Verification Team Report
Accounting
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Statement of Completion
The Accounting Program Evaluation Report is incomplete. The SLO matrix is not complete and a summary of each subsection under resources section is needed. The completion of the SLO matrix and resources section and some editing changes will be submitted to the Verification Team.

Strengths of the Program
The program has
• highly qualified and professional full- and part-time instructors. (90% of students surveyed indicated strong satisfaction with the quality of Accounting instruction, with only 2% disagreeing.)
• adequate facilities
• a dedicated Program Coordinator

Areas for Program Improvement
• The program is definitely in need of an additional full-time faculty.
• The program needs to increase enrollment.
• The program needs to offer more courses during the day
• The program needs to implement an Accounting Lab, which would provide tutoring and updating NVC library resources.
• The program needs to develop and offer more online courses.
• The program needs to do more community outreach

Summary of Verification Team Recommendation
Despite the wonderful work the program Coordinator has done and excellent instruction, the program has experienced major enrollment decline after 2005. This is the result of cutting daytime course offerings due to the retirement of a full-time faculty in end of fall 2005. The program is mainly taught by part-time faculty. Therefore, it is very crucial the program has an additional full-time faculty. This new full-time faculty not only helps to increase the program’s enrollment but also helps to reduce areas for program improvement as stated above.

Note: The college should have a budget for adjunct faculty’s office hours.