



The Higher Learning Commission

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February 17, 2010

President/District Director James Lee Rasch
Western Technical College
400 Seventh Street North PO Box C-0908
La Crosse, WI 54602-0908

Dear President Rasch:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning Western Technical College by The Higher Learning Commission. At its meeting on February 10, 2010, the Institutional Actions Council voted to extend your accreditation to include relocation of the site in Tomah and a new site in LaCrosse, WI. The Commission Board of Trustees validated that action on February 17, 2010. The date of this letter constitutes the effective date of this new status with the Commission.

I have enclosed your institution's *Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS)* and *Organizational Profile (OP)*. The *SAS* is a summary of your organization's ongoing relationship with the Commission. The *OP* is generated from data you provided in your most recent (2008-09) Annual Institutional Data Update. If the current Commission action included changes to the demographic, site, or distance education information you reported in your Annual Institutional Data Update, we have made the changes on the *Organizational Profile*. No other organizational information was changed.

The attached *Statement of Affiliation Status* and *Organizational Profile* will be posted to the Commission website on Monday, March 1. Before this public disclosure however, I ask that you verify the information in both documents and inform Stephen D. Spangehl, your staff liaison, before Friday, February 26 of any concerns that you may have about these documents. Information about notifying the public of this action is found in Chapter 8.3-3 and 8.3-4 of the *Handbook of Accreditation, Third Edition*.

Please be aware of Commission policy on planned or proposed organizational changes that require Commission action before their initiation. You will find the Commission's change policy in Chapter 7.2 of the *Handbook of Accreditation*. If you have any questions about how planned institutional changes might affect your relationship with the Commission, please write or call Stephen D. Spangehl.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you and your associates for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Manning
President

Enclosure: Statement of Affiliation Status
Organizational Profile

cc: Chair of the Board



STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION STATUS

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
400 Seventh Street North PO Box C-0908
La Crosse, WI 54602-0908

Affiliation Status: Candidate: 1970*
Accreditation: (1972-)

AQIP PARTICIPANT

Nature of Organization

Legal Status: Public
Degrees Awarded: A

Conditions of Affiliation:

Stipulations on Affiliation Status: None
Approval of New Degree Sites: Prior Commission approval required.
Approval of Distance Education Degrees: Prior Commission approval required for distance education programs other than the Health Information Technology and the Supervisory Management programs, offered at the Associates degree level.
Reports Required: None.
Other Visits Scheduled: Site Confirmation: 2010 - 2011; A Site Confirmation visit will take place within six months of the opening of the Tomah Regional Learning Center new location.

Summary of Commission Review

Year of Admission to AQIP: 09/14/2000
Year of Last PEAQ Comprehensive Evaluation: 1991 - 1992
Year of Last Systems Appraisal: 2007 - 2008
Year of Next Systems Appraisal: 2011 - 2012
Year of Last Reaffirmation of Accreditation: 2007 - 2008
Year of Next Reaffirmation of Accreditation: 2014 - 2015
Date of Last Action: 02/17/2010

Name Change:
Western Wisconsin Technical Institute to Western Wisconsin Technical College (8/19/87) to Western Technical College (3/29/06)



ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

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Enrollment Demographics (by headcount) (HLC Posted: 04/15/2009)

	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>
Undergraduate:	1837	2768
Graduate:	0	0
Post-baccalaureate First Professional:	0	0
Non-Credit headcount:	4540	

Educational Programs (HLC Posted: 04/15/2009)

		<u>Program Distribution</u>	<u>Total Awarded</u>
Leading to Undergraduate degrees:	Associate	42	474
	Bachelors	0	0
Leading to Graduate degrees:	Masters	0	0
	Specialist	0	0
	First Professional	0	0
	Doctoral	0	0
Certificate Programs:		69	777

Dual Enrollment (HLC Posted: 04/15/2009)

Headcount in all dual enrollment (high school) programs 116

Off-Campus Activities (HLC Posted: 02/17/2010)

In-State:	Campuses:	None
	Sites:	Black River Falls (Black River Falls Regional Learning Center) ; Independence (Independence Regional Learning Center) ; La Crosse (Automotive/Diesel Technology Center) ; Mauston (Mauston Regional Learning Center) ; Sparta (Sparta) ; Tomah (Tomah Regional Learning Center) ; Viroqua (Viroqua Regional Learning Center)
	Course Locations:	1
Out-of-State:	Campuses:	None
	Sites:	None
	Course Locations:	None
Out-of-U.S.:	Campuses:	None
	Sites:	None
	Course Locations:	None

Distance Education Certificate and Degree (HLC Posted: 04/15/2009)

A.A.S. in Health Information Technology	Internet
A.A.S. in Supervisory Management	Internet
Certification in Medical Coding	Internet