



August 11, 2025

Dr. Robert Mohrbacher  
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Dear President Mohrbacher:

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 July 8-11, 2025, concerning the Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Centralia College.

### **Accreditation**

Reaffirm Accreditation

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

- Recommendation 6: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement and revised to Recommendation 1: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Recommendation 7: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement and revised to Recommendation 2: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness

### **Commendations**

The Commission commends Centralia College for:

1. Providing beautiful and welcoming campus grounds that serve as a vibrant hub for the community.
2. The incredible web of resources, support, and belonging that both Centralia College and its Student Advocacy Activities Leadership Team (SAALT) provide to support students' educational success, including the food pantry, grants, scholarships, mentorship, IT, clubs, food credits, affordable logo wear, and more.
3. The purposeful cultivation of a "sense of community" and a feeling that "we are all in this together for our students" that resonates through teamwork, the tearing down of silos, and the recognition of the budget belonging to the entire campus for the betterment of students and overall mission fulfillment.
4. Completing an environmental scan, setting a meaningful goal, and allocating necessary resources, such as adding bilingual staff, cultural events, and collegiate soccer ultimately achieving its goal of HSI eligibility.
5. The dedication, customer service, and resourcefulness of the IT department which is recognized across campus as an exemplary department. Their shift from reactive to proactive service has saved both time and money, improved security, enhanced access for students and employees, and reduced barriers—ultimately providing a safer, more efficient, and more reliable service.

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

The Commission recommends that Centralia College:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Fully implement an effective system of meaningful assessment in all academic programs and use this system to continuously improve student achievement of course, distribution, and program learning outcomes. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5;1.C.7)
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Demonstrate a continuous process to assess institutional effectiveness, including support services, using ongoing

evaluation to inform planning, refine effectiveness, assign resources, and improve student learning and achievement. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1)

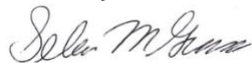
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Widely and transparently share its processes, methodologies, and data used to allocate resources and improve student achievement with internal constituents. (2020 Standard(s) 1.D.4)
- Recommendation 4: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Ensure all evaluations are completed consistently in keeping with institution policy and procedures. (2020 Standard(s) 2.F.4)

#### **Future Evaluations**

- Ad Hoc Report Spring 2026 to address the implementation of the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Spring 2027
  - Recommendation 1: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
  - Recommendation 2: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
  - Recommendation 3: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
  - Recommendation 4: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2028
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2031
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 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. Teresa Rivenes, at [trivenes@nwccu.org](mailto:trivenes@nwccu.org).

Sincerely,



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