



## **Public Disclosure Notice on Westwood College**

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The following public information is provided by The Higher Learning Commission regarding Westwood College to assist current and prospective students and other individuals seeking information about the accreditation status of the institution. The Higher Learning Commission is the regional accrediting agency that accredits institutions of higher learning in the 19 states of the North Central region.

### **Current Status of Westwood College**

Westwood College, headquartered in Denver, Colorado with locations throughout the United States, is a candidate for accreditation with The Higher Learning Commission. The Commission granted candidacy status to Westwood College in 2007. The Commission conducted an evaluation of Westwood College for initial accreditation beginning with a team visit in May 2009. That evaluation process determined that Westwood does not yet meet the Criteria for Accreditation, but that it does continue to meet the requirements for continued candidacy. Westwood College was granted continued candidacy in February 2010.

### **The Purpose of Candidacy Status**

Candidacy is a pre-accreditation status with the Higher Learning Commission. Candidacy indicates that the institution has been found to meet the Commission's Eligibility Requirements, and is working toward but is not assured of accreditation.

### **The Next Steps for Westwood College**

In the fall of 2011, a comprehensive evaluation visit for initial accreditation will take place. The visit will determine whether Westwood complies with the Criteria for Accreditation, which are the Commission's standards for accredited institutions. During this visit, peer reviewers of The Higher Learning Commission will visit the Westwood College headquarters and the campuses spread throughout the country and will determine whether Westwood complies with the Criteria for Accreditation and should be awarded accreditation. The team's recommendation is subject to a second level review process and review by the Commission's Board of Trustees, which takes the final action.

### **Information**

More information about Westwood College is available on the institution's Web site, [www.westwood.edu](http://www.westwood.edu). More information about The Higher Learning Commission, accreditation, and candidacy can be found on The Higher Learning Commission Web site, [www.ncahlc.org](http://www.ncahlc.org).