



July 23, 2021

Kevin McCarthy  
President  
Renton Technical College  
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Dear President McCarthy:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) at its meeting on June 23-25, 2021, concerning the Spring 2021 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Renton Technical College. This action was taken after consideration of evidence, including the institution's Self-Evaluation Report, the Peer-Evaluation Report, the optional Institutional Response to the Peer-Evaluation Report, and information received as part of the institutional representative meeting with Commissioners.

### **Accreditation**

Reaffirm Accreditation

### **Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation**

- Recommendation 2: Fall 2013 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 3: Fall 2013 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 4: Fall 2013 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled

### **Commendations**

The Commission commends Renton Technical College for its:

1. Success in hiring, retaining, and promoting faculty and staff who represent the diversity of the community by infusing equity requirements throughout the recruiting process.
2. Transformative efforts to create meaningful data products and for advocating broadly for adoption of evidence-based decision making.

### **Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement**

The Commission recommends that Renton Technical College:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2021 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Fully utilize established strategic indicators and promote a consistent understanding of processes across all operational units to inform allocation of resources in support of mission fulfillment. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.2;1.B.3)
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2021 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Utilize assessment data to implement broad continuous quality improvement across programs; and to inform ongoing strategic planning and budgeting. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1;1.C.7)

### **Future Evaluations**

- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2024
  - Recommendation 1: Spring 2021 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness

- Recommendation 2: Spring 2021 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2027
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2028

Per [USDE guidance](#), all virtual accreditation site visits shall be followed by in-person campus visits within a reasonable time when public health conditions improve and are authorized by applicable law. Campus visits may be limited to focus on items identified in the Peer-Evaluation Report and may include fewer than all evaluation team members.

NWCCU is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process. If you have questions about any of the information in this letter, please contact your staff liaison, Dr. Mac Powell, at [mpowell@nwccu.org](mailto:mpowell@nwccu.org).

Sincerely,



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President

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