

Accreditation

Accreditation is a process of validation in which colleges, universities and other institutions of higher learning are evaluated against a set of pre-defined standards.

Accreditation in the Northwest region is largely carried out through peer review. In order for potential colleges to be accredited, they must meet the general standards set by the peer review accreditation boards.

LCC is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), one of the accrediting bodies that is recognized by the United States Department of Education.

We are responsible for showing that we meet a number of eligibility requirements and standards during a seven-year review cycle.

1. Standard One – Student Success, and Institutional Mission and Effectiveness
2. Standard Two – Governance, Resources, and Capacity

Useful Links:

- **LCC accreditation webpage** -- contains copies of reports submitted to the NWCCU by LCC, as well as NWCCU evaluation reports about LCC (lowercolumbia.edu/accreditation)
- **Short video about the accreditation process at LCC** -- created for LCC faculty and staff (lowercolumbia.edu/accreditation)
- **Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) website** -- on this website you will find a complete listing of the NWCCU Standards and Eligibility Requirements, in addition to a lot of other information (nwccu.org)