

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **September 4, 2013**

BRIDGEPOINT EDUCATION, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-34272

(Commission File Number)

59-3551629

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

13500 Evening Creek Drive North, Suite 600, San Diego, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

92128

(Zip Code)

(858) 668-2586

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Information.

Bridgepoint Education, Inc. announced today that on September 4, 2013, Ashford University received a letter from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, or HLC, stating that on August 30, 2013, HLC's Board of Trustees removed the University from Notice because the Board determined that the University had resolved the concerns that led to the institution being placed on Notice. The Board maintained the requirement that the University host HLC in a focused evaluation on or before December 15, 2013 to examine retention, graduation and the University's progress in resolving the issues identified in the Notice action. This requirement will remain in effect until the University resigns its status.

The press release issued by Bridgepoint Education, Inc. is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto. Further information is available in the Public Disclosure Notice on Ashford University, published on HLC's website at www.ncahlc.org under "HLC Institutions - Public Disclosures." The telephone number for HLC is (800) 621-7440.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of Bridgepoint Education, Inc. dated September 5, 2013 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 5, 2013

Bridgepoint Education, Inc.

By: /s/ Diane L. Thompson

Name: Diane L. Thompson

Title: Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel



NEWS RELEASE

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Higher Learning Commission Removes Bridgepoint Education's Ashford University from Notice Sanction

SAN DIEGO (September 5, 2013) The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges (HLC) removed the sanction of Notice from Ashford University on August 30, 2013. The Commission removed the University from Notice because its Board determined that the University had resolved the concerns that led to the institution being placed on Notice.

In a letter from the HLC, the Board stated it had removed the sanction against Ashford because the University had successfully established accredited status with the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WASC). The University's successful acquisition of accredited status with WASC signaled Ashford's intent to resign its accredited status with HLC, thereby ending the Higher Learning Commission's need to determine if the University meets HLC's jurisdictional requirements. WASC found the University to be in substantial compliance with WASC standards, including the same standards the Commission originally identified in placing the institution on Notice.

To view HLC's Public Disclosure Notice on Ashford University, [click here](#).

HLC

www.ncahlc.org
800.621.7440

WASC

www.wascsenior.org
510.748.9001

About Bridgepoint Education

Bridgepoint Education, Inc. (NYSE:BPI) improves the way individuals learn. By harnessing creativity, knowledge and proprietary technologies, such as Constellation, Thuze and Waypoint Outcomes, Bridgepoint Education has re-engineered the modern student experience with innovative solutions that advance learning. Its academic institutions - Ashford University and University of the Rockies - embody the contemporary college experience. Ashford University offers associates, bachelor's, and master's degree programs while University of the Rockies offers master's and doctoral degree programs. Both provide progressive online platforms, as well as traditional campuses located in Clinton, Iowa (Ashford University), and Colorado Springs, Colorado (University of the Rockies). For

more information about Bridgepoint Education, visit www.bridgepointeducation.com or call Shari Winet Rodriguez, vice president of Public Relations, at 858.668.2580.

About Ashford University

Ashford University is defining the modern college experience by combining the heritage of a traditional campus with the flexibility and effectiveness of online learning. The University provides a vibrant learning community where high-quality programs and leading-edge technology create a dynamic, immersive and stimulating learning experience. The University offers practical and progressive associate's, bachelor's and master's degree programs online, as well as bachelor's degree programs at its Clinton, Iowa, campus. Ashford University - where heritage meets innovation. For more information, please visit www.ashford.edu or call Shari Winet Rodriguez, vice president of Public Relations, at 858.513.9240 x2513.