

# Accreditation Countdown!

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## Northwest Accreditation Visit

October 27 – 29, 2014

The NWCCU accreditation team will be led by Western Washington University President, Dr. Bruce Shepard. To learn more about Dr. Shepard, visit his [web page](#). The rest of the accreditation review committee will be announced in the next couple of months.

While the full schedule for the site visit has not been finalized, please make note of

these important hour-long sessions (times are tentative):

Monday, 10/27:

9:30 - Faculty open meeting

10:30 – Staff open meeting

11:30 – Student open meeting

The open sessions will be held in the Shepherd Union Ballroom B.

Wednesday, 10/29:

10:00 AM – Committee report - open session. Location TBD

NWCCU



The mission of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) is to assure educational quality, enhance institutional effectiveness, and foster continuous improvement of colleges and universities in the Northwest region through analytical institutional self-assessment and critical peer review based upon evaluation criteria that are objectively and equitably applied to institutions with diverse missions, characteristics, and cultures.

*The on-site accreditation visit will be conducted October 27 – 29, 2014. What role will you play?*

## Final Report

A draft of the Year Seven accreditation report will be available for general viewing by August 1. All university constituents are encouraged to read the report and provide feedback. The final report will be submitted in September.

## WSU Core Values

- Learning through personalized experiences and shared inquiry
- Engagement in community
- Access and opportunity for all
- Respect for people and ideas
- Nurturing the potential within every individual

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Have questions? Feel free to contact us!

## What are the commission evaluation procedures?

NWCCU member institutions are not accredited permanently nor for a fixed number of years. Rather, accreditation must be reaffirmed periodically over a seven-year cycle following a process of self evaluation and peer evaluation. The Commission uses the following procedures in evaluating institutions for reaffirmation of Accreditation:

1. All peer evaluators are assigned from out-of-state accredited institutions. In selecting evaluators, care is taken to avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest.
2. For year one evaluations, a panel of peer evaluators conducts an off-site evaluation of the institution with respect to Standard One and Eligibility Requirements 2 and 3, and prepares a Year One Peer-Evaluation Report of findings.
3. For year three evaluations, peer evaluators from other accredited institutions and appropriate agencies study the institution's Year Three Self-Evaluation Report, conduct an on-site or off-site evaluation of the institution with respect to Standards One and Two and Eligibility Requirements 4 through 21, and prepare a Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report of findings and a Confidential Recommendation.
4. For year seven comprehensive evaluations, peer evaluators from other accredited institutions study the institution's Year Seven Comprehensive Self-Evaluation Report, conduct an on-site evaluation with respect to all Standards and Eligibility Requirements, and prepare a Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report of findings and a Confidential Recommendation.
5. For each evaluation, a draft of the Peer-Evaluation Report is prepared and sent to the institution's chief executive officer, who is given an opportunity to correct errors of fact.
6. The Peer-Evaluation Report is finalized and submitted to the Commission office.
7. Evaluators submit the Confidential Recommendation to the Commission. The Confidential Recommendation is advisory only.
8. Print and electronic copies of the Peer-Evaluation Report are sent to the institution's chief executive officer and Accreditation Liaison Officer.
9. The institution is offered an opportunity to provide Commissioners with a written response to the Peer-Evaluation Report.
10. The Board of Commissioners considers the institution's Self-Evaluation Report, the Peer-Evaluation Report, the institution's written response to the Peer-Evaluation Report (if submitted), verbal statements of the chair of the peer-evaluation committee and institutional representatives (for year three and seven evaluations), the evaluators' Confidential Recommendation, and third-party comments (if any for Year Seven evaluations) in taking action on the reaffirmation of Accreditation.

