

The Accreditation Review



Mission: Accreditation
Destination: 2023
Path to Possible

WELCOME!

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This month's Accreditation Review will focus on how SCC is working collaboratively toward our common goal of a successful comprehensive evaluation process (or as we call it: "Mission - Accreditation"). SCC's approach to the comprehensive evaluation is driven by the pillars of Goal 9.6: input, reflection, transparency, compassion, positivity, and respect. Strategic goal 9.6 drives how we work together, communicate, and prepare for the comprehensive evaluation in April 2023.

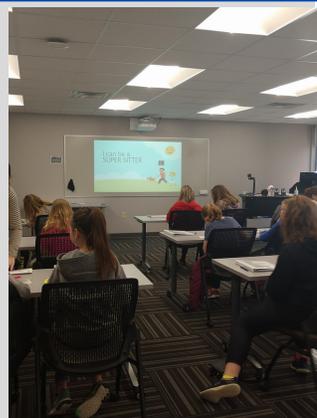
Criterion Corner

In preparation for the comprehensive evaluation in April 2023, SCC is implementing several strategies to ensure a successful reaccreditation, including the monthly Accreditation Review newsletter and Passport challenges for each of us to learn more about accreditation at SCC (and win some fun prizes).

SCC also has an Accreditation Steering Team that began meeting monthly in April 2020. **HLC's Criteria for Accreditation (Criteria 2 & 5) calls for institutions to ensure collaborative processes for shared governance, and the Accreditation Steering Team is just one of many examples of broad-based participation at SCC!**

The Steering Team has approximately 20 faculty, staff, and administrators that work diligently to oversee the entire comprehensive evaluation process. The Steering Team is organized in smaller groups: Criterion Committees, Federal Compliance, and Communication/Engagement Planning. For employees who worked at SCC prior to 2012, you may recall that SCC had large accreditation workgroups with more than 100 employees working on the report and site visit. For the 2023 comprehensive evaluation SCC pivoted to involve employees in a broader, more dynamic approach. This change allows every SCC employee to be directly involved, rather than limit the primary involvement to committee members.

This month the Accreditation Steering Team's Criterion Committees are reviewing evidence used in the 2017 mid-cycle Assurance Review to determine which sources of evidence still apply to the 2023 comprehensive evaluation. Next, the Criterion Committees will identify what types of evidence are needed from each area of the College: Instruction; Student Affairs; Human Resources; Administrative Services; Technology; President's Office; Access, Equity, and Diversity; Program Development; Campus Operations; and more! In the coming months the Steering Team will begin meeting with each area to begin an ongoing dialogue on how each area of the College contributes to SCC's successful reaccreditation in April 2023.



Need to Know Nook

Introducing SCC's new accreditation website: <https://www.sccaccreditation.com/>. This month please check out the "Meet the Team" section to get to know SCC's Accreditation Steering Team.

Accreditation Passport

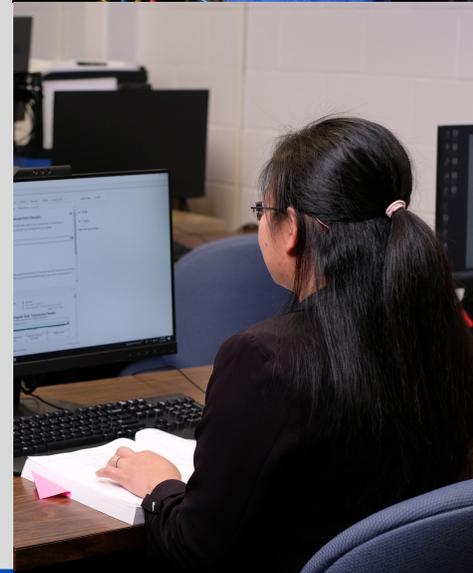
As a reminder, the Accreditation Passport program is designed to help the College community learn about the accreditation process, assist in gathering evidence, and prepare for the site visit. Each month there will be individual and group challenges that are accessible in Canvas or through www.sccaccreditation.com/passport.

Thank you to the 125 employees who participated in January's Passport challenge! Most employees who responded affirmed that a successful accreditation means each employee contributes to the process. SCC's talented Institutional Research Office created an interactive dashboard to track completed passport challenges. **Check out your own passport at:** www.sccaccreditation.com/passport.

Congratulations to Danvas Mabeya, Jennifer Jung, Kirby Taylor, and Tessa Triplette. Watch your mailbox for a prize; and a special thanks to all 125 employees for participating in the fun!

February's Passport challenge is to get to know the Accreditation Steering Team by completing a crossword puzzle. To access the Accreditation Passport monthly challenge:

1. Go to thehub.southeast.edu.
2. Click on My Courses – Canvas.
3. Select the Mission Accreditation: Passport course.
4. Monthly challenges can be found on the left side navigation under Modules
5. Complete the challenge!



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 I'd like to recognize Stacey Barnard-Dorn, Executive Administrative Assistant for the Instructional Division.** Stacey works closely with the Instructional Division to create efficient processes that ensure SCC stays in compliance with HLC's institutional (substantive) change requirements. Ensuring that SCC follows these requirements involves a great deal of information from various individuals/groups and keeping track of that documentation is critical. Stacey frequently looks for ways to promote transparent and accurate communication, in addition to identifying new strategies for SCC to be more efficient. SCC has made tremendous progress in complying with substantive change policies and Stacey's organization has ensured that work runs smoothly.

Stacey and her team also have played a pivotal role in registering and arranging travel SCC employees for the HLC annual conference for the last few years. I am frequently amazed at her organizational abilities to manage that complex process. Thank you, Stacey, for your commitment to excellence, efficiency, and ensuring important accreditation processes are streamlined.

Are you enjoying the monthly newsletters and passport challenges and want to get involved in additional ways? **Stay tuned next month for a new opportunity to get involved in SCC's Mission: Accreditation!**

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

Save the Date!

SCC recently received notice from the Higher Learning Commission that our 10-year comprehensive evaluation will be in April 2023! Please save the date for April 24-25, 2023!

We have a lot of work to do together over the next 2 ½ years to prepare and there will be many opportunities for each of us to get involved.

