

# Accreditation

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Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). Accreditation of an institution of higher education by the NWCCU indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality evaluated through a peer review process. An accredited college or university is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation. Accreditation by the NWCCU is not partial but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution.

OCCC was first recognized as independently accredited by the NWCCU as of Fall term, 2019. See [here](#) for a comprehensive history of the institution's journey towards, and achievement of, independence. Inquiries regarding OCCC's accredited status by NWCCU should be directed to the President's Office or the Accreditation Liaison Officer at [ea@oregoncoast.edu](mailto:ea@oregoncoast.edu). Individuals may also contact:

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