



## **Accreditation Status: July 3, 2014**

West Valley College has been informed by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) that the college has been placed on "Warning" regarding accreditation. West Valley must address the eight recommendations by ACCJC in a college "Follow-Up Report" to be submitted to the commission by March 15, 2015.

The college maintains its accredited status during this follow-up period. Students should know that the warning will not affect transferability of courses, financial aid, or any other services provided by the college related to student success.

The ACCJC reviews a college's accreditation status every six years. The commission determines accreditation status through the use of a self-evaluation report put together by the institution under review, a report from a site team that visits the college, and the institution's accreditation history. If a college is found to not meet ACCJC standards, it can receive a sanction of Warning (lightest sanction), Probation, or the most severe, Show Cause.

After the site visit in March of 2014 West Valley was informed of the potential deficiencies and immediately formulated a plan to address these issues. West Valley College President Brad Davis is confident the college will meet the requirements of ACCJC well before the March 15, 2015 deadline and that students will not be negatively affected.

"We were prepared for these recommendations and have already made substantial progress in addressing many areas of concern. I remain confident that this rigorous process of self-evaluation and shared focus on institutional effectiveness will enhance student success at West Valley College for many years to come," remarked President Davis.