



June 23, 2017

Dr. Dianne Van Hook
Chancellor
College of the Canyons
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Dear Chancellor Van Hook:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 7-9, 2017, reviewed the Midterm Report and evidentiary materials submitted by College of the Canyons. College leadership, including the president of the governing board and the College president, certified the College's report. The purpose of the Commission's review was to determine whether the College continues to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies (hereafter called Standards). The Commission also examined the College's implementation of its own plans for improvement that were identified in the 2014 Institutional Self-Evaluation Report.

After considering the material noted above, the Commission finds that the College has sustained the work accomplished since the last comprehensive evaluation and has maintained compliance with Standards. The College reported on the work accomplished to address Recommendations written to improve institutional effectiveness, discussed its progress on the actionable improvement plans that arose from the 2014 self-evaluation process, and provided a trend analysis of its institution-set standards for student achievement and related data from its annual reports.

The College's next comprehensive review will occur in **spring 2022**. The Commission encourages College of the Canyons to focus its attention on improving student learning and student achievement as it continues its work to assure and improve quality.

The Commission requires the College give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to College staff and to those who were signatories to the Midterm Report, and to make these documents available to all campus constituencies and the public by posting them to the College website. Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.

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On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the work that College of the Canyons undertook to prepare the Midterm Report. Thank you for sharing the values and the work of accreditation to ensure educational quality and to support student success. Accreditation and peer review are most effective when the College and the ACCJC work together to focus on student outcomes and continuous quality improvement in higher education.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter or the Commission action, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the ACCJC Vice Presidents. We would be glad to help you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Winn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Winn, Ed.D.
Interim President

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