NWCCU STANDARDS

Standard 1: Institutional Mission and Goals, Planning and Effectiveness

Standard 2: Educational Program and its Effectiveness

Standard 3: Students

Standard 4: Faculty

Standard 5: Library and Information Resources

Standard 6: Governance and Administration

Standard 7: Finance

Standard 8: Physical Resources

Standard 9: Institutional Integrity
Model One essentially preserves the current structure of the standards, except for the expansion of standard 8 to reflect institution-wide support infrastructures, including building, instructional facilities, equipment, and basic Information Technology Infrastructure (access, bandwidth, servers, technology support etc.)

Cluster 1 Mission and Goals
Cluster 2 Educational Programs
Cluster 3 Students
Cluster 4 Faculty
Cluster 5 Library and Information Resources
Cluster 6 Governance
Cluster 7 Finance
Cluster 8 Institutional Infrastructure (Standard 8 expanded)
Cluster 9 Institutional Integrity
Model Two

Model Two reflects a minor reorganization of the standards

Cluster 1 Mission and Administration- Standards 1, 6, and 9
Cluster 2 Institutional Support Standards 5, 7 and 8
Cluster 3 Educational Program Standard 2
Cluster 4 Students
Cluster 5 Faculty
Model 3

Model 3 reflects a more robust clustering of the standards. It collapses the existing nine standards into three overarching themes. In doing so, it reflects a perceived overlap and natural integration among the clustered standards and requires data collection, analysis, evaluation, and the use of findings in all three clusters.

Cluster 1 Mission and Administration (1, 6, 9)
Cluster 2 Institutional Support (5, 7, 8)
Cluster 3 Academic Achievement and Student Success (2, 3, and 4)
Model 4 represents a new conceptual framework for the standards.

Cluster 1 Mission and Goals
Cluster 2 Resources and Capacity
Cluster 3 Planning and Implementation
Cluster 4 Effectiveness and Improvement
Cluster 5 Mission Fulfillment, Sustainability and Adaptation