

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDENT
PRESIDENT'S CAMPUS UPDATES



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Dear Colleagues,

Late yesterday we received notice that the ACCJC acted to reaffirm our Accreditation for 18 months and required a Follow-Up Report, due no later than October 1, 2021, followed by a visit from a peer review team. Despite receiving a very positive exit report from our visiting Team Chair, and appealing to the commission during its June meeting, the final Accreditation written report for Cerritos Colleges includes **two compliance recommendations** and one commendation.

Compliance Recommendations:

- In order to meet the standards, the team recommends the college assess the accomplishment of its mission by using student learning outcomes and program review data. It is recommended that the college disaggregate and analyze these data and evaluate the efficacy of strategies to mitigate gaps. **(I.B.5, I.B.6)**
- In order to meet the standards, the team recommends the college identify and regularly assess learning outcomes for courses, programs, certificates, and degrees. In every class section, the course syllabus must include learning outcomes from the officially approved course outline of record. **(II.A.3, I.B.2)**

We are already beginning to work on plans to address the recommendations above and some of the work is already being done. Please be ready to assist the team as we work to meet the standards on the above recommendations.

It is also important to recognize that the commission issued a commendation for the excellent work we are doing at Cerritos College as stated below:

The Commission recognizes the exemplary performance of Cerritos College in the following areas. Commendations signify practices for which the Commission believes the institution has exceeded standards. Standard IV.A.1 (Commendation 1): The Commission commends the college for creating and encouraging innovation leading to institutional excellence by engaging the college and its external communities in developing and sustaining the innovation fund program.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you again for all you do for Cerritos College. Together we will move forward.

Best,
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