



HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY

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Haskell Accreditation Reaffirmed

LAWRENCE, KS – The Higher Learning Commission has reaffirmed the accreditation of Haskell Indian Nations University and set the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation for 2024-25. HLC accreditation ensures academic programs meet nationally recognized standards and is required for universities to receive federal funds for student financial aid and research.

A team of HLC consultant-evaluators visited the Haskell campus April 13 – 15, 2015 for the university's 10-year review which included visits with university faculty and staff and presentations from Haskell students. A campus wide steering committee co-chaired by Dr. Venida Chenault, President and Ms. Cheryl Chuckluck, acting Vice-President of Academic Affairs, guided the Steering Committee self-study process. In her comments, Dr. Chenault credited the dedication and commitment of the members of the steering and resource room committee, faculty, staff, students and administration to the success of the visit. She said, “When we bundle our commitment together, we can accomplish much for tribal students seeking to realize their dreams and potential through higher education.” An executive summary of the self-study and other information is available on the Haskell HLC website.

The self-study and reaccreditation process affords the university the opportunity to assess performance across the university and to engage in continuous improvement. An Interim Report on a revised policy on Assignment of Credit Hours will be due in July 2017. In addition to extending thanks to the Haskell community, Dr. Chenault also extended special thanks to the members of the Haskell Board of Regents, Dr. Charles Roessel, BIE Director, the University of Kansas, the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, the Lawrence community, Haskell alumni, tribes, and other supporters of Indian higher education. With the introduction of Haskell's Vision 2020, Strategic Plan and strong relationship between Haskell and the Higher Learning Commission, the university continues the transformation of the university, including moving forward with a new vision and mission to expand degree offerings and enhance the campus life for its Native American students.

The Higher Learning commission is a regional accreditation agency which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit degree-granting colleges and universities. The Higher Learning Commission accredits degree-granting institutions of higher education that are based in the 19-state North Central region of the United States.



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Haskell's previous 10-year accreditation by Higher Learning Commission was in 2005. All of Haskell's programs have been fully accredited since 1979.

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