



NORTHWEST COMMISSION ON COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NWCCU President Search

ABOUT THE COMMISSION

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), located in Redmond, Washington, is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) as one of the regional organizations that accredit postsecondary institutions within the United States. It is incorporated as a legally established, private 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation for the expressed purpose of accrediting higher education institutions in the seven-state Northwest region which includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. In addition to its accreditation responsibilities within this region, NWCCU oversees accreditation of several Canadian institutions. Its decision-making body is a Board of Commissioners, consisting of up to twenty-six Commissioners who represent the public and the diversity of higher education within the Northwest region.

MISSION:

The mission of the NWCCU is to assure educational quality, enhance institutional effectiveness, and foster continuous improvement of colleges and universities in the Northwest region through analytical institutional self-assessment and critical peer review based upon evaluation criteria that are objectively and equitably applied to institutions with diverse missions, characteristics, and cultures.

HISTORY OF NWCCU:

In 2003, the NWCCU replaced the Commission on Colleges and Universities that was originally part of the Northwest Association of Schools and of Colleges and Universities, a voluntary, nongovernmental organization for the improvement of educational institutions founded in 1917.

The NWCCU and its predecessors have been listed since 1952 by the USDE as a nationally recognized accrediting agency for institutions offering programs of at least one academic year in length at the postsecondary level. The Commission's recognition was most recently reaffirmed by the USDE in 2015.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available on the Commission's website (www.nwccu.org).

THE POSITION:

The President is the chief executive officer of the Commission (a non-profit corporation) and provides supervision and leadership over the activities and operations of the Commission, subject to control of the Board of Commissioners. His/Her responsibilities in this capacity include the recruitment, training, and development of commissioners and peer evaluators. He/She is the chief advisor to, and the principal agent of, the Board. As such, he/she is responsible for maintaining excellent working relationships with the presidents of institutions that are involved with NWCCU accreditation. The President is responsible for the appointment of professional staff officers,

management of fiscal operations, the management of all personnel matters for permanent staff, support personnel and independent contractors, as well as management of the Commission's real estate. The President executes and acknowledges, in the name of the Commission, contracts or other instruments authorized by the Board of Commissioners.

As the principal external representative of the Commission, the President articulates its mission and vision to multiple audiences including higher education, governmental and other public policy entities. He/She will maintain the Commission as a leader in higher education quality assurance and improvement through various means, including appropriate networks in higher education, other regional accreditation organizations, and government.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience with regional, professional or institutional accreditation, including experience as an evaluator
- Broad understanding of the higher education environment (non-profit, proprietary, online education, etc.) and issues facing education providers
- Extensive administrative experience, including some at the senior level
- Experience in higher education
- Evidence of values and behaviors that display integrity and diplomacy
- Excellent written, analytical, and communication skills
- Strong managerial and supervisory skills
- Proven record of success in working with engaged and active boards
- Evidence of employing strategic approaches to problem-solving
- Experience with management and supervision of volunteers
- Terminal degree in candidate's professional field

THE APPOINTMENT AND SEARCH

The projected start date for the new President of NWCCU is September 1, 2017. No appointment will be made without a background check of the successful candidate.

Applications should consist of a statement of qualifications and interest, curriculum vita, and contact information for at least three professional references. Submission of required application materials must be done electronically using this link:

<https://form.jotform.us/70755229908162>

The position is open until filled. Review of applications will begin on April 30, 2017.

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