

# Victor Valley College

## Press Release

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### **Victor Valley College remains accredited; ACCJC recommends improvements**

VICTORVILLE, CA - Victor Valley College was notified this week that the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Western Association of Schools of and Colleges has placed its accredited status on probation to encourage institutional improvements that will benefit students. During this time, the college's accreditation is intact and students will not be impacted.

The Commission's actions were taken in response to items identified by Victor Valley College as areas for its own improvement.

"Accreditation is a process of continual self improvement," said Dr. Christopher O'Hearn, Superintendent / President of Victor Valley College. "We consider this action by the Commission as an opportunity to make quick and effective enhancements to our institution. Their direction is clear, helpful and directly aligned with our own assessments."

The ACCJC concurred with VVC and provided eight specific recommendations allowing two full years for implementation of the required improvements. In their report, the Commission noted that many new processes have already been developed by the college which will align the college more fully with current accreditation standards. The two year improvement period provides the college with ample time to complete their full implementation. To provide additional evaluation and guidance, the Commission will review a progress report and visit the campus again in the spring of 2012.

"We have listened to the Commission and have already established systems to address many of the Commission's concerns," said O'Hearn. "This report provides great motivation to accelerate their full implementation by everyone at the college. Faculty, staff, administration and our Board of Trustees are fully committed to completing our improvement plan on the Commission's schedule."

The accreditation Commission imposes probation on institutions that deviate from eligibility requirements, standards or policies or that failed to fully implement previous recommendations. While the college is implementing the Commission's recommendations students will continue to earn transferrable credits, degrees and certificates.

"While we've got work to do, it is business as usual for students attending Victor Valley College," said O'Hearn.

