



August 11, 2025

Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe
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Dear President Dalpe:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) at its meeting on July 8-11, 2025, concerning the Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Western Nevada College.

Accreditation

Reaffirm Accreditation

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Finding Type 1: Spring 2024 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled

Commendations

The Commission commends Western Nevada College for:

1. Its well-developed, faculty led course-level assessment process that is organized, meaningful, and reflective. Its annual planning process, which is comprehensive, and is initiated each year with assessment of appropriate data and other sources of information.
2. Living its mission to provide effective education pathways for the students and communities of Nevada. Specifically, the institution is commended for its outreach to rural Nevada, strong dual credit partnerships, partnerships with local industry, and a 92% job placement rate.
3. Creating a clear, meaningful, and supportive tenure process. Faculty know what is required to achieve tenure, and they have strong peer support that leads to success.
4. Its student-centeredness. Students are respected, have a significant say in institutional decisions, and are able to advocate for their needs. Examples of vibrant staff collaboration include, the library, a mobile friendly app, advising, Student Life, and more.
5. Its investment in student leadership and development consistent with its learning outcome of Career Preparation. Students present themselves with professionalism, poise, and are extraordinary representatives of Western Nevada College.

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Western Nevada College:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Develop clear and consistent data definitions, share them widely, and use them to further refine its goals, objectives, and indicators of mission fulfillment and to improve its effectiveness in the context of, and in comparison with, regional and national peer institutions. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.2)
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Develop an effective, faculty-led system to assess the quality of all its program learning outcomes and use the results for ongoing program improvement. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5)
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Clearly indicates which programs require licensure or certification, and how those requirements can be met by the program for each state. (2020 Standard(s) 2.G.3)
- Recommendation 4: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Ensures accuracy and consistency across its website and catalog. (2020 Standard(s) 2.D.1)

- Recommendation 5: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Review and update its conflict-of-interest policy so that it provides the institution with sufficient autonomy to fulfill its mission, while specifying the authority, roles, and responsibilities of Regents who are employed by an institution governed by NSHE. (2020 Standard(s) 2.A.1;2.D.3)

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report Spring 2026
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 3: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 4: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 5: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2028
 - Recommendation 2: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2031
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2032

NWCCU is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process. If you have questions about any of the information in this letter, please contact your staff liaison, Dr. Teresa Rivenes, at trivenes@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,



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President

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