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ACCREDITATION

Northern Marianas College is accredited by the Senior College and University Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

In June 1985, NMC received its initial accreditation from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). This accreditation was reaffirmed in 1990, 1996, and again in 2001. In 2001, NMC was given initial accreditation by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (ACSCU), now known as WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), a rare distinction among U.S. community colleges. This accreditation allowed the College to offer its Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

Northern Marianas College's accreditation was evaluated again in 2006 – 2007 and reaffirmed by the Accrediting Commission for Colleges and Junior Colleges. The institution underwent a six0year comprehensive evaluation in 2012 by ACCJC and WSCUC. The College was placed on Show Cause status in February 2013 and a visit was scheduled for October 2013. All sanctions were lifted and the College's accreditation was reaffirmed in February 2014. Shortly afterward, NMC applied for accreditation fully under WSCUC and was granted Initial Accreditation for a six year period in July, 2014.

In the summer of 2014, the College's substantive change proposal to offer a Bachelors of Science in Business Management was approved by WSCUC. In addition to a number of associate-level degrees, the College now offers bachelor degrees in education and business management.

Message from the NMC President

Hafa Adai and Tirow Wóómi,

Welcome to Northern Marianas College! For more than 35 years, the College has continued its commitment to academic excellence and has graduated thousands of students who are now business executives, government leaders, community advocates, and professionals in a wide range of industries.

Accredited by the Senior College and University Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Northern Marianas College offers excellent educational programs delivered by highly qualified faculty utilizing modern teaching methods and classroom equipment. Along with faculty members, our support staff is also continuously improving College services designed to make your college experience rich, efficient, and memorable.

The College offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in education (with emphases on elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services) and a bachelor of science degree in business management with a concentration in accounting. The College also offers associate degrees in business, business administration (with emphases on accounting, business management, or computer applications), liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and hospitality management. Moreover, it offers short-term certificate programs in different vocational, academic, and professional areas.

The College's high academic standards, complemented by its strategic partnership agreements with other institutions, further provide you with greater flexibility and options as you transition into a four-year degree program. Many of our alumni have already successfully transferred to prestigious, national and international universities.

This catalog has been designed to provide you with valuable information about NMC's admissions and academic policies, academic courses, tuition and fees, financial aid options, and other important information you need for your academic journey. We encourage you learn more about the College by meeting with current students, faculty and staff members, visiting our campus, or logging on to the NMC website at www.marianas.edu.

On behalf of the Board of Regents, faculty, and staff, we welcome you to explore all your possibilities at the Northern Marianas College. Thank you, Si Yu'os Ma'ase, and Olomwaay!

Dr. Carmen Fernandez
President
Northern Marianas College