



February 25, 2026

Dr. Karin Edwards  
President  
Clark College  
1933 Fort Vancouver Way  
Vancouver, WA 98663

Dear President Edwards:

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 January 27-30, 2026, concerning the Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Clark College.

### **Accreditation**

Reaffirm Accreditation

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

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2024 Ad Hoc Report - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 4: Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Finding Type 1: Fall 2024 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled

### **Commendations**

The Commission commends Clark College for:

1. Utilizing a structured, multi-touch-point orientation and student onboarding program that involves both instruction and professional advising.
2. Faculty, staff, and leadership who display a culture that is committed to student belonging, achievement, and success.
3. Supporting a high level of collaboration between the Office of Planning and Effectiveness and faculty in developing a system of assessment.
4. Its outstanding tutoring program and for using data-informed decision-making to further refine and support the program.

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

The Commission recommends that Clark College:

- Recommendation 4: Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Evaluate its general education outcomes through an effective and regular system that documents student achievement and can lead to improvements in programs and student learning. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.6;1.C.7)
- Recommendation 1: Fall 2024 Ad Hoc Report - Demonstrate consistent use of assessment data to inform institutional planning, decision making, and resource allocation for program and service improvement for all programs and services (academic and nonacademic). (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1)
- Recommendation 1: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Provide evidence that its planning process is inclusive and offers opportunities for comment by appropriate constituencies in order to allocate resources necessary for institutional effectiveness. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.3)
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continue to develop a system of evaluating the quality of learning in its programs and use the results of program learning outcomes assessment to inform academic support planning, resource allocation, and the continuous improvement of student learning. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5;1.C.7)
- Recommendation 3: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Review its academic integrity and student conduct policies to ensure clarity and compliance, and establish clear and

well-communicated processes that are accessible to all campus stakeholders, students, faculty, and staff. (2020 Standard(s) 2.C.2)

#### **Future Evaluations**

- Ad Hoc Report Fall 2026 to address the implementation of the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- Ad Hoc Report with Virtual Visit Fall 2026
  - Recommendation 3: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Ad Hoc Report with Virtual Visit Fall 2027
  - Recommendation 4: Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
  - Recommendation 1: Fall 2024 Ad Hoc Report
  - Recommendation 1: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2028
  - Recommendation 2: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2031
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 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. Chris Bragg, at [cbragg@nwccu.org](mailto:cbragg@nwccu.org).

Sincerely,



Dr. Selena M. Grace  
President

cc: Dr. Cecelia Gayle Martin, Associate VP of Planning and Effectiveness  
Ms. Denise Gideon, Board Chair  
Dr. Linda Samek, Emeritus Administrator, George Fox University  
Mr. Michael Meotti, Executive Director, Washington Student Achievement Council  
Dr. Joyce Hammer, Deputy Executive Director for Education, Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges