Accreditation

Blackfeet 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. BCC is an accredited college or university, meaning that it 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 com-
petence of individual graduates. Rather, accreditation provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution.

Inquiries regarding Blackfeet Community College’s accreditation status are directed to:

Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO)
Blackfeet Community College
P.O. Box 819, Browning, MT, 59417
(406) 338-5441

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
8060 165th Avenue N.E., Suite 100
Redmond, WA 98052 (425) 558-4224
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(The authorization for distance education was embedded in the simultaneous approval for the Nursing Program to offer online courses. Blackfeet Community College’s Associate of Science in Nursing Later changed to a Bachelor in Science was approved to provide online education, starting January 6th, 2021. The college’s approval for distance education indicates that the Nursing program is approved to provide “50% or more” of its courses via online education.)

Distance Education

Authorization

Blackfeet Community College was authorized for distance education by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities on January 6th, 2021.

The authorization for distance education

Online and Hybrid Courses

(Distance Learning)

Blackfeet Community College Delivery formats include:

BCC courses may be offered in a number of in-person and/or distance learning formats:

1. In-person synchronous
2. Blended synchronous
3. Online asynchronous
4. Hybrid—both synchronous and asynchronous

Note: Please refer to your course syllabi for more information.

Course Delivery Terms

Asynchronous Learning

Students will work online independently to meet all assignment due dates. Instructors will provide feedback and guidance throughout the learning process. Students must refer to the course syllabi and course schedule.
Reserved Rights
While every reasonable effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information within this Blackfeet Community College (BCC) Course Catalog, BCC reserves its rights to clarify any inaccuracies, and to change any of the rules and regulations of the institution at any time, including but not limited to those relating to admission, instruction, and graduation. Similarly, the right is reserved to withdraw specific curricula and courses, amend course content, amend the academic calendar, and impose or increase fees. All such changes are effective upon approval by the Curriculum Committee and presented by the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the BCC Board of Trustees for approval. After approval, changes will apply to prospective students and may also apply to those already enrolled at BCC.

Non-Discrimination Policy
Blackfeet Community College (BCC) is committed to an environment free from discrimination. BCC is dedicated to providing employment and educational opportunities open to everyone. Discrimination based upon race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, disability, age (age 40 or older), or genetic/medical information is prohibited. This includes retaliation derived from complaints or assistance with a discrimination proceeding, investigation, or lawsuit.

Synchronous Learning
Participants learn online, interacting at a scheduled class time using a video conferencing platform such as Zoom or Google Meets. Students must attend class during the scheduled time.

Blended Course
A course that allows a portion of students to be in the classroom and a portion of the students to join via videoconferencing at the same time.

Hybrid Course
Course delivery will have synchronous and asynchronous components, with one day of in-person contact per week.

In-Person Course
Course delivery is in-person.

Online course
An asynchronous course offered online only.

Video Conferencing
Online tools that allow virtual one-on-one or class meetings.

Note: Please refer to your course syllabi for more information.
The online Fee is $35 per credit hour

**Vision Statement**

It is the vision of Blackfeet Community College (BCC) to strengthen and enrich our Blackfeet Nation and universal community through quality education integrating the Nii-tsi-ta-pi World of Knowledge.

In recognition of the fact that we all have values that are shaped and developed through our interactions with others, and that these values shape our thoughts and actions, the students, staff, administration, and Board of Trustees of Blackfeet Community College adopt the following core values:

**Tsi-Ksi-Ka-Ta-Pi-Wa-Tsin** - Blackfeet way of knowing
Blackfeet culture/spirituality in philosophy, thought, and action.

**Nin-na-wa-tsin** - Being a leader
Professionalism, integrity, and responsibility in human interaction.

**Ini-yimm** - Respect
Respect for oneself, all other people, all ideas, and each thing in the natural world.

**Ni-ta-pi-pa-ta-pi-tsin** - Living in a good way
Honest in all thoughts and actions.

**Ii-yi-kah-kii-ma-tsin** - Trying hard
Commitment, dedication, sincerity in the pursuit of all our goals.

**Aoh-kan-otah-tomo** - Accepting everyone
Embracing the unique talents and contributions of each individual

**Ii-ta-mii-pa-ta-yoip** - Happy living
Humor, laughter, and enjoyment of life.
Mission Statement

The purpose of Blackfeet Community College is to provide the Blackfeet Nation and our “Universal Community” access to quality educational programs that prepare students for achievement in higher education, meaningful employment, basic skills instruction, and continuing education while integrating Blackfeet culture and language.

Mission Statement Goals

Access – providing access to all members of the community’s service district who desire education and training enabling them to pursue life-long opportunities.

Achievement in Higher Education – providing opportunities for students to earn academic degrees and supporting their transfer to upper-division higher education institutions.

Meaningful employment – providing opportunities for students to earn degrees and certificates that qualify them to gain meaningful employment.

Basic skills – providing students with programs and courses that increase their likelihood of academic success.

Continuing education – providing the community with courses and programs that enrich community life and support life-long education.

Integrating Blackfeet culture and language – providing programs and courses that sustain the past and promote the vitality of the Blackfeet Nation’s future.

We are committed to ensuring that all of these values are incorporated into all that we do, fulfilling the vision and mission of Blackfeet Community College.