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**Subject:** Pierce College Accreditation Update

Good Afternoon Pierce College Community!

We are excited to share updates with you regarding our institutional accreditation journey.

As part of our accreditation journey, we are responsible for completing accreditation-related activities following a 7-year cycle set by the [Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities](#) (NWCCU). Outlined below are our activities for Years 6 and 7 of the 7-year cycle.

### **2022 Year 6 Great News!**

On February 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 we received our Year 6 feedback report from the NWCCU Evaluation Committee. We received three compliments and no preliminary findings. To receive no findings is rare for institutions, and we owe this accomplishment to our amazing team of PRFR report standard leads, writers, and evidence providers (listed below in alphabetical order). Thank you!

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Please visit our [accreditation webpage](#) to access our PRFR report and PRFR feedback from the NWCCU.

### **2023 is Year 7 and October Site Visit**

The Year 7 report is known as the Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness (EIE). In this report, we are asked to reflect on the following:

- institutional mission and effectiveness;
- student learning; and
- student achievement.

We have several teams working on drafting language for our EIE report. A draft of our EIE report will be shared with the college community in May for feedback. An email communication will be sent when the draft is available for review.

Year 7 culminates in a site visit from NWCCU peer evaluators. Our site visit is scheduled from **October 18<sup>th</sup>– 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**. During this time, our peer evaluators will be engaging with us to learn more about our processes and practices at Pierce College. During summer and early fall 2023 the Accreditation Team will offer opportunities to discuss what to expect during a site visit.

**Interested in more information on accreditation?**

Pierce College is accredited by [Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities](#).

Our accreditation ensures:

- students have access to financial aid, state funding, and federal funding;
- students and the institution have grant funding;
- transferability of our courses, certificates, and degrees;
- confidence in our graduates in the workforce; and
- accountability of the school and its programs to the public.

To learn more about accreditation and our progress, visit our [accreditation page](#). We will continue to be in communication about accreditation by way of email and our accreditation website.

If you have any questions, you can contact me, [Allison Sieving](#), the Accreditation Liaison Officer.

Thank you,  
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