



UWSP Accreditation

WHAT: UWSP's Re-accreditation Process — Accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and by other nationally recognized agencies provides assurance to the public, in particular to prospective students, that an organization has been found to meet the agency's clearly stated requirements and criteria and that there are reasonable grounds for believing that it will continue to meet them. This process happens every 10 years through the HLC, which establishes criteria and conducts reviews for degree granting institutions of higher learning.

WHEN: March 31-April 2, 2008, we welcome the Higher Learning Commission Review Team.

WHY: Accreditation provides both public certification of acceptable institutional quality and an opportunity and incentive for self-improvement in the accredited organization. Federal funding of financial aid is dependent on the institution being accredited. Without being accredited, the institution would not be able to receive federal funding, and the degree earned carries less validity than a degree from an accredited institution.

CRITERION ONE: MISSION AND INTEGRITY

UWSP must operate with integrity to ensure the fulfillment of its mission through structures and processes that involve the board, administration, faculty, staff, and students.

CRITERION TWO: PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

UWSP's allocation of resources and its processes for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education, and respond to future challenges and opportunities.

CRITERION THREE: STUDENT LEARNING AND EFFECTIVE TEACHING

UWSP provides evidence of student learning and teaching effectiveness that demonstrates it is fulfilling its educational mission.

CRITERION FOUR: ACQUISITION, DISCOVERY, AND APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE

UWSP must promote a life of learning for its faculty, administration, staff, and students by fostering and supporting inquiry, creativity, practice, and social responsibility in ways consistent with its mission.

CRITERION FIVE: ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE

As called for by its mission, UWSP must identify its constituencies and serve them in ways both value.

UWSP is accredited by the

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