



West Virginia University is preparing for its continued accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission.

 **REAFFIRM**
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WHY IS ACCREDITATION IMPORTANT?

Accreditation ensures the value of a WVU degree by verifying the University's adherence to rigorous academic standards. It is also required by the U.S. Department of Education for students to receive federal financial aid. Regional accreditation is often a requirement for specialized or program accreditation.

WHO ACCREDITS WVU?

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is one of six regional accreditors in the United States. It accredits universities and colleges in 19 states, including West Virginia.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

In February, WVU submitted a self-study report to the HLC. In April, a team of peer evaluators from the HLC will visit all three WVU campuses. Within six months after the visit, the HLC will issue its decision regarding WVU's continued accreditation.

The Higher Learning Commission visits WVU April 7-9.

To find out more, visit accreditation.wvu.edu.

 West Virginia University

West Virginia University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution. The WVU Board of Governors is the governing body of WVU. The Higher Education Policy Commission in West Virginia is responsible for developing, establishing, and overseeing the implementation of a public policy agenda for the state's four-year colleges and universities.