



May 15, 2020

Dear President/Chancellor/CEO/ALO:

The U.S. Department of Education [today announced](#) it has extended current guidance related to distance education review requirements through December 31, 2020. This approval provides NWCCU institutions the flexibility to create and implement remote learning/distance education programs for students during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

At the beginning of March 2020, we notified you that the U.S. Department of Education [posted regulatory flexibilities](#) for institutions to continue to serve students amidst challenges posed by the pandemic. At that time, broad approval was provided to institutions to use online technologies to accommodate students on a temporary basis to help them complete the term in which they were currently enrolled.

Today's notice expands upon the previous guidance to include accommodations through the end of the calendar year.

We will provide additional guidance as and when appropriate. Please contact us if you need additional information or have questions.

Thank you for your diligence to ensure your students, staff, and faculty remain healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Sonny Ramaswamy  
President