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The University of Wyoming has been continuously accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) since 1923.

www.uwyo.edu/accreditation

UW HLC Peer Review Visit November 18-19, 2019 Laramie and Casper

Each week until the HLC peer review team visit, the UW HLC Ops Group is sending news shorts to help you prepare for their visit!



The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accredits higher education institutions in the 19-state north-central region of the U.S. They comprehensively review UW every 10 years to affirm that we meet the [criteria](#) for continued accreditation.



Continued accreditation by HLC assures that UW can offer federal financial aid for its programs, and makes it possible for UW to receive grants and scholarship funding from government agencies, foundations and other funders who

typically only fund regionally accredited universities. Our students are also able to seek admission to graduate and professional programs that require applicants to have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In addition, a professional license in fields such as nursing or teaching usually requires a degree from a regionally accredited school.



Meet the Team!

UW will host a team of seven peer reviewers in Laramie and Casper Nov. 18-19, 2019. The team will have read a profile we prepared of how UW strives to meet the criteria for accreditation and continuously improve. This profile, the UW Assurance Argument, helps them get to know us. They'll meet with students, faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees while they're here. Our peer team is:

Dr. Jan Murphy, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Illinois State University

Dr. Valerie Lastinger, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, West Virginia University

Dr. Curtis Coonrod, Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Mr. Scott Ellinghuysen, Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO, Winona State University

Dr. Candiss Baksa Vibbert, Associate Provost for Special Initiatives, Purdue University

Dr. Janet A. Haggerty, Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, University of Tulsa

Mr. Paul Goldblatt, Division Assessment Officer, Michigan State University



Review [UW's mission statement](#) and our [current strategic plan](#).

Read our **executive summary of our Assurance Argument**, posted at our [UW HLC Accreditation](#) site.

Be available when the HLC team is on campus. We will have a formal schedule prior to the visit after the team reads our assurance argument and knows who they want to meet with.

Up Next...

Next week we'll highlight the [criteria for accreditation](#) and give some sample questions you might get from the Peer Review Team!