

Accreditation

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Oregon Coast Community College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Accreditation of an institution of higher education by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities 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 Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities 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. Inquiries regarding an institution's accredited status by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. Individuals may also contact: Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities 8060 165th Avenue N.E., Suite 100 Redmond, WA 98052 (425) 558-4224 www.nwccu.org.

Oregon Coast Community College was recognized as independently accredited by the NWCCU in February 2020. The links below provide a comprehensive history of the institution's journey towards, and achievement of, independence. The College submitted its Ad Hoc Report to the NWCCU in April 2021, and will host a mid-cycle review in Fall 2022. Direct questions about OCCC's accreditation status to officeofinstruction@oregoncoast.edu.