

VVC to stay on probation

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VICTORVILLE • Victor Valley College will continue its accreditation probationary status, according to a news release from the college.

In 2011, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges placed VVC on probation for failing to comply with several standards. The probationary notice gave the college two years to turn things around or lose its accreditation, which is needed to award student degrees, transfers and financial aid.

VVC spokesman Bill Greulich said he had no immediate details as to what the college needed to improve. He said the ACCJC will notify the school about needed improvements sometime within the next seven days.

The commission visited the college in 2012, and at its January 2013 meeting, commission members acted to continue the college's probationary status with a follow-up report due in October, the release stated.

The college has made significant advances and the commissions action is a powerful indicator that the college has fundamentally addressed its recommendations, the release stated.

At no point during this probationary period has the college lost its accreditation, and according to the release, all degrees, certificates and course credits are transferable.

"The findings underscore and highlight the enormous effort by administration, faculty, staff, students, the VVC Foundation and other community leaders to examine every aspect of the college for continuous quality improvement," Superintendent Christopher C. O'Hearn said in the release. "I am very pleased and thankful to all who have brought us to this pivotal place in the history of Victor Valley College.

O'Hearn said the college has until Oct. 15 to refine their response to the commission and looks forward to this opportunity.

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