

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION/CERTIFICATION

I. Purpose

Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) strives to create and maintain quality academic programs to serve our students and the workforce community.

II. General Statement of Policy

- A. Academic programs offered by WDTC for which there is an occupational accrediting or certifying agency shall seek and/or maintain accreditation or certification by such agency except where it can be satisfactorily demonstrated that such accreditation or certification status is not in the best interest of the College, program, or students. It is the responsibility of Program Directors to seek and/or maintain accreditation/certification as appropriate.
- B. Once programmatic accreditation is earned, the accreditation status will be published in the next Course Catalog, on the program webpage, and on the WDTC accreditation webpage.
- C. If for any reason, WDTC is not in good-standing with a program accreditor, the Program Director will immediately report the status to the VP for Teaching and Learning who will work with the College's Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Liaison Officer to report the status to the Higher Learning Commission.

III. Definitions – None

IV. Reporting Procedures – None

V. Dissemination of Policy and Training

- A. This policy shall appear on the WDTC website on the policy page.

Legal References: None