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<p>Prior to this year, Grays Harbor College hosted its last NWCCU visit in 2006. The evaluation team found, at that time, that GHC had successfully addressed all previous recommendations and made <u>no</u> new recommendations.</p> <p>Between September 2010 and March 2011, all areas of the college were actively involved in preparing the comprehensive Self-Evaluation in preparation for the April 27-29, 2011 full scale on-site visit by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU):</p> <p>http://www.ghc.edu/admin/accreditation/Self_Study_2011.pdf</p>		

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<p>The Peer Evaluation Committee Report: http://www.ghc.edu/admin/accreditation/2011_Peer_Evaluation.pdf</p> <p><u>Grays Harbor College's accreditation was reaffirmed by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities on July 11, 2011.</u></p> <p><u>Commendations as a result of 2011 Accreditation Evaluation:</u></p> <p><u>Leadership</u> <u>Commendation</u></p> <p>The evaluators commend the President and senior administrators for their leadership and inclusive approach to formulating the mission, core values and strategic directions. Faculty and staff appear to have high levels of confidence in the administration's effective leadership and management for the collaborative work of the College.</p> <p><u>Strategic Planning</u> <u>Commendations</u></p> <p>The evaluators commend the College for the care with which the Core Themes, Objectives, Outcomes and Indicators of Achievement have been defined. Contributions to the design and assessment of the core themes came from multiple constituents on the campus – evidence of strong support from all members of the College community.</p>		

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<p><u>Strategic Planning Continued</u> <u>Commendation</u> The evaluators commend the College’s fiscal discipline. More than three years into a deep and continuing recession in the State of Washington, the College remains committed to minimizing the impact of its fiscal challenges on College programs and services and to helping ensure mission fulfillment.</p> <p><u>Measurement/Analysis/Knowledge Management</u> <u>Commendation</u> The evaluators commend Grays Harbor College for its efforts in developing and using student learning assessment data. The integration of program outcomes, desired student abilities, course outcomes and the ongoing instructional review process provide an excellent framework for assessing student learning.</p> <p><u>Customer/Market Focus</u> <u>Commendation</u> The evaluators commend the faculty and staff for their unwavering commitment to the students and the community. The College has created a nurturing and vibrant learning environment, encourages student engagement outside the classroom, and has made service to community an integral part of its culture.</p>		<p>http://www.ghc.edu/instruction/assessment/Instructional_Review/Course_level_faculty_reports/2011/index.htm</p> <p>http://www.ghc.edu/instruction/assessment/Instructional_Review/Program_review/2011/index.htm</p>

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<p><u>Recommendations</u> as a result of 2011 Accreditation Evaluation:</p> <p><u>Strategic Planning Recommendation:</u></p> <p>The evaluators recommend that Grays Harbor College develop a robust system for the collection and analysis of appropriately defined data to fully inform the planning and evaluation process for the institution, its programs and services, as well as core theme objectives and mission fulfillment.</p> <p><u>Measurement/Analysis/Knowledge Management Recommendation</u></p> <p>The evaluators recommend that Grays Harbor College develop feedback mechanisms that more systematically use assessment data to improve practices and make changes to programs and services in support of mission fulfillment</p>	<p><u>Data Collection and Analysis actions taken to date:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GHC has been selected as an “Achieving the Dream” college and the core team (made up of administrators and faculty) attended a intensive training session June 12-15, 2011. 2. Board of Trustee members, along with the college President, participated in the Governance Institute for Student Success (GISS) June 26-28, 2011. 3. Board of Trustees and college’s Executive Leadership Team participated in a retreat on July 19, 2011 to discuss the college’s Strategic Planning, Mission Fulfillment, and mission core theme indicators in light of accreditation recommendations and GISS information. These discussions will expand to the larger college community as the 2011-2012 academic year progresses. 4. Instructional Managers and Division Chairs have reviewed Core Theme indicators in light of Student Achievement data and Achieving the Dream goals. 5. The topic of the fall 2011 faculty in-service included assessment, data and system efficiencies. 6. The Fall All-College Kick-off reviewed the accreditation recommendations and introduced this year’s theme of establishing “A Culture of Evidence”. 7. Fall quarter 2011 will be used to review cohort data to determine what strategies, based on evidence, can best improve student success. 	<p>The college has a much clearer understanding of how to access, analyze, and synthesize data to determine mission fulfillment. All areas of the college are focused on establishing a culture of evidence for student success.</p>