



August 11, 2025

Dr. Suzanne Ames  
President  
Peninsula College  
1502 East Lauridsen Boulevard  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear President Ames:

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 Peninsula College.

### **Accreditation**

Reaffirm Accreditation

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

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

### **Commendations**

The Commission commends Peninsula College for:

1. The culture of respect, transparent communication, and collaborative decision-making built upon the college's guiding principles.
2. Its Center for Equity, Teaching, and Learning (CETL), which is recognized across campus for its commitment to making assessment meaningful, useful, and integrated with effective professional development.
3. Its data-driven, transparent, and inclusive decision-making budget process and rubric that is effectively used for budgeting, operational planning, and resource allocation aligned with the college's strategic priorities.
4. Its intentional outreach, partnership, and community-building work at the Peninsula College campuses and throughout the greater peninsula.

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

The Commission recommends that Peninsula College:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Establish a consistent system of assessment to evaluate and improve all of its instructional programs. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5)
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Develop an assessment cycle that systematically measures all institutional learning outcomes. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.6)
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Consistently document and utilize the results of its assessment efforts to improve all levels of student learning outcomes. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.7)

### **Future Evaluations**

- Ad Hoc Report with Virtual Visit Spring 2027
  - Recommendation 1: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
  - Recommendation 2: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2028
  - Recommendation 3: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- 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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President

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