



February 25, 2026

Dr. Kelly Ryan
President
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Dear President Ryan:

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 27-30, 2026, concerning the Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Eastern Oregon University.

Accreditation

Reaffirm Accreditation

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Finding Type 1: Fall 2024 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled

Commendations

The Commission commends Eastern Oregon University for:

1. Its unwavering commitment to fostering student success and supporting their academic and personal growth.
2. Its ongoing dedication to cultivating a collaborative climate amongst its employees.
3. Its commitment to fostering strong, meaningful connections with the local and regional community.

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Eastern Oregon University:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continue to implement its Ascent 2029 plan with a strong emphasis on prioritizing a set of clear, achievable goals and related measurable indicators to support mission fulfillment and improve effectiveness. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.2)
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Develop and implement a systematic, institution-wide, program-level assessment process for continuous improvement of student learning outcomes. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5)
- Recommendation 3: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Use the results from the systematic program-level assessment to inform academic and learning-support planning and practices. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.7)

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Fall 2027
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 2: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2028
 - Recommendation 3: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2031
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2032

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, Dr. Gita Bangera, at gbangera@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,



Dr. Selena M. Grace
President

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Mr. Ben Cannon, Executive Director, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission