



**Ruffalo Noel Levitz  
Student Satisfaction Inventory™ (SSI) • Career and Private • Form B**

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Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, effective 2020 (adopted August 2019)

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**1.A.1.** This institution's mission statement defines its broad educational purposes and its commitment to student learning and achievement.

**THEME 01 Expanding Talents and Knowledge**

- 8 The quality of instruction I receive in most of my classes is excellent.
- 20 Students are made to feel welcome here.
- 38 Most classes deal with practical experiences and applications.
- 54 Future career opportunities.

**1.B.3** [It] provides evidence that its planning process is inclusive and offers opportunities for comment by appropriate constituencies...

**THEME 03 Decision-Making and Planning**

- 33 Administrators are available to hear students' concerns.
- 37 I seldom get the "run-around" when seeking information on this campus.

**1.C.1** [It] offers programs with content and rigor that...culminate in student learning outcomes [as] degrees ... in recognized fields of study.

**THEME 14 Overall Value and School Reputation**

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<b>1.C.3</b>	<b>[It] identifies and publishes expected program and degree learning outcomes for all degrees, certificates and credentials.</b>
<b>THEME 02</b>	<b>Academic Quality and Instruction</b>
8	The quality of instruction I receive in most of my classes is excellent.
16	My advisor helps me apply my program of study to career goals.
25	Faculty provide timely feedback about my academic progress.
30	The assessment and course placement procedures are reasonable.
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<b>1.C.4</b>	<b>[Its] admissions and completion or graduation requirements are clearly defined, widely published, and easily accessible to [all].</b>
<b>THEME 13</b>	<b>Publishing Information</b>
17	Admissions counselors accurately portray program offerings in their recruiting practices.
37	I seldom get the “run-around” when seeking information on this campus.
57	Information on the campus website.
<b>1.C.5</b>	<b>The institution engages in an effective system of assessment to evaluate the quality of learning in its programs.</b>
<b>THEME 07</b>	<b>Ethical and Effective Practices</b>
12	Faculty are fair and unbiased in their treatment of individual students.
14	My academic advisor is knowledgeable about my program requirements.
25	Faculty provide timely feedback about my academic progress.
26	There are adequate services to help me decide upon a career.
30	The assessment and course placement procedures are reasonable.
35	I receive ongoing feedback about progress toward my academic goals.
<b>1.C.6</b>	<b>...[L]earning outcomes include ... effective communication skills, global awareness, cultural sensitivity, ... [and more]...</b>
<b>THEME 09</b>	<b>Engagement, Diversity and Inclusion</b>
12	Faculty are fair and unbiased in their treatment of individual students.
20	Students are made to feel welcome here.
<b>1.C.8</b>	<b>Transfer credit and credit for prior learning is accepted according to clearly defined, widely published, and easily accessible policies...</b>
<b>THEME 02</b>	<b>Academic Quality and Instruction</b>
22	My academic advisor is knowledgeable about transfer requirements of other schools.
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**1.D.1. [It] admits students with the potential to benefit from its educational programs...**

**THEME 07 Ethnical and Effective Practices**

- 1 The campus staff are caring and helpful.
- 3 My academic advisor is available when I need help.
- 7 Admissions staff provide personalized attention prior to enrollment.
- 12 Faculty are fair and unbiased in their treatment of individual students.
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**1.D.2 [It] establishes and shares indicators for student achievement [:] ... persistence, completion, retention, and post-graduation success.**

**THEME 13 Publishing Information**

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**2.A.1 The institution demonstrates an effective governance structure...**

**THEME 09 Engagement, Diversity and Inclusion**

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**2.A.2**      **The institution has an effective system of leadership [having] appropriate levels of authority, responsibility, and accountability...**

**THEME 04**    **Policies and Procedures**

- 11 Counseling services are available if I need them.
- 19 Registration processes and procedures are convenient.
- 29 There are convenient ways of paying my school bill.
- 30 The assessment and course placement procedures are reasonable.
- 37 I seldom get the “run-around” when seeking information on this campus.

**2.A.4**      **[Its] decision-making processes...include the consideration of views of faculty, staff, administrators, and students...**

**THEME 08**    **Fairness and Free Speech**

- 1 The campus staff are caring and helpful.
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**2.B.1**      **[It honors] academic freedom and independence that protect its constituencies from inappropriate internal and external influences...**

**THEME 06**    **Opportunity and Choice**

- 12 Faculty are fair and unbiased in their treatment of individual students.
- 20 Students are made to feel welcome here.
- 25 Faculty provide timely feedback about my academic progress.
- 33 Administrators are available to hear students’ concerns.
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**2.B.2**      **...Its constituencies are intellectually free to test and examine all knowledge and theories, thought, reason, and perspectives of truth.**

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<b>2.C.2</b>	<b>[Its] policies and procedures...include [:] academic honesty, conduct, appeals, grievances, and disability accommodations.</b>
<b>THEME 04</b>	<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
19	Registration processes and procedures are convenient.
30	The assessment and course placement procedures are reasonable.
37	I seldom get the “run-around” when seeking information on this campus.
<b>2.D.1.a</b>	<b>The institution represents itself clearly, accurately, and consistently through its announcements, statements and publications...</b>
<b>THEME 13</b>	<b>Publishing Information</b>
17	Admissions counselors accurately portray program offerings in their recruiting practices.
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<b>2.D.1.b</b>	<b>[It] demonstrates that its academic programs can be completed in a timely fashion...</b>
<b>THEME 08</b>	<b>Fairness and Free Speech</b>
12	Faculty are fair and unbiased in their treatment of individual students.
20	Students are made to feel welcome here.
<b>2.D.2</b>	<b>[It] exemplifies high ethical standards in its operations, including fair and equitable treatment of students [and other].</b>
<b>THEME 07</b>	<b>Ethical and Effective Practices</b>
1	The campus staff are caring and helpful.
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<b>2.E.2</b>	<b>Financial planning includes meaningful opportunities for participation by stakeholders...</b>
<b>THEME 03</b>	<b>Decision-Making and Planning</b>
33	Administrators are available to hear students’ concerns.
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**2.F.2**      **The institution provides faculty, staff, and administrators with opportunities and support for professional growth and development.**

**THEME 10**    **Resource Sufficiency and Accessibility**

- 6              Library resources and services are adequate.
- 15             Financial aid counseling is available if I need it.
- 22             My academic advisor is knowledgeable about transfer requirements of other schools.
- 26             There are adequate services to help me decide upon a career.

**2.F.3**      **[It] employs faculty, staff, and administrators sufficient in role, number, and qualifications [for] its organizational responsibilities.**

**THEME 10**    **Resource Sufficiency and Accessibility**

- 2              Classes are scheduled at times that are convenient for me.
- 4              Security staff respond quickly to calls for assistance.
- 6              Library resources and services are adequate.
- 7              Admissions staff provide personalized attention prior to enrollment.
- 9              I am able to register for the classes I need with few conflicts.
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- 22             My academic advisor is knowledgeable about transfer requirements of other schools.
- 23             This institution helps me identify resources to finance my education.
- 26             There are adequate services to help me decide upon a career.
- 32             I am able to take care of college-related business at times that are convenient for me.
- 33             Administrators are available to hear students' concerns.
- 34             Faculty are usually available to students outside of class (during office hours, by phone, or by email).

**2.G.1**      **[It] maintains effective learning environments with appropriate programs and services to support student learning and success.**

**THEME 07**    **Ethical and Effective Practices**

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**THEME 11 Facilities and Equipment**

- 10 Parking lots are well-lighted and secure.
- 13 The school is safe and secure for all students.
- 18 Computer labs are adequate and accessible.
- 24 The equipment in the lab facilities is kept up to date.
- 39 On the whole, the campus is well-maintained.

**2.G.2 [If] publishes in a catalog [or similar]...current and accurate information that includes [comprehensive information as detailed]...**

**THEME 12 Technology**

- 28 This campus provides online access to services I need.
- 57 Information on the campus website as factor in decision to enroll.

**2.G.4 [It has] an effective and accountable program of financial aid consistent with its mission, student needs, and institutional resources.**

**THEME 14 Overall Value and School Reputation**

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**2.G.6 [It maintains an] effective program of academic advisement to support student development and success.**

**THEME 06 Opportunity and Choice**

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**2.H.1** ...The institution employs quality personnel and provides access to library and information resources.

**THEME 10 Resource Sufficiency and Accessibility**

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**2.I.1** ...The institution maintains physical facilities that are accessible, safe, secure, and sufficient in quantity and quality...

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## Themes

Accreditation Theme:	Which Relates to the Following Content:
Theme 01: Expanding Talents and Knowledge	The primacy of the <b><u>Educational Mission: Student Learning; Professional Development</u></b> of faculty and staff; <b><u>Scholarly and Creative Work</u></b>
Theme 02: Academic Quality and Instruction	Elements of: <b><u>Courses, Program Rigor; Faculty Qualification; Teaching Effectiveness; Career Relevance; Credit Recognition; Academic Advising; Degree Integrity; Equity across Educational Venues</u></b>
Theme 03: Decision-Making and Planning	Means by which the school achieves: <b><u>Realistic Goal-Setting, Coherent and Collaborative Institutional Actions; Task Responsibility; Accountability; Shared Governance; Leadership</u></b>
Theme 04: Policies and Procedures	Elements of <b><u>Goal Fulfillment; Effective Teamwork; Consistent Behavior</u></b>
Theme 05: Continuous Quality Improvement	<b><u>Processes and Outcomes</u></b> for future improvement; <b><u>Feedback; Program Review and Evaluation</u></b>
Theme 06: Opportunity and Choice	To provide for <b><u>Individuals': Needs, Goals, Plans; Preferences and Convenience; Academic Freedom</u></b>
Theme 07: Ethical and Effective Practices	That deliver: <b><u>Student Support; Student Success; Mentorship; Personalized Feedback</u></b> (including Assessment); <b><u>Transparency</u></b> (avoiding <b><u>Conflicts of Interest</u></b> ); <b><u>Fulfilled Promises; Privacy Protections</u></b>
Theme 08: Fairness and Free Speech	That deliver: <b><u>Enforcement of Policies; Respect; Dignity; Bias-Free Treatment; Timeliness</u></b> of action/problem resolution; <b><u>Means to Disagree or to Register Complaint</u></b>
Theme 09: Engagement, Diversity, and Inclusion	That enable: <b><u>Student and Employee Morale; Civic Engagement; Community Service; Recognition of Human and Cultural Diversity</u></b>
Theme 10: Resource Sufficiency and Accessibility	Elements include: <b><u>Facilities and Technology Maintenance; Stable Financing; Budget Discipline; Employee Sufficiency; Staff Training and Deployment</u></b>
Theme 11: Facilities and Equipment	Places and materials that offer: <b><u>Safety and Security</u></b> for people, data and things; <b><u>Effective Learning Environments</u></b>
Theme 12: Technology	Devices and tools that deliver: <b><u>Learning; Services; Communication; Data</u></b>
Theme 13: Publishing Information	That includes: <b><u>Printed and Web-based</u></b> statements; <b><u>Completeness and Accuracy of Representations</u></b>
Theme 14: Overall Value and School Reputation	Factors: <b><u>Value Students Receive; Community Impacts; Student Retention; External Endorsements</u></b>

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<b>Theme 05 Continuous Quality Improvement</b>	
No relevant items	

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