

The Accreditation Review



Mission: Accreditation
Destination: 2023
Path to Possible

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WELCOME!

Welcome to SCC's Accreditation Review! This is the 15th issue of the SCC Accreditation Steering Team's newsletter that provides the College with accreditation updates and shares important information about accreditation processes.

We are thrilled to be just over one month out from our site visit!

This month we focus on:

Criterion 5 - Instructional Effectiveness, Resources, and Planning



The institution's resources, structures, and processes are sufficient to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its educational offerings, and respond to future challenges and opportunities.

Key words for Criterion 5:

- Shared governance
- Data informed
- Collaboration
- Qualified and trained operational staff
- Sufficient infrastructure
- Realistic goals
- Budget and finances
- Systematic and Integrated planning and improvement
- Resource allocation
- Planning and anticipating
- Systematic improvement

Review this list of key words and reflect on how YOU have had an impact on each of these or how SCC has made significant strides in each over the past several years. We have so much to be proud of!

Assessment report – Nine Point Five Series

As part of the Open Pathways option for accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), institutions are required to undertake a major Quality Initiative designed to suit its present concerns or aspirations. In August 2018, SCC submitted a Quality Initiative proposal that focused on improving student success and outcomes. In order to inform development of the Quality Initiative, the Institutional Research office conducted a preliminary study about the patterns and outcomes of students who received failing grades as compared to students who never received a failing grade at SCC.

The **Nine Point Five Series** is updated at least once a year. Check out the latest report from Fall 2022 that includes results from the latest [Assessment Survey](#).

For more information about this and other Institutional Research information, check out the [Data and Reports page](#) on the SCC website.

Need to Know Nook!



One final “burning question” regarding HLC:

Q: What other universities/colleges/schools go through this accreditation process in Nebraska?

A: There are *many* other institutions in the state accredited by the HLC.

HLC Site Featuring Full List of NE Institutions

Here are several of the Nebraska institutions on the list:

- Bryan College of Health Sciences
- Central Community College
- Chadron State College
- Concordia University
- Doane University
- Hastings College
- Metropolitan Community College
- Mid-Plains Community College
- Midland University
- Nebraska Indian Community College
- Northeast Community College
- Union College
- UNO, UNMC, UNL, UNK, UNCTA
- Wayne State College
- Western Nebraska Community College

If you have additional burning questions, feel free to email Shawna Herwick: sherwick@southeast.edu

Save the Date

Criterion 5 - LIVE Webinar Thursday, March 23 at 11:00 am



March 23: LIVE webinar with Dr. Illich and Mike Pegram related to Criterion 5.

Join
Webinar

Not able to attend at this time...GOOD NEWS...the session will be recorded and shared post event!

March 24: Submission of the report!

Side note - If you hear or see fireworks going off that day, that's just Shawna and her team celebrating the "Lock" date for the report

April 24-25, 2023 HLC Site Visit



April 24-25: HLC peer reviewers site visit.

Website

Accreditation Website – MAKE THIS A FAVORITES LINK

SCCAccreditation.com

Note: To create a Favorites on your Hub Home page, simply click the "Bookmarks" tab in the upper right and the + Manage Bookmarks to "add to my links" to add this site to your Bookmarks.

- Check out the [SCC Accreditation website](https://SCCAccreditation.com) for the latest information regarding our HLC accreditation.
- Be SURE to scroll through all the [nominations](#).
- Order your FREE [Mission, Vision, Values posters](#).

Re-Accreditation Passport Challenges



The Accreditation Passport Challenge program is designed to help the College community learn about the accreditation process and prepare for the HLC site visit.

If you have not submitted all Passport Challenges to date, feel free to get caught up over the next few weeks. This is a great way to learn more about the upcoming visit, nominate yourself or peer for some recognition, and so much more!

March Passport Challenge

How have you used data or plan to use data for assessment, planning or budgeting at SCC?



1. Go to <https://www.sccaccreditation.com/passport>.
2. Click "Begin Challenge" and you will be redirected to the Canvas course.
3. OR go straight to [Canvas: "Mission Accreditation Passport"](#) course to complete the Challenge.

SCC's talented Institutional Research Office has created an interactive dashboard to track completed Passport Challenges. Check out your own passport at: <https://www.sccaccreditation.com/passport>.

Also be sure to check out the Group Travel for your team's standing.

Be sure to see your campus representative for a Passport Stamp after you have participated in an online or in-person event or completed a passport challenge! If you have completed a passport challenge or participated in an event for Criterion 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5. Visit your campus contact below for a stamp on your passport. *If by chance*

you didn't receive a hard copy passport, please contact your location representative below to get one!

ESQ – Delray Rowell

Lincoln – Information Desk - check out the NEW location in the Student Academic Support (SAS) area!

Beatrice – Renae Reis

Milford – Misty Griggs

AREA/CEC – Amy Chesley

Learning Centers – Cinda Konken



Complete Your Passport Challenges

Shawna's Shout Outs!

Every month, Shawna's Shout Outs will include recognition of an individual or team of employees who has gone above and beyond!



This month we recognize two faculty members who live out SCC's mission in their classrooms and in the college community on a daily basis.



Tracie Klosterman - Tracie dedicates herself to finding solutions for our SCC Workforce Leadership Team (WLT) partners. She uses input and reflection when listening to our WLT partners; she attends WLTs outside her program to learn more and then works with her team to create tangible solutions.

When it comes to assessment, the Office Professional

program rises to the occasion. Their processes are complete and detailed, with appropriate supporting documentation. In addition, Tracie and her team keep the entire Business Division up to date with regular “Tech Tips” and motivational emails and bulletin boards. As a member of the HLC Champions team, Tracie is quick to recognize those on campus who are participating in the passport challenges, showing off their swag, and displaying their passports.

Keep an eye out for the Office Professional program changes. Thanks to Tracie’s leadership on her team, you can expect great things this coming year!

Angela Cyza - Angela is determined to provide engaging coursework for every student, in person or online. Angela designed an extensive project that students complete in groups that requires teamwork, leadership, and time-management skills. All aspects of her project assignment are mirrored in how she explains, provides instruction, and manages it with a well-defined rubric. Angela has created meaningful ways that create connections between students and with their instructor. She brings professionals in the field into her classroom to speak, and the online students join in real time via ZOOM with nearly perfect attendance.



Overall, Angela is highly skilled at facilitation of content through active learning. Angela is the speaker at the Health Science’s Division Spring Boot Camp sessions (camp designed to provide faculty, new or seasoned, with guidance in active learning). She will be sharing information from her master’s program on Cognitive Overload and Backwards Design in lesson planning. Angela is an asset to the SCC Radiology program and the Health Sciences Division but most importantly to our students who are blessed to have her as an educator and role model!

But wait, there’s more!...You may have heard Angela’s amazing singing talent with The National Anthem at recent graduations or viewed her award-winning artwork in Illuminations. Angela is a multi-talented member of our SCC faculty!

Thank you, Tracie and Angela, for all you do for SCC!

Questions about SCC’s accreditation processes, initiatives, or anything else

accreditation-related at SCC?

Please email accreditation@southeast.edu or sherwick@southeast.edu.



Want to learn even more about accreditation at SCC? Check out these online resources below!

[General Information about Accreditation](#)

[What is Accreditation?](#)

[Reaffirmation of Accreditation Process at SCC](#)

[SCC Accreditation Steering Team Members](#)

[History of Accreditation at SCC](#)

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