

January 27, 2022

Dr. Jody Lewen
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Dear Dr. Lewen:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 12-14, 2022, reviewed the Preaccreditation Follow-Up Report and evidentiary materials submitted by Mount Tamalpais College, a Candidate for Accreditation, in support of its application for Initial Accreditation. The Commission also considered the Follow-Up Report prepared by the peer review team that conducted its visit to the College on October 21, 2021. The Commission appreciated your spoken remarks, as well as those of Dr. Amy Jamgochian, Chief Academic Officer, and Dr. Jennifer Juras, Chief of Institutional Effectiveness and Research.

The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College has appropriately responded to the issues identified by the peer review team at the time of the comprehensive visit and as expressed in the Commission's Action Letter of January 27, 2020, granting Candidacy, and to determine whether the College has demonstrated compliance with the related Standards to achieve Initial Accreditation.

Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to **Grant Initial Accreditation**. The Commission found that Mount Tamalpais College has addressed the compliance requirements, corrected deficiencies, and meets Standards I.B.2, I.B.3, I.B.4, and I.B.9 (Requirement 1).

The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report¹ due on October 15, 2025. The institution's next comprehensive review will begin with Team ISER Review in the spring term of 2028 and conclude with a Focused Site Visit in the fall term of 2028.

The Commission requires the College to disseminate the Preaccreditation Follow-Up Report, the Follow-Up Peer Review Team Report, and this letter within the institution, including by posting them on the College's website. A final copy of the Follow-Up Peer Review Team Report is attached. Accredited institutions shall make public representations about their relationship with the Commission per ACCJC's [*Policy on Representation of Accredited Status*](#).

On behalf of the Commission, we wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that Mount Tamalpais College undertook to respond to these requirements and we extend sincere congratulations on the achievement of initial accreditation. These efforts confirm that peer review can serve well the multiple constituencies of higher education by both ensuring and encouraging institutional quality and effectiveness.

If you have any questions about this letter or the Commission's action, please feel free to contact Dr. Cindy Miles or the vice president assigned as liaison to your institution.

Sincerely,



Cindy Miles, Ph.D.



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cc: Dr. Jennifer Juras, Accreditation Liaison Officer

¹ Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-up Reports, Special Reports, or Teach-out Plans/Agreements to the Commission should review *Guidelines for Preparing Institutional Reports to the Commission*, found on the ACCJC website at <https://accjc.org/guides-and-manuals/>.