



August 5, 2026

Dr. Caroline Goulet
President
University of Providence
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Dear President Goulet:

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 July 7-10, 2026, concerning the Spring 2026 Financial Resources Review of University of Providence.

Accreditation

Accept the Report, Issue Sanction of Probation

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2023 Ad Hoc Report with Visit - Continued as Non-Compliant

Recommendations Out of Compliance

The Commission finds that the following Recommendations are areas where University of Providence is out of compliance with the NWCCU Standards for Accreditation. According to U.S. Department of Education Regulation 34 CFR 602.20 and Commission Policy, the Commission requires that University of Providence take appropriate action to ensure these Recommendations are addressed and resolved within the prescribed four-year period, no later than July 21, 2027.

The Commission recommends that University of Providence:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2023 Ad Hoc Report with Visit - Demonstrate financial stability with sufficient cash flows based on realistic budgeting and enrollment management. (2020 Standard(s) 2.E.1; 2.E.2)

Probation

Because of the significant financial issues at the institution, the Commission has issued the sanction of Probation, as stated in NWCCU's Accreditation Actions Policy:

NWCCU may place an institution on Probation and notes its Accreditation is in jeopardy when it does not appear to be in compliance with Standards for Accreditation, Eligibility Requirements, Policies, or applicable federal regulations, and there is evidence non-compliance is sufficiently serious, extensive, or substantial, that it raises concern about: quality of student learning experience; capacity to make appropriate improvements within a short period of time; capacity to sustain itself in the long term such that a teach-out plan is required; or information collected through monitoring activities suggests there are serious concerns related to student achievement, viability and capacity, or financial health.

As a requirement of the Probation sanction, the institution will submit a Financial Resources Review (FRR) in Spring 2027 demonstrating the efforts the institution has made to come into compliance with identified NWCCU Standards for Accreditation (34 CFR 602.20(a)(2)).

The institution must also develop teach-out plans, following the Procedures to Close a Program, Additional Location, Branch Campus, or Institution Policy. As noted in the Policy, “per Federal Regulation 34 CFR 602.24(c)(3), a teach-out plan must include (1) a list of currently enrolled students, (2) a list of academic programs offered by the institution, and (3) the names of other institutions that offer similar programs and that could potentially enter into a teach-out agreement with the institution.”

The teach-out plan, including these requirements, must be submitted to NWCCU within 60 days from receipt of this letter.

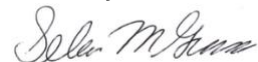
In compliance with NWCCU’s Public Disclosures by Institutions Policy and per Federal Regulation 34 CFR 602.26(b), the institution must notify current and prospective students and display an indicator of the sanction and non-compliance on its website within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this letter.

Future Evaluations

- Financial Resources Review Spring 2027
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2023 Ad Hoc Report with Visit
- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Spring 2027
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 3: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 4: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 6: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 7: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2028
 - Recommendation 2: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 5: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 8: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2031
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2032

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. Teresa Rivenes, at trivenes@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,



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President

cc: Dr. Margaret Mahoney, Director of Institutional Effectiveness/Accreditation Liaison Officer
Mr. Terry Cosgrove, Chair, Board of Trustees, University of Providence
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