



West Liberty University

Institutional Status and Requirements Report

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Accreditation Status

Accreditation Status:	Accredited
Accredited	01/01/1942 -
Nature of Institution	
Control:	Public
Degrees Awarded:	Associates, Bachelors, Masters

Reaffirmation of Accreditation

Year of Last Reaffirmation of Accreditation: 2017 - 2018
Year of Next Reaffirmation of Accreditation: 2027 - 2028

Accreditation Liaison	Linnea Stenson
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Accreditation Stipulations

General:

Accreditation at the Master's level is limited to Master of Arts in Education, Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies, Master of Professional Studies, Master of Science in Criminology, MBA with concentrations in Management and Entrepreneurship, the Master of Science and Master of Arts in Biology, the Master of Science in Dental Hygiene, the Master of Science in Athletic Training, and the Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology.

Adding or modifying programs at a new degree level may require prior HLC approval. See HLC's Institutional Change policy (INST.F.20.040) and related procedures prior to implementing academic program changes.

Additional Location:

Prior HLC approval required.

Distance and Correspondence Courses and Programs:

Approved for distance education courses and programs. The institution has not been approved for correspondence education.

Accreditation Events

Accreditation Pathway: Open Pathway, Year 2

Upcoming Events:

Comprehensive Evaluation:	2027 - 2028
Quality Initiative Report:	06/01/2027
Quality Initiative Proposal:	06/02/2025
Assurance Review:	05/23/2022

In-process Events:

Monitoring

Upcoming Events:

Interim Report: 05/20/2020

A report on the process used to prepare a new strategic plan, the establishment of KPIs and metrics used to measure success in achieving goals; and plan for keeping both internal and external stakeholders informed regarding progress and adjustments to the strategic plan.

In-process Events:

Institutional Data

Educational Programs Offered

Undergraduate

Associate Degrees	1
Baccalaureate Degrees	27

Graduate

Master's Degrees	9
Specialist Degrees	0
Doctoral Degrees	0

Certificates	2
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Extended Operations**Branch Campuses****Additional Locations**

- Highlands Center, 355 Wharton Circle, Triadelphia, WV, 26059 - Active
- West Virginia Northern Community College/New Martinsville, 141 Main Street, New Martinsville, WV, 26155-1211 - Active
- West Virginia Northern Community College/Weirton, 150 Park Avenue, Weirton, WV, 26062 - Active

Distance Delivery

The stipulation regarding Distance and Correspondence Courses and Programs under the heading Accreditation Stipulations identifies the approval level regarding the institution's offerings. HLC does not display information regarding each distance education offering at an institution.

Correspondence Education

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Contractual Arrangements

52.0201 Business Administration and Management, General - Master - Master in Business Administration - Peregrine Academic Services

Consortial Arrangements**Non-Financial Indicators****Financial Indicators**

Review Date	Indicators	Decision Outcome
11/14/2017	Letter of Explanation	Embedded in Other Process

Other Accreditors

Agency	End Date (If Applicable)
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) - Good Standing Physician Assistant Program	

History

6/4/2019 - Institutional Change: Program, Request Approved. Request for approval to offer the Master of Science in Athletic Training.

4/25/2019 - Monitoring, Interim Report, . A report on the graduate level rigor of all the Master of Science courses in Dental Hygiene and Master of Arts in Clinically Psychology; b) Graduate faculty scholarship/research in the Dental Hygiene program; and c) Syllabi for all first-year graduate courses for each program.

7/31/2018 - Open Comprehensive Evaluation, Interim Report Requested. IAC found that there is insufficient evidence, as noted above, to merit an interim report on communication issues specifically cited in Core Component 5.B of the team report.

IAC voted to allow the institution to select its Pathway based on the finding that the explanation for the team's recommendation does not align with any of HLC's conditions determining placement on the Standard Pathway.

6/11/2018 - Institutional Change: Program, Request Approved with Monitoring. Request for approval to offer the Master of Science in Dental Hygiene.

Embedded change visit:

1. Request to offer the Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology.

IAC modified the due date of the interim report to align with the projected program launch of Fall 2019 for the program. In addition, IAC added a section to the interim report, for clarity about syllabi for first year courses for each program in order to demonstrate graduate level rigor.

1/16/2018 - Monitoring, Interim Report, . A report on the Master of Science in Criminology addressing Criterion 3C(1-4), 3D(1-5) and Criterion 5C(1) due 11/15/17.

1/2/2018 - Monitoring, Interim Report, . A Report on the Master of Business Administration addressing Criterion 3C(1-4) and Criterion 5C(1) due 11/15/17.

11/14/2017 - Financial Indicator Review, Embedded in Other Process.

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7/28/2017 - Quality Initiative Report, Genuine Effort.

6/13/2017 - Institutional Change: Program, Request Approved. Request to offer the Master of Arts in Biology and the Master of Science in Biology.

2/8/2016 - Institutional Change: Program, Request Approved with Monitoring. Request to offer the Master of Business Administration.

2/8/2016 - Institutional Change: Program, Request Approved with Monitoring. Request to offer the Master of Science in Criminology.

8/12/2014 - Institutional Change: Program, Request Approved. Request to offer the Master of Professional Studies - Organizational Leadership.

7/17/2014 - Additional Location Confirmation, Confirmed. West Virginia Northern Community College/New Martinsville

7/14/2014 - Additional Location Confirmation, Confirmed. West Virginia Northern Community College/Weirton

6/27/2014 - Monitoring, Interim Report, Canceled. Successfully completed Academy for Assessment of Student Learning.

5/27/2014 - Quality Initiative Proposal, Proposal Approved.

2/25/2014 - Institutional Change: Distance Delivery, Request Approved. Request for initiation of distance delivery. The authority to initiate and expand the distance education with West Liberty University was granted and documented by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. The university has had previous approval of distance education programs and by state statute no further state approval is required. The IAC felt that the institution addressed the Panel's concerns adequately.

8/8/2013 - Financial Indicator Review, .

5/29/2013 - Desk Review, Certificate Added. Approved the certificate Teacher Education and Professional Development, Specific Subjects Areas, Other: Entrepreneurship

6/21/2012 - , Financial Panel. Affirmed that the institution has addressed financial issues at a satisfactory level

3/27/2012 - Change Visit, New Program Added. Approved the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

6/20/2011 - Desk Review, Additional location. Additional location in Highlands Center.

9/20/2010 - Staff Action, Progress report accepted. Accept the report focused on the implementation of the Master of Arts in Education degree. The institution's next comprehensive evaluation is scheduled for 2017 - 2018.

3/3/2010 - Assessment, Academy Participation. Participating in the Academy for Assessment of Student Learning.

3/3/2009 - Staff Action, Progress report accepted. Accept the report focused on assessment of general studies and educational programs. A follow-up progress report addressing the same issues of assessment of general studies and educational programs is due on 1/30/2011. The institution's next comprehensive evaluation is scheduled for 2017-2018.

9/4/2008 - Evaluators Panel, Highest degree level change. Accreditation at Master's level

9/4/2008 - Evaluators Panel, Progress report required. 2/15/11: report on the implementation of the Master of Arts in Education degree

9/4/2008 - Evaluators Panel, Stipulation changed. Accreditation at the Master's level is limited to the Master of Arts in Education.

5/8/2008 - Continued Accreditation, Accreditation continued.

5/8/2008 - Continued Accreditation, Progress report required. 1/31/09: report on assessment of general studies and educational programs

6/30/2003 - Focused Visit, Focused visit completed. Visit focused on general education and assessment of student learning

7/24/2001 - Staff Action, Limited Courses Approved. Offerings at the graduate level are limited to 5 courses or 20 credit hours.

11/13/1998 - Continued Accreditation, Accreditation continued. Accreditation continued at Bachelor's level

11/13/1998 - Continued Accreditation, Focused Visit Scheduled. Evaluation focused on general education and assessment of student learning.

9/1/1995 - Assessment, Assessment plan reviewed. Assessment plan accepted.

7/5/1990 - Staff Action, Progress report accepted. Report that includes 1) the budget for FY 1989-90, 2) the decision on status of the board of control, and 3) the audit for FY 1987-88 and/or 1988-89.

2/9/1989 - Staff Action, Progress report accepted. Report that includes 1) the budget for FY 1988-89, 2) the decision on status of the board of control, and 3) the audit for FY 1987-88.

2/9/1989 - Staff Action, Progress report required. 12/1/89: report that includes 1) the budget for FY 1989-90, 2) the decision on status of the board of control, and 3) the audit for FY 1987-88 and/or 1988-89.

8/26/1988 - Continued Accreditation, Accreditation continued.

8/26/1988 - Continued Accreditation, Progress report required. 12/1/88: report that includes 1) the budget for FY 1988-89, 2) the decision on status of the board of control, and 3) the audit for FY 1987-88.

2/11/1982 - Staff Action, Progress report accepted. Report on the areas of concern in the team report

7/24/1978 - Continued Accreditation, Accreditation continued.

7/24/1978 - Continued Accreditation, Progress report required. 5/1/81: report on the areas of concern in the team report

7/27/1972 - , Transfer of Accreditation. Voted to transfer the accreditation formerly accorded the Weirton and Wheeling Campuses of West Liberty State College to West Virginia Northern Community College.

7/24/1969 - Staff Action, Progress report accepted. Annual progress reports on 1) administrative changes or reorganization; 2) new facilities

3/27/1968 - Continued Accreditation, Accreditation continued. Accreditation continued at Bachelor's level

3/27/1968 - Continued Accreditation, Progress report required. Annual progress reports on 1) administrative changes or reorganization; 2) new facilities

5/7/1959 - Historical Accreditation Process, Accreditation continued.

1/1/1949 - Historical Accreditation Process, Progress report required. Special finance report

1/1/1948 - Historical Accreditation Process, Progress report required. Special reports on faculty, library and finance

1/1/1944 - Historical Accreditation Process, Progress report accepted. Special report on finance

1/1/1943 - Historical Accreditation Process, Progress report accepted. Library report

1/1/1943 - Historical Accreditation Process, Progress report required. Report on finance

1/1/1942 - Historical Accreditation Process, Accreditation granted.

1/1/1942 - Historical Accreditation Process, Progress report required. Annual reports on low items

1/1/1935 - Historical Accreditation Process, Accreditation denied.