

LTCC awarded 7-year accreditation

Lake Tahoe Community College received accreditation for seven years, the highest level of accreditation possible from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

It means LTCC substantially met or exceeded all of the eligibility requirements, accreditation standards and commission policies of the ACCJC.

The evaluation team found that the college had a comprehensive, well-written self-evaluation document and related evidence developed through broad participation from all groups on campus – staff, students, faculty, and the administration. In addition, the visiting team found that the college had done its job of identifying gaps and issues on its own, and had taken the initiative to draft its own action plans for continuous improvement.

A college's accreditation status is important for several reasons. For one, all federal financial aid funding is tied to a college's accreditation status. In 2016-17, LTCC handed out approximately \$1.75 million in federal financial aid to approximately 600 students. Accreditation is also important because it ensures that the credits a student earns at LTCC are transferable to other colleges or universities.

The next full review will be in fall 2024.