



February 6, 2020

President Amy Morrison
Lake Washington Institute of Technology
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Dear President Morrison:

This letter replaces my letter dated February 3, 2020, and serves as a formal notification and official record of action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) at its meeting on January 8-10, 2020, concerning the Fall 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation of Lake Washington Institute of Technology. This action was taken after consideration of evidence, including the institution's Self-Evaluation Report, the Peer-Evaluation Report, the optional Institutional Response to the Peer-Evaluation Report, and information received as part of the institutional representative meeting with Commissioners.

Accreditation

- Reaffirm Accreditation

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2012 Mission and Core Themes - Fulfilled

Commendations

The Commission commends Lake Washington Institute of Technology for:

1. Effectively transforming the institution into a mission-driven, high-functioning system, as manifested through strong leadership support from the Board of Trustees, along with the president and other administrators, and the "can do" attitude of faculty and staff.
2. Its commitment to close opportunity gaps among its students by developing and implementing a comprehensive equity, diversity, and inclusion plan.
3. The LWTech Library Learning Commons faculty and staff for their extensive program of information literacy and outreach and for consistently promoting and maintaining a welcoming and safe atmosphere for student learning and engagement.
4. Fostering engagement within the College and with community partners, exemplified by a common dedication to the institutional mission, collaborative approach to campus safety, and for strengthening advisory committee activities to support students and programs.
5. Providing faculty and staff with opportunities for professional growth and development to enhance their effectiveness in fulfilling their roles, duties, and responsibilities.

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Lake Washington Institute of Technology:

1. Establish a technology replacement plan in support of planning and resource allocation for institutional operations, programs, and services (2020 Standards: 2.I.1).
2. Fully implement the system of program assessment to evaluate achievement of all established general education learning outcomes as appropriate for the various certificate or degree pathways (2020: Standards: 1.C.6).
3. Engage in ongoing, purposeful, systematic, integrated, and comprehensive planning in its non-instructional units to support fulfillment of its mission (2020 Standards: 1.B.1).

Future Evaluations

- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2022 with an addendum to address:
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
 - Recommendation 2: Fall 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
 - Recommendation 3: Fall 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
- Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2025
- Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2026

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.

Sincerely,



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President

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cc: Dr. Ruby Hayden, Vice President of Student Services
Dr. Rachel Solemsaas, Chancellor, Hawai'i Community College