

Western New Mexico University

Institutional Status and Requirements Report

Institution and Contact Information

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Accreditation Status:

Accreditation Status:	Accredited
Accredited	01/01/1942 -
Inactive-Withdrawn	01/01/1933 - 12/31/1941
Accredited	01/01/1926 - 12/31/1932

Nature of Institution

Control:	Public
Degrees Awarded:	Associates, Bachelors, Masters

Reaffirmation of Accreditation:

Year of Last Reaffirmation of Accreditation:	2024 - 2025
Year of Next Reaffirmation of Accreditation:	2034 - 2035

Accreditation Stipulations

General:

The institution is approved at the following program level(s): Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's

The institution is not approved at the following program level(s): Specialist, Doctoral

Any new program(s) may require prior HLC approval. See HLC's Institutional Substantive Change policy (INST.F.20.040) and related procedures prior to implementing academic program changes.

Distance and Correspondence Courses and Programs:

Approved for distance education courses and programs. The institution has not been approved for correspondence education.

Additional Locations:

Prior HLC approval required.

Accreditation Events

Pathway for Reaffirmation of Accreditation: Open Pathway Year 1

Upcoming Reviews:

Comprehensive Evaluation Visit -	2034 - 2035
Federal Compliance Review -	2034 - 2035
Quality Initiative Report -	06/01/2034
Quality Initiative Proposal -	06/01/2032
Assurance Review -	2028 - 2029

In-Process Reviews:

No In-Process Reviews

Monitoring

Upcoming Reviews:

No Upcoming Reviews

In-Process Reviews:

No In-Process Reviews

Institutional Designations

No Designations

Institutional Data

Academic Programs Offered

Undergraduate

Associate Degrees 15

Baccalaureate Degrees 43

Graduate

Master's Degrees 17

Specialist Degrees 0

Doctoral Degrees 0

Certificates 61

Contractual Arrangements

No Contractual Arrangements

Off-Campus Activities

Branch Campuses

No Branch Campuses

Additional Locations

Deming Mimbres Education Center, PO BOX 1235, Deming, New Mexico, 88031, United States - Active

Other Recognized Accreditors

Accreditor	Program	Status	End Date
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing	Associate's in Nursing	Resigned	
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education	OTM	Resigned	
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education	OTA	Resigned	
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	Master's Nursing Program	Adverse Action	04-24-2023
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	Baccalaureate Nursing Program	Good Standing	
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	Master's Nursing Program	Good Standing	

History:

01/07/2025, Comprehensive Evaluation Visit, Reaffirm Accreditation.

11/04/2024, Federal Compliance Review, .

06/27/2024, Quality Initiative Report, Genuine Effort. Quality Initiative Report

08/25/2021, Quality Initiative Proposal, Accepted. Quality Initiative Proposal

02/01/2021, Interim Report, Accepted. A report on faculty and staff qualifications.

01/29/2021, Interim Report, Accepted. A report on program review.

09/09/2020, Interim Report, Accepted. A report on mission and student learning outcomes.

06/15/2020, Institutional Change Determination - Program, Request Approved. Request for approval to offer the Bachelor in Instructional Technology Design, CIP: 13.0501.

10/22/2019, Assurance Review, Review Completed with Monitoring.

07/30/2018, Institutional Change Determination - Program, Request Approved. Request for approval to offer the Master of Nursing in Community & Rural/Frontier Health and Post-Master's Certificate for Family Nurse Practitioner. Master's degree CIP: 51.3811. Post-Master's FNP CIP: 51.3805.

06/28/2016, Institutional Change Determination - Location, Request Approved. Request to open an additional location: Glendale Community College, 6000 W Olive Ave, Life Science Building, Glendale, AZ 85302. Location opens: 8/1/2016.

12/09/2015, Financial Indicator, .

10/26/2015, Institutional Change Determination - Program, Request Approved. Request to offer the Associate of Applied Science and Certificate in Construction Technology.

09/14/2015, Institutional Change Determination - Program, Request Approved. Request to offer the Pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

01/27/2015, Institutional Change Determination - Program, Request Approved. Request to offer the Associate in Human Services.

10/28/2014, Quality Checkup, Continue Accreditation.

08/12/2014, Institutional Change Desk Review - Program, Request Approved. Request to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Cosmetology and open an additional location: Southwest School of Cosmetology - WNMU Annex, 857 Silver Heights Blvd., Silver City, NM 88061. Location opened: 3/25/2014.

08/12/2014, Institutional Change Determination - Program, Request Approved. Request to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Cosmetology and open an additional location: Southwest School of Cosmetology - WNMU Annex, 857 Silver Heights Blvd., Silver City, NM 88061. Location opened: 3/25/2014.

02/17/2014, Systems Appraisal, .

08/06/2013, Non-Financial Indicator, .

09/01/2012, Multi-Location Visit, .

11/19/2010, Strategy Forum, .

02/11/2010, Systems Appraisal, .

08/28/2009, AQIP, Distance education wording changed. No Prior Commission Required.

08/17/2009, Institutional Change Determination - Distance Delivery, . AQIP REVIEW PANEL: Request to offer all programs online (d2.4)

06/10/2008, Staff Action, New degree site wording amended. The Commission's Streamlined Approval Process is only available for offering existing degree programs at new sites within the state.

05/08/2008, AQIP, Distance education wording. Prior Commission approval required to offer degrees other than the Bachelor of Applied Science in Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Arts in Rehabilitation Services, and Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

04/28/2008, Institutional Change Determination - Distance Delivery, . Request to offer three of their existing degree programs online

12/13/2007, AQIP, Reaffirmation of Accreditation.

12/13/2007, Quality Checkup, . AQIP quality checkup visit for Western New Mexico University.

03/28/2007, , Quality Checkup Report.

01/29/2005, Strategy Forum, .

11/09/2004, AQIP, System Portfolio Appraisal.

11/01/2004, Systems Appraisal, .

06/01/2002, Interim Report, . on assessment

01/08/2002, AQIP, Action Project Annual Update.

02/11/2001, Strategy Forum, .

11/28/2000, AQIP, Participation in AQIP. Agreement signed for Participation in AQIP

11/28/2000, AQIP, Schedule Reaffirm. of Accred.. Current accreditation status extended to 2007-08.

07/31/1997, Comprehensive Evaluation Visit, .

07/31/1997, Continued Accreditation, Accreditation continued.

07/31/1997, Continued Accreditation, Progress report required. 6/1/02: report on assessment

02/28/1992, Continued Accreditation, New Site Added. Add campus in Gallup, New Mexico.

02/28/1992, Continued Accreditation, Accreditation continued.

09/01/1991, Comprehensive Evaluation Visit, .

06/22/1990, Staff Recommendation, Visit postponed. Next comprehensive postponed to 1991-92.

06/22/1984, Focused Visit, Focused Visit Completed. Evaluation focused on: 1) the results of the academic reorganization--as it affected program developments in the General College, as it impacted the dissolution of departments, and as it affected the effectiveness of the roles of dean and discipline coordinators, 2) the impact of policies and procedures outlined in the revised faculty handbook, 3) the viability of the institution's long-range planning process, including plans for capital improvement and construction, new programs, faculty acquisition, computer facilities and utilization and other areas encompassed by the long-range planning documents.

09/01/1983, Focused Visit, .

10/27/1981, Continued Accreditation, Focused Visit Scheduled. Evaluation focused on: 1) the results of the academic reorganization--as it affected program developments in the General College, as it impacted the dissolution of departments, and as it affected the effectiveness of the roles of dean and discipline coordinators, 2) the impact of policies and procedures outlined in the revised faculty handbook, 3) the viability of the institution's long-range planning process, including plans for capital improvement and construction, new programs, faculty acquisition, computer facilities and utilization and other areas encompassed by the long-range planning documents.

10/27/1981, Continued Accreditation, Accreditation continued.

03/01/1981, Comprehensive Evaluation Visit, .

03/10/1980, Staff Action, Visit postponed. Next comprehensive postponed to 1980-81.

07/23/1977, Staff Action, Progress report accepted. Report to include: auditors' reports, enrollment figures, and information on the steps taken to continue changes in the general area of improved interpersonal relationships among faculty, staff and students.

07/18/1976, Staff Action, Progress report accepted. Report to include: auditors' reports, enrollment figures, and information on the steps taken to continue changes in the general area of improved interpersonal relationships among faculty, staff and students.

07/24/1975, Continued Accreditation, Accreditation continued. Accreditation continued at Master's level

07/24/1975, Continued Accreditation, Probation withdrawn.

07/24/1975, Continued Accreditation, Progress report required. 5/1/76: report to include: auditors' reports, enrollment figures, and information on the steps taken to continue changes in the general area of improved interpersonal relationships among faculty, staff and students.

04/01/1975, Comprehensive Evaluation Visit, .

04/01/1974, Change Visit, Consultant Assigned.

03/28/1973, Change Visit, Comp Scheduled.

10/01/1972, Change Visit, Consultant Assigned.

07/28/1972, Continued Accreditation, Probation continued.

07/30/1971, Continued Accreditation, Accreditation continued.

07/30/1971, Continued Accreditation, Placed on Probation. Placed on private probation

04/01/1969, Change Visit, Consultant Assigned.

07/26/1968, Continued Accreditation, Accreditation continued. Accreditation continued at Master's level

04/14/1958, Historical Accreditation Process, Accreditation continued.

04/04/1952, Historical Change Process, Highest Degree Change. Accreditation at Master's level

12/01/1950, Historical Accreditation Process, Progress report required. Special report requested after a special investigation with respect to complaints re: control and tenure conditions at the College.

12/01/1949, Historical Change Process, Deg. Chge. Request in Progress.

06/01/1949, Historical Change Process, Deg. Chge. Request in Progress. Special reports under revised graduate procedure requested

01/01/1948, Historical Change Process, Deg. Chge. Request in Progress. Institution requested approval of extension of program to include work leading to the Master's degree. Special reports on faculty, library, finance submitted.

01/01/1943, Historical Accreditation Process, Progress report accepted. Library report

01/01/1942, Historical Accreditation Process, Progress report required. Annual reports on low items

01/01/1942, Historical Accreditation Process, Accreditation granted.

01/01/1940, Historical Accreditation Process, Accreditation denied.

01/01/1933, Historical Accreditation Process, Withdrawal of Status. Dropped from the college list because of poor educational conditions

01/01/1931, Historical Accreditation Process, Accreditation continued. Transferred to list of colleges and universities

01/01/1930, Historical Accreditation Process, Accreditation continued. Declined accrediting as a college; continued on teacher-training list

01/01/1928, Historical Accreditation Process, Accreditation continued.

01/01/1926, Historical Accreditation Process, Accreditation granted. First accredited as a teacher-training institution

