



**ACCREDITING COMMISSION for COMMUNITY and JUNIOR COLLEGES**  
*Western Association of Schools and Colleges*

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February 3, 2017

Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh  
President  
Grossmont College  
8800 Grossmont College Drive  
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Dear President Abu-Ghazaleh:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 11-13, 2017, reviewed the Midterm Report and evidentiary materials submitted by Grossmont College. College leadership, including the president of the governing board, the chancellor, and the college president, certified the Report. The purpose of the Commission's review was to determine whether the College continues to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies (hereafter called Standards). The Commission also examined the College's implementation of its own plans for improvement that were identified in the 2013 Self-Evaluation Report.

After considering the material noted above, the Commission finds that the College has sustained the work accomplished since the last comprehensive evaluation and has maintained compliance with Standards. The Commission also finds that the College continues to meet the Standards identified in the 2013 External Evaluation Team Report and linked to District/College Recommendation 4, which the College satisfactorily addressed in its 2014 Follow-Up Report, and College Recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 6 and District Recommendation 5 written to increase institutional effectiveness.

The Commission expects that the changes and improvements in College policies, procedures, practices and outcomes noted in the Midterm Report will be sustained. The College's next comprehensive review will occur in **fall 2019**.

The Commission requires the College give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to College staff and to those who were signatories to the Midterm Report. These documents should also be made available to all campus constituencies and the public by posting them on the College website. Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.

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On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the work that Grossmont College undertook to prepare the Midterm Report. Thank you for sharing the values and the work of accreditation to ensure educational quality and to support student success. Accreditation and peer review are most effective when institutions and the ACCJC work together to encourage continuous quality improvement in higher education.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter or the Commission action, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the ACCJC Vice Presidents. We would be glad to help you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Winn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Winn, Ed.D.  
Interim President

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cc: Dr. Cindy Miles, Chancellor, Grossmont/Cuyamaca Community College District