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Inver Hills receives National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships Accreditation

Accreditation granted to institutions that demonstrate high levels of academic oversight for college courses taught by high school instructors

Inver Hills Community College received accreditation through the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) in May. The program accredits institutions that demonstrate high levels of academic oversight for college courses taught by high school instructors.

“We are excited that Inver Hills Community College earned NACEP accreditation for the Concurrent Enrollment programs, validating the tremendous work being done at the college,” said Mary Jo Gardner. “We are committed to offering programs of the highest quality for all of our students.”

Inver Hills offers several options for high school students to earn college credit. Through its InCollege program, the college partners with area high schools to provide early credit opportunities that fulfill the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, meaning students can use the credits at any Minnesota State college or university. Additionally, Inver Hills offers Inver Prep, which allows high school students to take preparatory courses with the opportunity to complete college-level courses for credit at their high school.

To earn accreditation, Inver Hills completed a rigorous peer review process. Inver conducted a self-study and documented how its programs adhere to NACEP's standards in the areas of faculty, curriculum, assessment, students, and program evaluation. A team of representatives from NACEP-accredited programs evaluated Inver's portfolio of evidence, culminating in a final review and decision by the nine member NACEP Accreditation Commission.

The NACEP Accreditation Commission found Inver Hills to be in compliance with all 17 of its accreditation standards. According to NACEP, high quality programs demonstrate the academic integrity of their college courses taught in the high school setting. These institutions commit resources, particularly faculty time and effort to ensure that appropriate levels of academic oversight occur. Campus faculty maintain control over college curriculum, student learning objectives, and how to assess

student learning in the course. High school teachers who have the credentials necessary to serve as college instructors teach these courses after receiving training and ongoing mentoring from college faculty in the discipline.

NACEP's accreditation is valid for seven years during which programs are expected to uphold NACEP's standards and report annually on program practices.

Helpful links:

National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships: <http://www.nacep.org/>

NACEP press release direct link: <http://www.nacep.org/2018-accredited-programs/>

IHCC links: <https://inverhills.edu/DegreesAndPrograms/CollegeForHSStudents/index.aspx>

InCollege link: <https://inverhills.edu/DegreesAndPrograms/CollegeForHSStudents/InCollege.aspx>