



Santa Ana College

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Division Meetings
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Accreditation Update

What is Accreditation?

Accreditation is the process for evaluating and assuring the quality of education used by the American higher education community.

and assures... 

the public that accredited colleges meet the standards.

education earned is of value to the student.

employers, trade or profession-related licensing agencies, and other colleges and universities can accept a student's credentials as legitimate.

The Stages of an Accreditation Cycle



- Every six years there is a comprehensive Self Evaluation Report and an external evaluation site visit: SAC and SCC are in this part of the cycle.
- After the visit, the Commission meets and issues a report in January with recommendations for continued improvement.
- There is full reaffirmation of accreditation for six years or a sanction with special reports required and/or an abbreviated visit scheduled.
- All colleges do a Midterm Report after three years with Responses to Recommendations.
- All colleges do an Annual Report and an Annual Financial Report

The Self Evaluation Report: Accreditation Standards



- Standard I: Institutional Mission and Effectiveness
- Standard II: Student Learning Programs and Services
 - A. Instruction, B. Student Services
 - C. Library
- Standard III: Resources
 - A. Human, B. Physical,
 - C. Technology, D. Financial
- Standard IV: Leadership and Governance

Structure of each of the Standards



- **Descriptive Summary**
- **Self Evaluation**

analyze and systematically evaluate its performance against the Accreditation Standards and its institutional mission.

- **Actionable Improvement Plans**

integrated into the institution's continuous evaluation and planning processes.

Actionable Improvement Plans that concern the Faculty



- The program review process will be ongoing and consistent with integrated planning activities
- Course-level SLO Chart; Program-level SLO Chart; Quadrennial PA/PR; ILO Mapping Chart (formerly called core competencies)
 - The college-wide ILO this semester is Communication: Reading and Writing. This will be discussed at the division level and is an extension of existing program review documents.
 - Check sac.edu/program_review for mapping charts and other program review documents

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- A team of 12 peer evaluators is coming to SAC October 6–9, 2014. A separate team is coming to SCC. Part of each will go to District Operations.
- What do you need to do? Be available! Become familiar with the report!

Questions? Comments? Concerns?



- Now...
- If you think of anything later...
 - Call Bonnie x46989/ jaros_bonita@sac.edu
- Check accjc.org and sac.edu/accreditation