

## New NWCCU Academy

The process of revising the NWCCU Standards of Accreditation and Eligibility Requirements has highlighted and expanded a renewed focus on student learning and student achievement – the driving measure of institutional success.

To support these efforts, NWCCU is developing an Academy for Retention, Completion, and Student Success (ARCSS). The Academy is a mentored experiential learning platform to support institutions and faculty in their efforts to promote student success.

Initially, ARCSS will bring together 20 institutions and their representatives in a two-year program designed to support efforts around retention, completion, and the use of data to create and deploy interventions that can drive positive institutional results, particularly with students from underrepresented groups.

ARCSS will comprise four phases: *Information Gathering, Planning, Action, and Assessment*.

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