

The Accreditation Review



Mission: Accreditation
Destination: 2023
Path to Possible

WELCOME!

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Welcome to SCC's Accreditation Review. This is the sixth issue of SCC's monthly newsletter that provides the College with accreditation updates and shares important information about accreditation processes. **The next issue of the Accreditation Review will be in August 2021!**

Criterion Corner

One of SCC's requirements to maintain accreditation is to have its offsite locations evaluated by HLC. Every five years HLC randomly selects a two or three Learning Centers or other locations for a modified site visit. The purpose of these multi-locations visits are to confirm SCC's continuing effective oversight of its locations and ensure that SCC maintains consistency in policy, procedures, and continuity of operations at its locations.

This term, SCC's York Learning Center and IBEW Training Center were selected for review. **Just this week SCC received the great news from HLC that the locations met all of HLC's expectations and the report was accepted** with no additional information needed. The site visitor shared suggestions on instructional oversight, academic and student support services, facilities, and marketing and recruitment information for continued improvement of the additional locations. Thank you to all who were involved in preparing the report and involved in the visit!

Accreditation Passport

The Accreditation Passport program is designed to help the College community learn about the accreditation process, assist in gathering evidence, and prepare for the site visit. Thank you to the numerous employees who participated in March's Passport challenge! SCC's talented Institutional Research Office created an interactive dashboard to track completed passport challenges. **Check out your own passport at:** <https://www.sccaccreditation.com/passport>.

Congratulations to March's Passport Challenge winners: Jennifer Jung, Bob Zetocha, and Adam Niederklein. To date, more than 220 Passport challenges have been completed by SCC employees. Stay tuned for the next passport challenge in August 2021!



Need to Know Nook

This week officially marks two years until the Comprehensive Evaluation on April 23-25, 2023. The Accreditation Steering Team has been meeting regularly over the last year to assess prepare for the visit. The Steering Team is currently developing a long list of potential sources of evidence and will begin reaching out to each area of the College in the coming months!

SCC had a strong presence at HLC's 2021 Annual Conference on April 5-9. During the conference, Dr. Illich, Bev Cummins, Dr. Michaelis, and Shawna Herwick led three separate presentations on strategic planning, Goal 9.6, resiliency through challenging teams, leading through crises, among other topics. Additionally, HLC invited Kim Shirk, Carolee Ritter, and Shawna Herwick to host a virtual 'booth' at the conference to share lessons learned from SCC's Quality Initiative with conference attendees. Several SCC employees and Board members attended the conference and gained valuable insights on trends in higher education, accreditation updates, and best practices in instruction, assessment, student affairs, and administration.



Shawna's Shout Outs!

Every month Shawna's Shout Outs will include recognition of an individual or team of employees who have gone above and beyond! **This month's Shout Out goes to one of SCC's biggest champions of accreditation and continuous improvement- Linda Hartman!** Linda is the Business Program Co-Director and has served on the Accreditation Steering Team since 2016. She did an outstanding job leading Criterion 3 (Teaching and Learning) during the Assurance Review and graciously accepted the opportunity to lead Criterion 3 again for the Comprehensive Evaluation in 2023. Linda meticulously worked to ensure her team had searched for evidence across the College. She even created an internal peer-review process for her Criterion Committee, similar to HLC's approach to the evaluation. Linda also serves the College through another area of shared governance at SCC as the faculty representative to SCC's Board of Governors. Linda comes to every Accreditation Steering Team meeting with new ideas, thoughtful questions, a positive outlook, and a strong desire to make data-driven improvements at SCC. The Accreditation Steering Team is more focused and fun because of Linda's talents! **Thank you, Linda, for your leadership and commitment to accreditation at SCC.**

Questions about SCC's accreditation? Please email accreditation@southeast.edu or sherwick@southeast.edu.