

Kennebec Valley Community College underwent a comprehensive evaluation visit from April 8-April 11, 2018, by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education is one of seven accrediting commissions in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. The Commission, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 240 institutions in the six-state New England region.

Kennebec Valley Community College has been accredited by the Commission since 1979 and was last reviewed in 2008. Its accreditation by the New England Association encompasses the entire institution.

For the past year and a half, Kennebec Valley Community College has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's *Standards for Accreditation*. An evaluation team visited the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the institution. Following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the institution to:

Public Comment on Kennebec Valley Community College
Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
New England Association of Schools and Colleges
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Public Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. The Commission cannot settle disputes between individuals and institutions, whether those involve faculty, students, administrators, or members of other groups. Comments will not be treated as confidential and must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments.

Public Comments must be received by May 20, 2018. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after that date will be considered.