



ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR
COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

President and CEO

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC) is seeking its next President and CEO to transition it to a member-centric, high-performing, and recognized accrediting body. The President and CEO will be expected to assume office in summer 2017 or as soon thereafter as is feasible.

The ACCJC accredits community colleges and other associate degree granting institutions in the Western region of the U.S. (California, Hawai'i, the Territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands). The ACCJC is one of seven regional accrediting commissions and is authorized to operate by the U.S. Department of Education through the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. The U.S. peer evaluation system of accreditation is one in which institutions voluntarily participate in self-regulation and self-evaluation developed to ensure overall educational quality and institutional effectiveness. The ACCJC accreditation process provides assurance to the public that the accredited member colleges meet the Standards; the education earned at the institutions is of value to the student who earned it; and employers, trade or profession-related licensing agencies, and other colleges and universities can accept a student's credential as legitimate.

Under the supervision of the ACCJC, the President and CEO has overall responsibility for recommending policy and operational direction to the Commission and for the day-to-day operations of the agency. The President and CEO is one of five accreditation professional positions within the ACCJC. As such this position requires advanced knowledge of quality assurance issues and practices in higher education, and the ability to work easily and effectively with the Commission and member institutions. The President also represents the Commission in interactions with other agencies in the national and international accreditation communities, and acts in the advancement of the image and practice of quality assurance and improvement through institutional accreditation. The President and CEO is responsible for maintaining a highly-qualified staff, fiscal stability, and an appropriate working environment in the pursuit of the Commission's objectives. For more information on the qualifications and duties of this position as well as application instructions, please click [here](#).

The ACCJC is being assisted by Academic Search, Inc. Applications should consist of a substantive cover letter addressing the qualifications and desired attributes listed above, a curriculum vitae, and a list of at least five professional references with full contact information and a note indicating the nature of your working relationship with each; references will not be contacted without explicit permission from the candidate. Applications, nominations, and expressions of interest can be submitted in confidence to ACCJC@academic-search.com. The position will remain open until filled, but only applications received by May 1, 2017, can be assured full consideration. Confidential discussions about this opportunity may be arranged by contacting Dr. Tessa Martinez Pollack at tmp@academic-search.com. The ACCJC will protect the confidentiality of applicants in accordance with state law; candidates are advised that finalists will be required to participate in a public selection process.