

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Accreditation Update to the OCCC Board of Education

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OREGON COAST
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OCCC Accreditation: From Past to Present

HISTORY OF INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

- **1987** OCCC founded; initially operated as a “contract college” of other Oregon community colleges.
- **2014** OCCC notified NWCCU of its intent to seek independent accreditation.
- **2018** OCCC granted candidacy status.
- **January 2020** OCCC notified that it had earned independent accreditation, effective with the 2019–20 academic year.
- **2014–2026** OCCC has submitted 9 major reports to NWCCU and participated in 6 site visits, including the pending October 2026 EIE visit.



Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness

Oregon Coast Community College
Submitted to Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
September 1, 2026

For more information, visit the
OCCC Accreditation webpage:
[https://oregoncoast.edu/about/administration/
accreditation-status/](https://oregoncoast.edu/about/administration/accreditation-status/)

Standards and Recommendations

STANDARD 1

Student Success, and Institutional Mission and Effectiveness

Mission • Student success • Learning • Achievement • Institutional effectiveness

STANDARD 2

Governance, Resources, and Capacity

Governance • Institutional capacity • Resources • Support for student success

FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

1

Program and Service Area Evaluation

2

Assessment of Student Learning

3

Integrated Planning

4

Employee Performance Evaluation, Professional Growth and Support

Changes at the Northwest Commission

01

From Regional to Institutional Accreditation

NWCCU's role has expanded beyond its historical regional scope to serve institutions across the United States.

02

Updated Standards of Accreditation

Effective January 2027

03

Updated Accreditation Cycle

From 7 years to 8 years

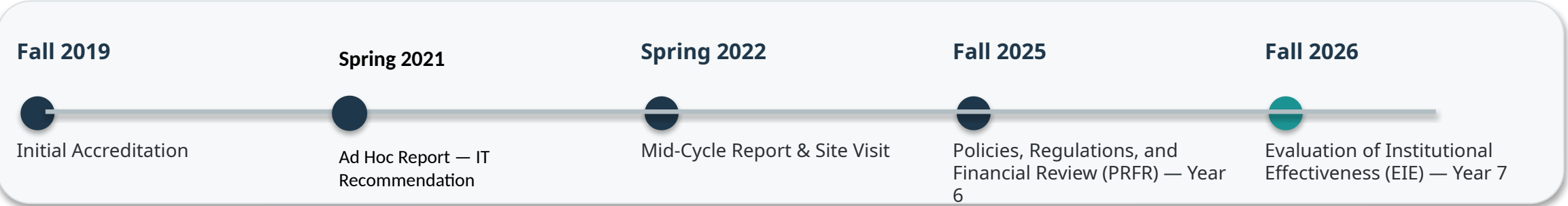
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A New Name: Northlight

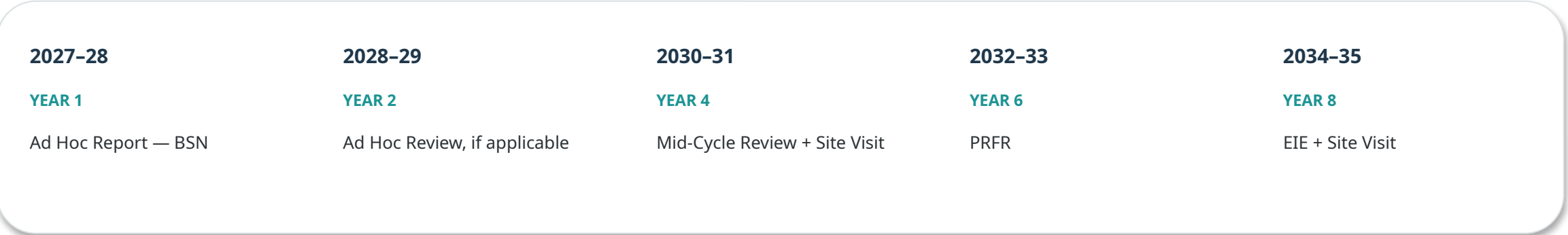
Northlight name change effective January 2027

OCCC Fall 2026 and Looking Ahead

OCCC CURRENT 7-YEAR CYCLE



OCCC NEXT 8-YEAR CYCLE



Annual Reports are submitted each year; only the formal review points are shown above.

The Board's Role in Accreditation

1

Strategic Direction

- Mission
- Multi-year College Strategic Plan

2

Institutional Effectiveness

- Annual review of Student Success / IE results
- Review of progress toward strategic priorities

3

Resource Allocation / Fiduciary Responsibility

- Budget approval and adoption
- Audit and financial oversight

4

Community / Environmental Perspective

- Community and regional perspective in institutional planning
- Changing community, workforce, and regional needs

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Major Institutional Decisions

- Major strategic investments and institutional actions
- 2024 Bond / OCATT

College Participation in the EIE Site Visit

A quick look at the coordination across people, topics, parallel tracks, and two campus locations.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 | NEWPORT CAMPUS

TIME	TRACK 1 — NEWPORT	TRACK 2 — NEWPORT
8:00–8:15	Peer Team arrival + workspace setup	—
8:15–9:00	Opening Meeting + Breakfast	—
9:15–10:00	Board Forum (R3)	HR / Evaluation & Employee Support (R4)
10:15–11:15	Mission / Environmental Monitoring / External Input / Strategic Initiatives (R3)	OPEN
11:15–12:00	OPEN	Operational Planning / SPAR / Resource Allocation (R1, R3)
12:30–1:00	Open	Lincoln City departure / travel
1:00–1:50	Faculty Forum — FIXED	Newport Facilities/IT + Campus Tour / Library — FIXED
2:00–2:50	Student Learning Assessment & Curriculum (R1, R2)	OPEN
3:00–3:50	Internal Governance / Participatory Governance (R3)	OPEN
4:00	Peer Team Time	—

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 | NEWPORT + LINCOLN CITY

TIME	TRACK 1 — NEWPORT	TRACK 2 — AM NEWPORT / PM LINCOLN CITY
8:00–8:50	CEO Meeting — Marshall Roache	Academic Leadership
9:00–9:50	Student Forum — FIXED	ALO / Institutional History
10:00–10:50	Staff Forum — FIXED	GE / ILO Assessment (R2)
11:00–11:50	Student Support / Advising / Financial Aid	OPEN
12:00–12:30	Lunch	Lunch
12:30–1:00	Open	Lincoln City departure / travel
1:00–1:50	Distance Education / RSI	Lincoln City Site Visit Tue 1:00–2:30 plus travel
2:00–2:50	IE / Student Achievement Data (R3)	Lincoln City Site Visit
3:00–3:50	Student Affairs Leadership	Union Leadership — 3:00–3:30
4:00	Peer Team Time	—

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 | CEO / PRE-EXIT / CAMPUS EXIT

By 11:00 AM

CEO / final CEO conversation

Peer-team pre-exit deliberation

Campus exit meeting

Visit concludes

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QUESTIONS?

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