 students, fueling job-creating research breakthroughs in computing, communications, nanotechnology and biotechnology, and setting a new standard for energy efficient buildings. The project was funded by Illinois Jobs Now! Capital construction program and private donations, and created more than 620 jobs during construction.

[ECC breaks ground on Public Safety Training Center in Burlington](#)

Elgin Community College and Village of Burlington representatives officially broke ground on the college's Public Safety Training Center. The center will provide programs to train first responders and will include a burn tower, spaces for firefighter and police training programs, and classrooms. In addition, the land features two ponds that will serve as a water source for firefighters and also during search and rescue exercises.

News from Higher Education

[SIU shifting its focus farther south](#) (The Southern Illinoisan)

SIU officials hope a return to a recruiting focus that worked in the past will help restore the school to its former enrollment heights.

[OpEd: Re-engineering City Colleges](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)

For many decades, Americans were able to walk out of their high school graduations and right into a good job. We all know that's no longer the case.

[Web-era trade schools, feeding a need for code](#) (The New York Times)

A new educational institution, the coding boot camp, is quietly emerging as the vocational school for the digital age, devoted to creating software developers.

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