

January 10, 2025

Dr. Joseph Shepard
President
Western New Mexico University
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Dear President Shepard:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Western New Mexico University (the institution) by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on January 7, 2025. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

Action. IAC continued and reaffirmed the accreditation of Western New Mexico University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2034-35.

In taking this action, the IAC considered materials from the most recent evaluation and the institutional response (if applicable) to the evaluation findings.

In two weeks, this action will be added to the *Institutional Status and Requirements (ISR) Report*, a resource for the institution to review and manage information regarding its accreditation relationship. Chief Executive Officers and Accreditation Liaison Officers may download the ISR Report in Canopy at <https://canopy.hlcommission.org>.

Within the next 30 days, HLC will also publish information about this action on its website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/Student-Resources/recent-actions>.

Please note: Revisions to HLC's Criteria for Accreditation and Assumed Practices will go into effect on September 1, 2025. Institutions will be evaluated against these revised HLC requirements for all reviews conducted after that date, including reviews related to previously assigned monitoring. Institutional reports submitted on or after September 1, 2025, or institutional reports or Assurance Arguments for visits that will take place on or after September 1, 2025, should be written to the revised version of the Criteria or Assumed Practices as applicable. More information, including a crosswalk between the current and revised versions of the Criteria, is available on HLC's website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/criteria>.

If you have any questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact the institution's staff liaison, Steph Brzuzy. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

cc: Connie Rooks, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Steph Brzuzy, HLC Staff Liaison