



February 25, 2026

Dr. Brad Hall
President
Blackfeet Community College
504 SE Boundary Street
Browning, MT 59417

Dear President Hall:

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 Blackfeet Community College.

Accreditation

Reaffirm Accreditation

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Review - Continued as Non-Compliant

Commendations

The Commission commends Blackfeet Community College for:

1. The development of a highly engaged Board of Trustees who, together with the College, have completed revisions to the charter and foundational policies to integrate Blackfeet leadership and values into College governance.
2. Its robust integration of Blackfeet culture and values into decision-making structures, curriculum, student support, and community outreach.
3. Its culture of life-long learning and commitment of building Blackfeet leadership through tangible support of continued educational attainment.
4. Recognizing the need to address trauma in the community as a prerequisite to achieving educational goals and prioritizing resources for mental health and wellness for students and employees.
5. Its overarching commitment to creating a sense of family, belonging, and care for its students and the communities it serves, demonstrated through all levels of the organization.

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Blackfeet Community College:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Implement an effective system of assessment to evaluate the quality of learning in its programs. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5)
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Implement an ongoing and meaningful process to assess all program and institutional learning outcomes and use the results to improve student learning. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.6;1.C.7)
- Recommendation 3: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Widely distribute its student achievement indicators and regional and national peer data. (2020 Standard(s) 1.D.3)
- Recommendation 4: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Utilize relevant audit processes to demonstrate financial stability. (2020 Standard(s) 2.E.1)

Recommendations Out of Compliance

The Commission finds that the following Recommendations are areas where Blackfeet Community College is out of compliance with the NWCCU Standards for Accreditation. According to U.S. Department of Education Regulation 34 CFR 602.20 and Commission Policy, the Commission requires that Blackfeet Community College take appropriate action to ensure these Recommendations are addressed and resolved within the

prescribed four-year period, no later than February 25, 2030.

The Commission recommends that Blackfeet Community College:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Review - Demonstrate a continuous process to assess institutional effectiveness, using an ongoing and systematic evaluation and planning process to inform and refine its effectiveness and assign resources. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1)

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Fall 2027
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Review
- Ad Hoc Report Fall 2027
 - Recommendation 3: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 4: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2028
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 2: 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. Teresa Rivenes, at trivenes@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,



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President

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