

The Accreditation Review



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Destination: 2023
Path to Possible

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WELCOME!

Welcome to SCC's Accreditation Review! This is the 14th issue of the SCC Accreditation Steering Team's newsletter that provides the College with accreditation updates and shares important information about accreditation processes.

This month we focus on:

Criterion 4 - Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement



Southeast Community College's **Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs)** are the broad student learning outcomes that all students at SCC are expected to learn and demonstrate. These learning outcomes are incorporated into students' courses, programs of study, cocurricular activities, student support services, and interactions with faculty and staff at the College.

The purpose of the ILOs is to:

- Guide consistent communication to internal and external constituencies about SCC's aspirations for its graduates.
- Align assessment efforts at the College to one set of common student learning outcomes.
- Connect and inform institutional, cocurricular, general education, program, department, and course assessment.

The results of ILO assessment will be used to align continuous improvement efforts across the College to help improve student learning in conjunction with SCC's Strategic Plan and area-level Mission Action Plans (MAP) and annual budgeting process.

The ILOs were developed by an interdisciplinary team of faculty and staff in the fall of 2019 and approved by the College's Administrative Team in the spring of 2020. Student Affairs deans and directors began incorporating the ILOs into their cocurricular and operational assessments in Fall 2020. In Spring 2021 SCC added an expanded position to coordinate all institutional learning outcome efforts, in coordination with the Director of Assessment (Instructional Division). The ILOs were officially communicated to all College employees and students in the spring of 2022.

All **Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)** and **General Education Learning Outcomes (GELOs)** have been mapped to the **ILOs** for assessment.

Additionally, all assessed cocurricular learning outcomes are connected to the ILOs by the Cocurricular/ILO Assessment Team.

SCC's INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES (ILOs)

- Career & Professional Readiness
- Innovative & Critical Thinking
- Effective Communication
- Community Engagement & Social Responsibility
- Wellness & Resiliency

Learn more about Criterion 4 and ILOs by visiting the [SCC Accreditation website](#).



Need to Know Nook!



Just over a year ago we asked for your “burning questions” regarding HLC. We continue to keep the fire burning...so here are some more Q&As.

Q: Will the 35,000-word report (or a summary) be available for faculty/staff to review?

A: SCC has been working on the report for about two years. There have been hundreds of employees who contributed to the report to date – either through drafting narrative content, providing evidence, and/or reviewing the drafts. It has been an outstanding team effort to develop the report and evidence responses! The full report will be made available for all College employees to review sometime the end of February or early March. There will also be short executive summaries for the report as well. A collegewide email will be sent out with more information. Stay tuned!

Q: When will we start assessing all classes? Will this look similar to the pilot program?

A: Through our accreditation work, we’ve made a great deal of progress with assessment, as well as identified a few areas we’d like to continue improving in our assessment processes, such as curriculum mapping, course assessment, and program review. The work of the General Education Team has laid an important foundation for what a course-level assessment process could look like college-wide. They have led incredible work to assess hundreds of courses over the last three terms. After the visit this April, we will know more about what additional changes may need to be prioritized related to our assessment process. The full HLC report will be made available to all College employees.

Q: What methods will be used in the HLC evaluation?

A: There are five main methods used in the evaluation by six HLC Peer

Reviewers:

- Review of our Assurance Review report written directly to respond to HLC's Criteria for Accreditation.
- Analyze the evidence we provide on the Criteria for Accreditation.
- Review the information and websites that we provide as part of the Federal Compliance report.
- Review student survey results conducted by HLC (the survey will be sent out to students in early February).
- Onsite visit by the peer reviewers to gather additional information on identified areas of focus and confirm evidence through meetings with College employees.

Q: How much do students need to know about the process?

A: Students will receive an email within the next week with information about the student survey. Depending on the requests of the site visitors, there may be a student-focused meeting during the visit. At a minimum, we want students to know the dates of the visit, the importance of accreditation to their success, and how they will be able to participate in the process beyond completing the survey. We will begin communicating with students with additional information in March.

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

Save the Date

Criterion 4 Overview:
February 14th from 9:30 - 10:30





For an overview of
Criterion 4 and earn swag!



You can also earn swag if you are unable to attend the online event by completing the passport challenge for February.

Want to know more, visit the [Accreditation website](#) today and join us on February 14 from 9:30 – 10:30 am.*

Please click this URL or the button below to join:
<https://Southeast.zoom.us/j/95263908456>

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

**This session will be recorded for those who are unable to attend in person.*

April 24-25, 2023
HLC 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](#) for the latest information regarding our HLC accreditation.
- Be SURE to scroll through all the [nominations for mission/integrity and teaching/learning](#).
- 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!

It's easy to access the monthly Accreditation Passport Challenges! To do so, follow the steps below:

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 or 3.... 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

Beatrice – Renae Reis

Milford – Misty Griggs

AREA/CEC – Amy Chesley

Learning Centers – Crystal Hollmann



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!



Here's a shout out to two people who have played a vital role in addressing our facility and campus needs!

Aaron Epps juggles and manages multiple



construction projects for all campus locations, keeping them on time and on budget. His knowledge and expertise is invaluable in ensuring we are using tax payer dollars appropriately while providing high-quality spaces for our students, employees and the community.

Korena Varejcka maintains positive communication about campus projects for the Lincoln campus community. She transparently leads and manages projects and looks for input from others. She seeks to solve problems and jumps in to any challenge to find and develop improved processes and procedures that benefit students, employees, and the public.



Thank you, Aaron and Korena, 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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