Requirements for Institutional Websites Guide

WSCC Senior College and University Commission’s Core Commitment to Institutional Integrity, Sustainability, and Accountability sets the expectation that institutions “demonstrate institutional integrity” and “operate in a transparent manner.” Certain WSCUC standards and policies, along with federal regulations, call for specific information to be made available publically. This guide is intended to assist institutions in knowing what is required to be easily accessible and posted on their websites.

This information* is required to be readily accessible on the website:

- Institutional mission
  - Standard 1.1 Guideline: The institution has a published mission statement.

- Credit hour policy
  - WSCUC policy: Institution’s policy needs to be easily accessible.

- Transfer credit policy, criteria, articulation agreements
  - Required in accordance with U.S. Department of Education regulation 668.43(a)(11): transfer policy needs to be publically disclosed; must include criteria regarding transfer of credit and a list of institutions with which it has established an articulation agreement.

- Student complaints/grievance policy or procedures
  - WSCUC Compliance with Federal Requirements Checklist: Institution’s policy needs to be easily accessible.

- Retention and graduation rates (however the institution wishes to present this information)
  - Standard 1.2: The institution regularly generates, evaluates, and makes public data about student achievement, including measures of retention and graduation, and evidence of student learning.

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- Net price calculator:
  - Required in accordance with Higher Education Opportunity Act Section 111: schools that receive Title IV funds publicly share a net price calculator to help current and prospective students estimate their individual net price at that school as well as other financial aid information.

*Important Note: Not all federal requirements for universities and colleges are on this list – please see Additional Resources below.
Additional Resources:

2013 WSCUC Commission Handbook of Accreditation:  
http://www.wascsenior.org/resources/handbook-accreditation-2013

WSCUC Policies:  
http://www.wascsenior.org/document-list

Higher Education Compliance Alliance matrix - provides the higher education community with a centralized repository of information and resources for compliance with federal laws and regulations:  
http://www.higheredcompliance.org/matrix/

Gainful Employment Information:  
http://www.higheredcompliance.org/resources/program-integrity-rules.html  
http://ifap.ed.gov/GainfulEmploymentInfo/