



The Commission confirms the interim report scheduled for Spring 2023 and asks that, in addition to the information in all interim reports and the matters specified in our letter of December 5, 2018, the report provide an update on the institution's success in offering and assessing its distance education courses and academic programs. We understand that "some of the changes made as a result of the pandemic may become permanent" and Nashua Community College may offer an increased number of distance education courses. The Commission looks forward to an update on NCC's "success in implementing the results of its planning" (2.5) in this regard. We are further guided here by our standards on The Academic Program and Educational Effectiveness:

The institution offering programs and courses for abbreviated or concentrated time periods or via distance or correspondence learning demonstrates that students completing these programs or courses acquire levels of knowledge, understanding, and competencies equivalent to those achieved in similar programs offered in more traditional time periods and modalities. Programs and courses are designed to ensure an opportunity for reflection and for analysis of the subject matter (4.45).

The institution defines measures of student success and levels of achievement appropriate to its mission, modalities and locations of instruction, and student body, including any specifically recruited populations. These measures include rates of progression, retention, transfer, and graduation; default and loan repayment rates; licensure passage rates; and employment. The institution ensures that information about student success is easily accessible on its website (8.6).

The Commission expressed appreciation for the report submitted by Nashua Community College and hopes that its preparation has contributed to institutional improvement. It appreciates your cooperation with the effort to provide public assurance of the quality of higher education.

You are encouraged to share this letter with all of the institution's constituencies. It is Commission policy to inform the chairperson of the institution's governing board and the head of the system of action on its accreditation status. In a few days we will be sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Jeremy Hitchcock and Dr. Susan D. Huard. The institution is free to release information about the evaluation and the Commission's action to others, in accordance with the enclosed policy on Public Disclosure of Information about Affiliated Institutions.

If you have any questions about the Commission's action, please contact Lawrence M. Schall, President of the Commission.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Jeremy Hitchcock  
Dr. Susan D. Huard

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