



# The Higher Learning Commission

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May 8, 2008

President Juan R. Olivarez  
Grand Rapids Community College  
143 Bostwick NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Dear President Olivarez:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning Grand Rapids Community College by The Higher Learning Commission. At its meeting on April 28, 2008 the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) voted to continue the accreditation of Grand Rapids Community College through the Academic Quality Improvement Program, and to adopt any new items entered on the attached Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS). The Commission Board of Trustees validated the IAC action through its validation process that concluded on May 8, 2008. The date on this letter constitutes the effective date of your new status with the Commission.

I have enclosed your institution's *Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS)* and *Organizational Profile (OP)*. The SAS is a summary of your organization's ongoing relationship with the Commission. The OP is generated from data you provided in your most recent, (2007-08) Annual Institutional Data Update. If the current Commission action included changes to the demographic, site, or distance education information you reported in your Annual Institutional Data Update, we have made the change on the *Organizational Profile*. No other organizational information was changed.

The attached *Statement of Affiliation Status* and *Organizational Profile* will be posted to the Commission website on Tuesday, May 27. Before this public disclosure however, I ask that you verify the information in both documents, and inform me before Friday, May 23, of any concerns that you may have about these documents. Information about notifying the public of this action is found in Chapter 8.3-3 and 8.3-4 of the *Handbook of Accreditation, Third Edition*.

Please be aware of Commission policy on planned or proposed organizational changes that require Commission action before their initiation. You will find the Commission's change policy in Chapter 7.2 of the *Handbook of Accreditation*. Please review it with care. I highly recommend that if you have any questions about how planned institutional changes might affect your relationship with the Commission, you write or call Dr. Stephen D. Spangehl, your staff liaison.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you and your associates for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Crow, Ph.D.  
President

Enclosures: Statement of Affiliation Status  
Organizational Profile

cc: Chair of the Board





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## STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION STATUS

GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
143 Bostwick NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

*Affiliation Status:* Candidate: Not Applicable  
Accreditation: (1917- .)

AQIP PARTICIPANT

### Nature of Organization

*Legal Status:* Public  
*Degrees Awarded:* A

### Conditions of Affiliation:

*Stipulations on Affiliation Status:* None.  
*Approval of New Degree Sites:* No prior Commission approval required for offering existing degree programs at new sites in southwestern Michigan in cooperation with other regional community colleges.  
*Approval of Distance Education Degrees:* Prior Commission approval required for additional degrees beyond those facilitated by The Michigan Community College Virtual Learning Collaborative.  
*Reports Required:* None.  
*Other Visits Scheduled:* None.

### Summary of Commission Review

*Year of Admission to AQIP:* 11/20/2000  
*Year of Last PEAQ Comprehensive Evaluation:* 1990  
*Year of Last System Appraisal:* 2004 - 2005  
*Year of Next System Appraisal:* 2008 - 2009  
*Year of Last Reaffirmation of Accreditation:* 2007 - 2008  
*Year of Next Reaffirmation of Accreditation:* 2014 - 2015  
*Date of Last Action:* 05/08/2008

*Name Change:*  
Grand Rapids Junior College to Grand Rapids Community College (7/1/91)



## ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

### GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

143 Bostwick NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

#### Enrollment Demographics (by headcount) (HLC Posted: 04/29/2008)

	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>
Undergraduate:	6666	8546
Graduate:	0	0
Post-baccalaureate First Professional:	0	0
Non-Credit headcount:		2772

#### Educational Programs (HLC Posted: 04/29/2008)

		<u>Program Distribution</u>	<u>Degrees Awarded</u>
Leading to Undergraduate degrees:	Associate	102	1427
	Bachelors	0	0
Leading to Graduate degrees:	Masters	0	0
	Specialist	0	0
	First Professional	0	0
	Doctoral	0	0
Certificate Programs:	Pre-Associate	23	390
	Other Undergraduate	18	0
	Post-baccalaureate	0	0

#### Dual Enrollment (HLC Posted: 04/29/2008)

Headcount in all dual enrollment (high school) 341

#### Off-Campus Activities (HLC Posted: 05/02/2008)

In-State:      Campuses:      None  
                     Sites:              Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids Community College - Occupational Training/Tassel MTEC) ; Holland (Grand Rapids Community College - Holland/Lakeshore Campus/Thompson MTEC)  
                     Course Locations: 10

Out-of-State:    Campuses:      None  
                     Sites:              None  
                     Course Locations: None

Out-of-U.S.:    Campuses:      None  
                     Sites:              None  
                     Course Locations: None

#### Distance Education Certificate and Degree (HLC Posted: 04/29/2008)