**Kaplan Commitment**

* The Kaplan Commitment allows undergraduate and graduate students at Kaplan University (KU), as well as diploma and undergraduate students at Kaplan Higher Education Campuses (KHEC), to attend classes for several weeks without incurring any tuition obligation or debt.
* This conditional acceptance period is not an orientation: students take real classes for real credit. During this period, students can assess whether the coursework meets their educational needs before making any further investment in their education at a Kaplan institution; during this period, Kaplan also provides academic evaluations (a combination of tests and grades) to help students determine whether they are likely to be successful in their chosen course of study.
* Students who withdraw from the program during the conditional acceptance period, or who do not pass the academic evaluations, do not have to pay for the coursework, and the U.S. Department of Education is not obligated to make loans or provide other financial assistance to them.
* The Kaplan Commitment benefits students and the federal government by:
	+ Allowing students to experience real Kaplan courses, as well as giving them time to assess the coursework and accurately evaluate its demands on their work and family commitments; and
	+ Lowering the federal government’s risk by eliminating the need for federal financial assistance to students who ultimately decide not to pursue their education, or who would be unlikely to succeed in the rigorous Kaplan learning environment.
* For new KU students, the risk-free, conditional acceptance period lasts 5 weeks; for KHEC students, the length of the conditional acceptance period varies, depending on the program, but typically lasts 4-5 weeks.
* All eligible first-time Kaplan students receive the benefit of the Kaplan Commitment, and do not need to separately apply for the program.  Students cannot enroll on a non-conditional basis.
* The conditional acceptance period operates similarly to the current enrollment and matriculation process. Prospective students take an entrance assessment; are interviewed; sign an Enrollment Agreement; and pay a nominal (less than $50), non-refundable fee before starting classes.  In order to be fully admitted, students participating in the Kaplan Commitment (those who are considered “conditionally admitted”) must meet the following requirements:
	+ they must pass all of their classes;
	+ they must meet attendance requirements; and
	+ they must have all of their financial documents complete.
* Students withdrawing during the conditional acceptance period are only responsible for the non-refundable fee (less than $50).
* Students who withdraw during the conditional acceptance period will not receive credit for the classes they attended. Students who successfully complete the conditional acceptance period and become fully admitted will earn credit for the courses in which they received a passing grade. Most undergraduate courses run for 10 weeks, so while students may successfully finish the first five weeks, they will need to successfully pass the entire course to earn credit.
* KU began exploring a provisional admittance program at the end of 2009, and introduced a pilot program in the spring of 2010.  KU decided to implement an institution-wide program and expand it to our campus-based schools in the summer of 2010.
* The Kaplan Commitment is notably different than the University of Phoenix’s Orientation Program, which we understand to be a three-week, non-credit program.