



February 6, 2026

Dr. Joseph Pizzorno  
Interim President  
Bastyr University  
14500 Juanita Drive NE  
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Dear President Pizzorno:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) at its meeting on January 27-30, 2026, concerning the Fall 2025 Special Report of Bastyr University.

**Accreditation**

Reaffirm Accreditation: Remove the Sanction of Show Cause, Accept the Report

**Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation**

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2024 Financial Resources Review - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2024 Financial Resources Review - Continued as Needs Improvement

**Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement**

The Commission recommends that Bastyr University:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2025 Financial Resources Review - Engage in effective financial planning that results in appropriate risk management strategies, such as the building of financial reserves, to ensure short-term and long-term financial health and stability. (2020 Standard(s) 2.E.1;2.E.2)

**Future Evaluations**

- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2026
- Financial Resources Review Spring 2027
  - Recommendation 1: Fall 2025 Financial Resources Review
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2027
  - Recommendation 1: Fall 2024 Ad Hoc Report with Visit
  - Recommendation 3: Fall 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability

NWCCU is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process. If you have questions about any of the information in this letter, please contact your staff liaison, Dr. Teresa Rivenes, at [trivenes@nwccu.org](mailto:trivenes@nwccu.org).

Sincerely,

Selena M. Grace  
President

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