

NWCCU Accreditation Site Visit

The College of Southern Nevada (CSN) is currently accredited by the Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). CSN is completing a comprehensive Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Self-study for continued accreditation. This comprehensive self-study will be followed by an onsite evaluation October 5-7, 2022, by Commission evaluators. The last Year Seven comprehensive site visit was completed in October 2015. In February 2017, the Commission issued a public sanction of Warning regarding Eligibility Requirement 20 Disclosure. The sanction of Warning was removed by the Commission in July 2017 after CSN demonstrated compliance with the NWCCU Substantive Change Policy. In January 2016, CSN received reaffirmation of accreditation, and the College was asked to respond to evaluator recommendations to improve compliance with standards on assessment of student learning, program planning, and resource allocation. The NWCCU last visited CSN in October 2018 for a Mid-cycle Review to assess CSN's progress on addressing the 2015 recommendations. The 2018 Mid-cycle onsite visit affirmed CSN's progress in fulfilling NWCCU's recommendations but noted continued improvement was needed. Information on CSN accreditation reports submitted to the Commission can be found on the CSN Accreditation webpage.

Interested parties are encouraged to read the <u>NWCCU standards</u> and submit any comments or concerns directly to the NWCCU. To be considered by NWCCU, a complaint must be submitted electronically or directly to the NWCCU Commission office through United States Postal Service mail or courier service.

- **NWCCU electronic submission online link is:** https://nwccu.org/member-institutions/upcoming-evaluations/
- Commission office United States Postal Service mail or courier service address is:

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities 8060 165th Ave NE Suite 200 Redmond, WA 98052

All comments or concerns must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Provide a statement of facts supported by evidence of noncompliance with a specific eligibility requirement, standards for accreditation, or policy and is not simply an individual grievance.
- 2. Absent extraordinary circumstances, demonstrate that the complainant has first complied with any grievance process of the institution.
- 3. Be submitted by the complainant, or an attorney for the complainant, within one year of completion of the institution's grievance process.
- 4. Disclose whether litigation is also being pursued by the complainant.
- 5. Provide a summary of the relief requested from NWCCU.
- 6. Be signed by the complainant and served upon NWCCU by mail, common carrier, or electronically.

The Commission office accepts third-party comments up to ten days before the start date of the evaluation visit.