



March 1, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dan King, President
Red Lake Nation College
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Dear President King:

This letter is formal notification of action taken by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Board of Trustees (“the Board”) concerning Red Lake Nation College (“the Institution”). This action is effective as of the date the Board acted, February 25, 2021. In taking this action, the Board considered materials from the most recent comprehensive evaluation, including, but not limited to: the Assurance Filing the Institution submitted, the report from the comprehensive evaluation team, the report of the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) Hearing Committee, and the institutional responses to these reports.

Summary of the Action: The Institution has been granted initial accreditation. The Institution is approved at the following program level: Associate's. The Institution is not approved at the following program levels: Bachelor's, Master's, Specialist, Doctoral. The Institution is limited to offer the following programs, within the approved program levels listed above: Associate of Arts in Liberal Education and Associate of Applied Science in Social and Behavioral Sciences. Any new program(s) may require prior HLC approval.

Board Rationale

The Board based its action on the following findings made with regard to the Institution as well as the entire record before the Board:

Red Lake Nation College meets the Eligibility Requirements, the Assumed Practices, and the Criteria for Accreditation, including all Core Components without any concerns.

Red Lake Nation College is currently in compliance with all Federal Compliance Requirements.

Next Steps in the HLC Review Process

Comprehensive Evaluation: The Institution is assigned to the Standard Pathway for its initial ten-year cycle. An institution in its first cycle of accreditation undergoes a comprehensive evaluation and

is considered for reaffirmation of accreditation in Year 4 of the ten-year cycle. If reaffirmation of accreditation is granted in Year 4, the institution moves to Year 5 and continues on the Standard Pathway until it completes the ten-year cycle.¹ The Institution will host its next comprehensive evaluation for reaffirmation of accreditation (Year 4) in 2024-25.

HLC Disclosure Obligations

The Board action resulted in changes that will be reflected in the institution's Statement of Accreditation Status as well as the Institutional Status and Requirements Report. The Statement of Accreditation Status, including the dates of the last and next comprehensive evaluation visits, will be posted to the HLC website.

HLC policy² requires that a summary of Board actions be sent to appropriate state and federal agencies and accrediting associations. It also will be published on HLC's website. The summary will include this HLC action regarding the institution.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have questions about any of the information in this letter, please contact your HLC Staff Liaison, Dr. John Marr.

Sincerely,



Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

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¹ INST.C.10.010, Substantive Requirements for Reaffirmation of Accreditation

² COMM.A.10.010, Commission Public Notices and Statements