**Accreditation Update: Fall 2013 Ad Hoc Accreditation Report and Site Visit**

In 2012, the NWCCU approved a substantive change to include the Joint Ph.D. degree in Clinical-Community Psychology (a joint program with the University of Alaska Fairbanks) in UAA’s accreditation. The Commission will take action on the university’s candidacy status in January 2014 based on an ad hoc self-evaluation report and site visit scheduled in Fall 2013. The accreditation evaluation will focus on our status as a doctoral-granting institution.

**Self-Evaluation Report (Due September 16th)**

UAA will submit an ad hoc report with two chapters: one on the institutional resources and systems to support doctoral education, and one on the status of the joint Ph.D. program in Clinical-Community Psychology, our first doctoral program.

**Peer-Evaluation Visit (October 21st)**

Two peer evaluators will visit UAA on October 21st. The evaluators will determine the itinerary, which is expected to be less comprehensive than a typical site visit because of the ad hoc focus on doctoral programs. Their evaluation report will inform the Commission’s decision in January.

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| Date | Milestone |
| November 2011 | Submitted accreditation status change prospectus |
| Spring 2012 | Received approval to award the Joint Ph.D., with action on candidacy status scheduled in January 2014 based on report and site visit in Fall 2013. The Joint Ph.D. Program in Clinical-Community Psychology was included in our accreditation at this time. |
| **Sept 16, 2013** | **Ad Hoc Report on doctoral candidacy due to NWCCU and evaluators** |
| Late Sept/  Early Oct 2013 | Itinerary for Ad Hoc Site Visit established based on requests from evaluation team |
| **Oct 21, 2013** | **Ad Hoc Site Visit to evaluate doctoral candidacy: 2 peer evaluators**  ***Linda Hatzenbuehler, Ph.D., ABPP (Idaho State) &***  ***Corinne Mantle-Bromley, Ph.D. (Univ. of Idaho)*** |
| Jan 8-9, 2014 | NWCCU Board of Commissioners meeting to rule on doctoral candidacy |

**Things to Think About Before the Site Visit**

* How does your unit contribute to UAA’s graduate programming and support our graduate students?
* How do your governance bodies and committees contribute to graduate programming and support?
* How does advanced graduate education meet the needs of our state and local communities?
* How can doctoral programs advance UAA’s efforts to fulfill our mission?

**Status Change Website:** [**http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/accreditation/accreditationstatus.cfm**](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/accreditation/accreditationstatus.cfm)