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In the spring of 2019, Wenatchee Valley College (WVC) had its Year Seven Evaluation for its accreditation with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). As a result, WVC had its accreditation reaffirmed through to June 30, 2026. In this evaluation, WVC received four accommodations and three recommendations. Those three recommendations were:

Recommendation #1: The evaluation committee recommends that Wenatchee Valley College assess the Omak campus to ensure that it is safe, secure, and sufficient in both quantity and quality, ensuring healthful learning and working environments that support the institution's mission, programs, and services. The evaluation committee further recommends that the institution make provisions for the security of property at the Omak campus. (2.D.2; 2.G.1)

Recommendation #2: The evaluation committee recommends that Wenatchee Valley College document through an effective, regular and comprehensive system of assessment, that students achieve identified learning outcomes at the course, program, and institutional level. Faculty with teaching responsibilities are responsible for evaluating student achievement of clearly identified learning outcomes. (2.C.5; 4.A.3)

Recommendation #3: The evaluation committee recommends that the college use the results of its assessment of student learning to inform academic and learning-support planning and practices that lead to enhancement of student learning achievements. (4.B.2)

Further, WVC was assigned by NWCCU to prepare an ad hoc report addressing efforts made to these recommendations, with a following site evaluation in October of 2020.

The 2020 Ad Hoc Evaluation found that WVC had fully addressed the security issues around Recommendation 1 and was now in full compliance to the cited standards. The evaluation further found that WVC had made progress and was substantially in compliance on the standards cited in Recommendations 2 and 3 on student outcomes assessment and improvement, but needed further progress to be in full compliance. WVC was assigned a second ad hoc report and evaluation for October of 2021.

The outcome of this second, October 2021, Ad Hoc Report and Evaluation on Recommendations 2 and 3, the evaluations found that EVC had made sufficient progress in their assessment efforts to be fully compliant to WVC standards and needed no further review outside the standard Mid-Cycle (Spring 2022), Year 6 Resource Review (Spring 2025) and Year Seven Evaluation (Spring 2026).

In April 2022, WVC had its Mid-Cycle Report and Site Evaluation. The evaluators noted again that WVC had made excellent progress in dealing with past recommendations and sought to continue to improve security and student learning outcomes assessment. They noted areas where WVC need to further improve in preparation for the future 2026 Year Seven Evaluation.

WVC is now in full compliance with NWCCU Standards and no longer carries forward recommendations from the commission.

That being said, the college seeks to continue to improve in the areas cited by the past recommendations of security and student learning assessment and improvement. Further, it continues to improve and create a higher level of compliance so that the college can meet the educational goals and recognize the achievements of its students.

All reports, evaluations and NWCCU letters on accreditation to WVC can be found on WVC's website at:

<https://www.wvc.edu/about/mission.html>.

Accreditation recommendations to the College and year of recommendation	Actions taken by the college to address recommendations	Improvement results
WVC currently has no active recommendations from NWCCU.	WVC has fully addressed all recommendations.	<p>WVC continues to work on improving the college's security and student learning outcomes assessment and using those assessments to improve student learning and achievement.</p> <p>One can see the results of college's improvements to address accreditation at: https://www.wvc.edu/about/mission.html</p>