



WSCUC Notice of Concern

Ashford's accreditation is listed as Accredited with Notice of Concern on the WSCUC website. What does this mean regarding the university's accreditation status?

Ashford University completed the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) Institutional Review Process in June 2019, and its accreditation was reaffirmed for six years, through spring 2025. As part of the continuous process of accreditation, an Offsite Review will take place in the fall of 2024, with an Accreditation Visit scheduled for spring 2025.

In issuing its 2019 report, the commission included a "Notice of Concern." This notice is posted on the WSCUC website as part of our accreditation status. The notice is related to student persistence and completion rates and performance on other student success metrics.

- A Notice of Concern is not a sanction, and reaffirmation of the university's accreditation signifies that Ashford University meets WSCUC standards for accreditation.
- A Notice of Concern is meant to call the university's attention to an issue the WSCUC evaluation team identified as a focus for improvement to ensure that the university is not found out of compliance with its standards at some future time.

Improving retention and completion has been, and will continue to be, a singular focus of Ashford's academic and administrative leaders. We are preparing an Interim Report due in the fall of 2020 which will be followed by a Special Visit in fall 2021 where we will have the opportunity to demonstrate our progress on improving our retention and completion, and other student success rates.