

April 4, 2013

To all PCC Students:

On March 19th you received a letter from me noting that our accreditor, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), is considering a change in PCC's status. As stated in the March 19th letter, HLC President Sylvia Manning is recommending to the Higher Learning Commission Board that it should place PCC on probation. This recommendation is due to concerns related primarily to administrative and governance issues. (You can read the report and other materials on the [Accreditation page](#) of our website.)

The College has provided a preliminary response to the HLC's concerns and we expect to have a decision from its Board of Trustees in mid-April. However, should PCC be placed on probation, it will still remain accredited.

As an accredited college, PCC's ability to offer financial aid to our students will not be affected. Another frequently asked question is what does this mean for course transfer. Again, because PCC will remain accredited, course transfer should not be affected. The University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University and Arizona State University have provided assurances that transfer will continue as it always has for PCC students. These assurances are provided in letters from each of the Universities posted on the [Accreditation webpage](#). The message from the universities is that they will continue to welcome transfer students from PCC.

The quality of our instruction, programs and services is undiminished. It is important to remember that the HLC has not identified any concerns with our academic programs or student services. As I said in my previous letter, PCC still is a great place to get a quality education at a reasonable price.

Feel free to direct any questions you may have regarding accreditation to my office at [Accred-Questions@pima.edu](mailto:Accred-Questions@pima.edu).

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