WVSU Accreditation History

As we learn more about the reaffirmation of accreditation on *The Road to State’s Reaffirmation 2015*, let us briefly review West Virginia State University’s accreditation history.

West Virginia State University is proud of its accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in 1927. With that act, North Central Association recognized the University, the second African-American, land-grant institution to be accredited. This early recognition of the institution’s quality has led West Virginia State University to possess the longest continuous accreditation of all West Virginia’s institutions of higher education in the state today.

Accreditation History
1927 – Initial HLC Accreditation
1931 – Comprehensive Visit
1960 – Comprehensive Visit
1968 – Comprehensive Visit
1978 – Comprehensive Visit
1988 – Comprehensive Visit
1995 – Comprehensive Visit
2005 – Comprehensive Visit
2008 and 2011 – Progress Reports submitted

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- Business Administrations and Economics:
  - Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP);
- Chemistry:
  - American Chemical Society (ACS);
- Education:
  - National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE);
  - West Virginia Department of Education (Program Re-approval, WVDE Policy 5100); and
- Social Work:
  - Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

To learn about the response to the 2005 Higher Learning Commission review, as well as information about current-day strategic planning, click [here](#) and see pages 17-21.

For more information about *The Road to State’s Reaffirmation 2015*, please click [here](#) to discover in-depth information about the process, read the University’s Self-Study Report, and more!

For questions or comments regarding the University’s reaffirmation of accreditation process or the self-study report, please send all inquiries and information to reaffirmation@wvstateu.edu or call (304) 204-4300.