

# INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE ACCREDITATION CONGRESS

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## **International Fire Service Accreditation Congress Degree Assembly**

### Accreditation Decision Summary

Purdue University Global (formerly Kaplan University)

Davenport, IA

Accredited Degree Program: Bachelor of Science- Fire and Emergency Services

Initial Accreditation Date: 4/7/2017

On 4/7/2017, the Degree Assembly Board of Governors (DABOG) made the following decision regarding Bachelor of Science- Fire and Emergency Services at Purdue Global (formerly Kaplan University).

Decision: Granted initial accreditation through administrative review

Next Activity: Re-Accreditation due by April 2022

#### Summary of IFSAC-DA Most Recent Site Visit:

Per IFSAC policy and procedures there was no on-site evaluation of the Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Services program. The administrative review process was selected because the university was already administering IFSAC accredited programs at the undergraduate level. Much of the information collected and verified in the 2015 evaluation of those programs was relevant to the bachelor program being reviewed.

Consequently, the administrative review was conducted by evaluating Kaplan University's 2016 self-study for the Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Services, Kaplan University's 2015 self-study used for initial accreditation, relevant material documented by the site team that evaluated the undergraduate degree programs including the final report and final action report recommendation, master course documents and syllabus for the additional five Emergency Management course added since the initial accreditation, and program outcomes. Kaplan University also provided access to the review their online courses.

The administrative review report used the same format as the original site team report detailed in the Degree Program Evaluator Checklist. A copy of the Degree Program Evaluator Checklist used during the administrative review to verify the program meets the IFSAC Article 23 requirements for granting accreditation is included with this report.

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Based on my review, I have no requirements or recommendations. As a result, my recommendation is to grant accreditation for the Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Services program.

Additional Information:

At the 2018 Spring DABOG Meeting, Submitted a revised self-study, and letter from Kaplan officially announcing their name change to Purdue University Global. Motion to accept name change and transfer accreditation by Zeyad Saqr. Second by Jeff Sprott. Motion carries.