



February 3, 2020

President Bart Patterson  
Nevada State College  
1125 Nevada State Drive  
Henderson, NV 89002

Dear President Patterson:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) at its meeting on January 8-10, 2020, concerning the Fall 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation of Nevada State College. This action was taken after consideration of evidence, including the institution's Self-Evaluation Report, the Peer-Evaluation Report, the optional Institutional Response to the Peer-Evaluation Report, and information received as part of the institutional representative meeting with Commissioners.

#### **Accreditation**

- Reaffirm Accreditation

#### **Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation**

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2014 Mid-Cycle Review - Fulfilled

#### **Commendations**

The Commission commends Nevada State College for:

1. Remaining true to its mission during a time of unprecedented growth, ensuring a climate that prioritizes and promotes success of its diverse student body.
2. Its intentional development and implementation of key student success initiatives and services, particularly for first year students.
3. The Marydean Martin Library for fulfilling its mission by providing a responsive network of services and for its use of evidence-based measurements to create a student-centric learning environment.
4. An excellent and well-maintained physical and technological infrastructure.

#### **Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement**

The Commission recommends that Nevada State College:

1. Develop meaningful objectives and indicators of mission fulfillment that align to the institution's mission and goals (2020 Standards: 1.B.2).
2. Create a comprehensive system of assessment that builds on existing program assessment efforts and supports future institution-level planning and resource allocation (2020 Standards: 1.B.1, 1.C.7).

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**Future Evaluations**

- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2022
  - Recommendation 1: Fall 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
  - Recommendation 2: Fall 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
- Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2025
- Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2026

NWCCU is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process. If you have questions about any of the information in this letter, please contact your staff liaison.

Sincerely,



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President

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cc: Dr. Tony Scinta, Vice Provost, Academic Innovation & Student Success  
Dr. Lori Stinson, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Lewis-Clark State College