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WSCUC Accreditation: Standards and Review Processes

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Presentation Agenda

- **Background**
- **Standards and Criteria for Review**
- **Accreditation Visits**
- **Commission Actions**
- **Regular monitoring**

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- One of seven institutional accreditors
- Recognized by the US Department of Education
- National and international scope
- Federal financial aid gatekeeper
- 215 accredited institutions

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Key characteristics of WSCUC accredited institutions:

- **Quality**
- **Financial and educational sustainability**
- **Focus on student success**
- **Data-driven: regularly generate, evaluate and make public student achievement data (retention, graduation, and licensure pass rates)**
- **Commitment to continuous improvement**

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Four Standards

41 Criteria for Review (CFRs)

Standard 1

Defining Institutional Mission and Acting with
Integrity

- **Institutional Purposes**
- **Integrity and Transparency**

Standard 2

Achieving Educational Objectives and Student
Success

- **Degree Programs**
- **Faculty**
- **Student Learning and Performance**
- **Student Support**

Standard 3

Assuring Resources and Organizational Structures

- **Faculty, Staff, and Administrators**
- **Financial, Physical, Technology, and Information Resources**

Standard 4

Creating an Institution Committed to Quality
Assurance and Improvement

- **Quality Assurance Processes**
- **Institutional Improvement**

Additional Requirements

Federal Compliance:

- Credit Hour Review
- Marketing and Recruitment Review
- Student Complaints Review
- Transfer Credit Review

Accreditation Visits

- Five peer reviewers
- Review institutional report and supporting evidence
- Two full days on campus
- Meetings with:

Leadership
Board
Finance
Staff
Committees

Key personal
Educational effectiveness
Faculty
Students
Others as appropriate

Commission Actions

6, 8, or 10 years

Requirements for next review

Possibly:

Follow-ons: Reports, Special Visits

Notice of Concern, Sanctions

Regular monitoring

Annual Report

Data pulled from IPEDS

Data are public: Key Indicator Dashboard

Annual Institutional Monitoring (AIM)

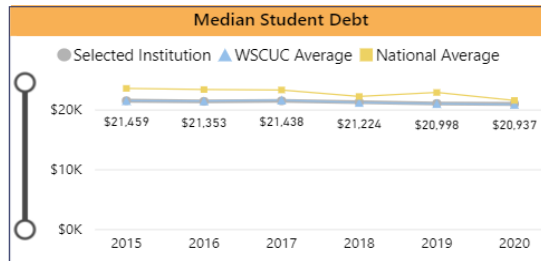
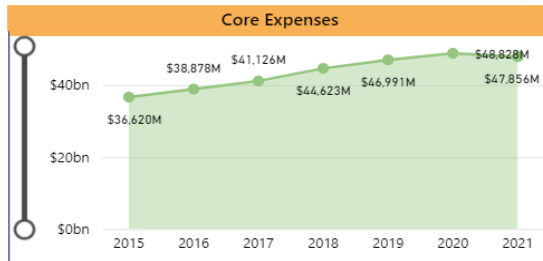
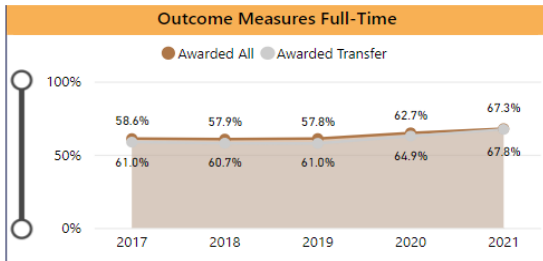
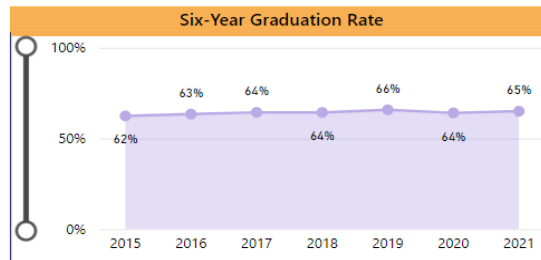
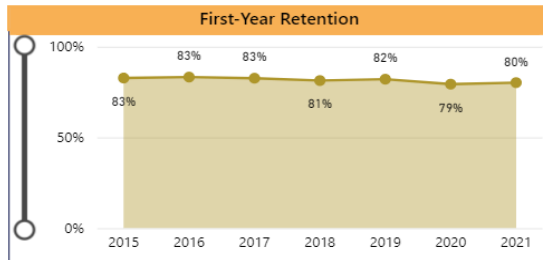
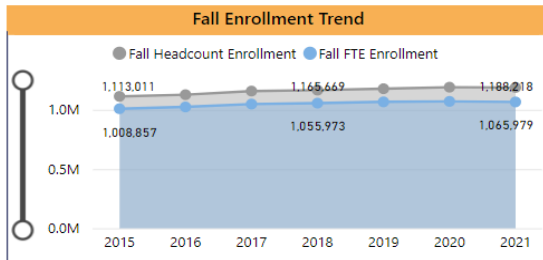
Key Indicators Dashboard

- ❖ Data Summary Page
- ❖ Institution Size/Context
- ❖ Student Completion
- ❖ Student Finances
- ❖ Institutional Finances
- ❖ Post-Grad Outcomes
- ❖ Peer Benchmarking
- ❖ Data Dictionary/Notes

Key Indicators Dashboard: Data Summary Page



Institution Data Summary



Questions?

