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