March 16, 2016

Dr. Christine Chairsell
District Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Portland Community College
P.O. Box 19000
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Dear Vice President Chairsell:

This is to certify that the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) is the regional institutional accrediting agency for colleges and universities in the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities is recognized as a reliable authority on regional, institutional accreditation by the United States Department of Education.

This letter serves to verify that Portland Community College, located in Portland, Oregon, has been accredited continuously by NWCCU since receiving initial accreditation in 1970. The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities accredits Portland Community College at the associate degree level. The Commission most recently reaffirmed the accreditation of the College in spring 2015 on the basis of a comprehensive Year Seven Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability evaluation. The College’s next comprehensive evaluation is scheduled for spring 2022.

The institutional accreditation of Portland Community College includes all its educational offerings.

I hope this information is helpful. Please contact me if you have questions regarding the College’s accredited status with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

Sincerely,

Elsa J. Gossett
Coordinator, Communications and External Relations

cc: Ms. Sylvia Kelley, Interim President
    Dr. Sandra E. Elman, President, NWCCU