

IS THIS ONLINE DEGREE A SCAM?

7 WARNING SIGNS



1) No Accreditation Status

Accreditation information should be on an institution's website. Applicants can also contact GNAB directly for an Institution Status Report (XCD\$100).

2) A Fishy Web Address

Verify both the physical and web addresses of an online institution to gauge its legitimacy. Most institutions' URL end in .edu. Pages with other domain extensions should be approached with caution.



3) Limited Information About Academic Quality

There should be transparency of academic quality, that includes information about the number of faculty members, their experience and expertise – as well as a full curriculum.

4) No Evidence of Administrative or Student Services

Online programs should demonstrate an administrative level of operation, including a stable office and a staff



5) Pressure to Enroll

Be wary of high-pressure sales pitches from recruiters

6) Promises of Guaranteed Outcomes

Avoid online programmes that overpromise results – like guaranteed employment or a certain salary figure upon finishing – as an incentive to enroll



7) No transparency about fees.

Sketchy online operations demand money up front or ask students to pay nondescript fees

