NWCCU Accreditation Standards (7-Year Cycle of Continuous Improvement)

Standard One Mission, Core Themes, & Expectations

- Mission Statement
- Core themes
- Parameters for mission fulfillment
- Acceptable threshold for mission fulfillment

Standard Two Resources & Capacity

- •Governance, Leadership, & Management
- •Library & Information Resources
- •Human Resources, Policies & Procedures
- •Financial Resources, Policies & Procedures
- •Educational Resources
- •Student Support Resources
- •Physical & Technological Infrastructure

Standard Three Planning & Implementation

- Role and results of participatory planning processes
- •Evidence that plans are implemented and visible
- •Demonstrated ability to address unexpected circumstances

Standard Four Effectiveness & Improvement

- •Emphasize faculty-led assessment of student learning outcomes
- •Regularly and systematically track achievement indicators
- Regularly assess student learning outcomes, including online and multicampus undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees
- •Clearly analyze progress toward core theme objectives
- •Use results for planning and resource allocation
- •Disseminate and use assessment results to improve

Standard Five Mission Fulfillment, Adaptation, Sustainability

- Develop and disseminate evaluations regarding mission fulfillment, including student learning achievement
- Regularly monitor how internal and external environments affect mission fulfillment
- Foster adaptability to changing and emerging needs, trends, and influences