Public Disclosure:
Leech Lake Tribal College status continues as “Accredited – Probation”
Effective: November 7, 2019

The Higher Learning Commission has extended the Probation sanction for Leech Lake Tribal College in Cass Lake, Minnesota.

HLC took this action because it determined that the institution remains out of compliance with HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation. The College initially was put on Probation in November 2017.

While on Probation, the institution remains accredited, and it has the opportunity to remedy the issues that led to the sanction.

What Probation Means for Students
In most cases, other institutions of higher education will continue to accept the institution’s credits in transfer or for admission to a higher degree program. All colleges and universities define their own transfer and admission policies. Student should contact any institution they plan to attend in the future so they are knowledgeable about the admission and transfer policies for that institution.

Noted Criteria for Accreditation
HLC concluded that the institution is out of compliance with the following HLC Criteria for Accreditation:

- Criterion Two, Core Component 2.C, “the governing board of the institution is sufficiently autonomous to make decisions in the best interest of the institution and to assure its integrity”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.B, “the institution demonstrates a commitment to educational achievement and improvement through ongoing assessment of student learning”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.B, “the institution’s governance and administrative structures promote effective leadership and support collaborative processes that enable the institution to fulfill its mission”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.C, “the institution engages in systematic and integrated planning”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.D, “the institution works systematically to improve its performance”

HLC also concluded the institution met the following HLC Criteria for Accreditation, but with concerns:

- Criterion Three, Core Component 3.C, “the institution has the faculty and staff needed for effective, high-quality programs and student services”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.A, “the institution demonstrates responsibility for the quality of its educational programs”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.C, “the institution demonstrates a commitment to educational improvement through ongoing attention to retention, persistence, and completion rates in its degree and certificate programs”

Next Steps
The College is required to provide evidence that it has addressed these issues by May 7, 2020 in preparation
for HLC’s on-site evaluation no later than June 2020. In November 2020, the HLC Board of Trustees will
determine whether the institution has demonstrated that it is in compliance with the Criteria for
Accreditation such that Probation can be removed.

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