

Certification of Continued Institutional Compliance with Eligibility Requirements

1. Authority. The College is authorized or licensed to operate as a post-secondary educational institution and to award degrees by an appropriate governmental organization or agency as required by each of the jurisdictions or regions in which it operates.

The College is authorized to operate as an educational institution and award degrees under the auspices of Victor Valley Community College District. Such authority is granted under the California Education Code. The College is regulated by a Board of Trustees and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and other specialized accrediting agencies. The College has been officially recognized the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office since 1961.

Documentation:

- Authorization to operate
- Business license
- Statement of Accredited Status from ACCJC

2. Operational Status. The College is operational with students actively pursuing its degree programs.

The College enrolls approximately 14,000 full- and part-time students annually in a variety of courses leading to two-year degrees, certificates, and transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

Documentation:

- Enrollment history
- Enrollments in degree programs by year
- Business license

3. Degrees. A substantial portion of the institution's educational offerings are programs that lead to degrees, and a significant proportion of its students are enrolled in them. At least one degree program must be of two academic years in length.

The College offers 33 degree programs. Students may also earn certificates of achievement and/or proficiency. Certificate and degree opportunities and transfer courses are clearly identified in the College Catalog, [Catalog Website](#).

Documentation:

- List of degrees, pages 94-96.
- General education courses and requirements for each degree offered, pages 83- 88.
- Catalog descriptions of college level courses for which degree credit is granted, pages 94-424.
- Data describing student enrollment in each degree program and student enrollment in the College's non-degree program.

4. Chief Executive Officer. The institution has a chief executive officer appointed by the governing board, whose full-time responsibility is to the institution and who possesses the requisite authority to administer board policies. Neither the district/system chief executive officer nor the institutional chief executive officer may serve as the chair of the governing board. The institution informs the Commission immediately when there is a change in the institutional chief executive officer.

The College Superintendent/President is appointed by the Board of Trustees and serves as the Chief Executive Officer responsible for oversight of College programs and for the administration and operation of the College.

Documentation:

- Name, address, and biographical information about the chief executive officer
- Certification of CEO's full-time responsibility to the institution signed by the chief executive officer and governing board

5. Financial Accountability. The institution annually undergoes and makes available an external financial audit by a certified public accountant or an audit by an appropriate public agency. Institutions that are already Title IV eligible must demonstrate compliance with federal requirements.

The College undergoes regular external audits by a firm of certified public accountants, the findings of which are reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees and published on the College website.

Documentation:

- College budgets
- Certified independent audits
- Financial aid program review/audits (see page 63)
- Student loan default rates