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NWCCU Accreditation Spring 2022 Update

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UAS Accreditation Timeline

- July 2019: Reaffirmation of Accreditation
- April 2022: Year 3: Mid-Cycle Review
- April 2026: Year 7: Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness



April 2022 Mid-Cycle Review Visit - What to expect...

- April 14 & 15, 2022
- Team of two – virtual....or not!
- Formative Evaluation - Evaluators provide feedback as we progress towards Year 7 *Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness*
- “Less Intense” than our April 2019 visit
- Areas of focus include mission fulfillment, student achievement, and assessment of student learning



Mid-Cycle Self Evaluation – What will it include?

- Report due to NWCCU February 28, 2022. Probably less than 30 pages! Check out some examples:
 - [University of Alaska Anchorage](#)
 - [Montana State University Billings](#)
- Executive Summary – describe our efforts towards Mission Fulfillment
 - Strategic Plan – Mission, Vision, Values and Core Objectives
 - Efforts to identify metrics and goals to measure fulfillment of Core Objectives



Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation – What will it include?

- Focus on Student Achievement
 - What are our student achievement measures, and ongoing self-reflection
 - Comparative data from at least five institutions
 - Published indicators including (but not limited to) persistence, completion, retention, and post-graduation success student *disaggregated by race, ethnicity, age, gender, socioeconomic status, first generation college student, Pell status, etc.*



Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation – What will it include?

- Examples of Programmatic Assessment
 - At least two program assessments as evidence of a continuous process of improvement that best represent UAS's institutional assessment efforts
 - Programs that are approved by a CHEA-recognized accreditor are discouraged



Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation – What will it include?

- How Will We Move Forward?
 - Reflections on efforts or initiative we plan on undertaking as we prepare for our Year Seven Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Alaska Native Success Initiative
 - Strategic Enrollment Plan Task Force
 - Retention Workgroup
 - Provost Assessment Program Workgroup
 - And more.....



Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation – What will it include?

- Last but not least, address prior recommendations:
 - Stabilize its administrative team and structure, as well as employ a sufficient number of qualified personnel, in order to fulfill its mission and achieve its strategic priorities
 - Expand on the strong progress made in the analysis and use of disaggregated demographic and learning outcomes data in order to support the evaluation of mission fulfillment
 - Revise and refine its objectives and indicators to better inform its future planning and decision-making



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