

BMCC to undergo accreditation process

PENDLETON, Ore. – Blue Mountain Community College will partake in its required 7-year review during an accreditation process Oct. 8-10, which will determine if BMCC's educational programs have been intelligently devised, and that it can continue to offer degree programs. The accreditation process, which occurs in years 1, 3, and 7 of the seven-year cycle, is required by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) for all higher education institutions in the seven-state Northwest region of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. The NWCCU Board of Commissioners will send a team of peer evaluators to Pendleton for the accreditation process.

Accreditation status granted by NWCCU is recognition that an institution's own purpose is soundly conceived, that its educational programs have been intelligently devised, and that its structure, resources, and programs support and result in substantial accomplishment of the institution's stated purposes. During the accreditation process, BMCC is expected to provide the NWCCU representatives with access to all aspects of its operations, including accurate information about its affairs, and reports of other accrediting, licensing, and auditing agencies. In addition, BMCC is expected to provide NWCCU with information requested during the scheduled on-site visit Oct. 8-10.

The NWCCU is expected to release its results of the accreditation process to BMCC sometime in the spring of 2015.

During the NWCCU's visit to BMCC for the accreditation process, representatives will be invited to join students and faculty in the annual Welcome Back Barbeque on Oct. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.