



**Public Disclosure:
Luna Community College status continues
as “Accredited – Probation”
Effective: November 7, 2019**

The Higher Learning Commission has extended the Probation sanction of Luna Community College in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

HLC took this action because it determined that the institution remains out of compliance with HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation. The College initially was put on Probation in June 2018 following a period on Show-Cause.

While on Probation, the institution remains accredited, and it has the opportunity to remedy the issues that led to the sanction.

What Probation Means for Students

In most cases, other institutions of higher education will continue to accept the institution’s credits in transfer or for admission to a higher degree program. All colleges and universities define their own transfer and admission policies. Student should contact any institution they plan to attend in the future so they are knowledgeable about the admission and transfer policies for that institution.

Noted Criteria for Accreditation

HLC concluded that the institution remains out of compliance with the following HLC Criteria for Accreditation:

- Criterion Two, Core Component 2.A, “the institution operates with integrity in its financial, academic, personnel, and auxiliary functions; it establishes and follows policies and processes for fair and ethical behavior on the part of its governing board, administration, faculty, and staff.”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.A, “the institution’s resource base supports its current educational programs and its plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future.”

HLC also concluded the institution meets the following HLC Criteria for Accreditation with concerns:

- Criterion Two, Core Component 2.C, “the governing board of the institution is sufficiently autonomous to make decisions in the best interest of the institution and to assure its integrity.”
- Criterion Two, Core Component 2.D, “the institution is committed to freedom of expression and the pursuit of truth in teaching and learning.”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.B, “the institution’s governance and administrative structures promote effective leadership and support collaborative processes that enable the institution to fulfill its mission.”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.C, “the institution engages in systematic and integrated planning.”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.D, “the institution works systematically to improve its performance.”

Next Steps

The institution is required to provide evidence that it has addressed these findings by May 7, 2020 in preparation for HLC's on-site evaluation no later than June 2020. In November 2020, the HLC Board of Trustees will determine whether the institution has demonstrated that it is in compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation and whether Probation can be removed.

About the Higher Learning Commission

The Higher Learning Commission accredits approximately 1,000 colleges and universities that have a home base in one of 19 states that stretch from West Virginia to Arizona. HLC is a private, nonprofit accrediting agency. It is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Questions? Contact info@hlcommission.org or call 312.263.0456.

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