

The Accreditation Review



Mission: Accreditation
Destination: 2023
Path to Possible

WELCOME!

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Happy New Year! We are excited to share with you The Accreditation Review! A monthly newsletter that will:

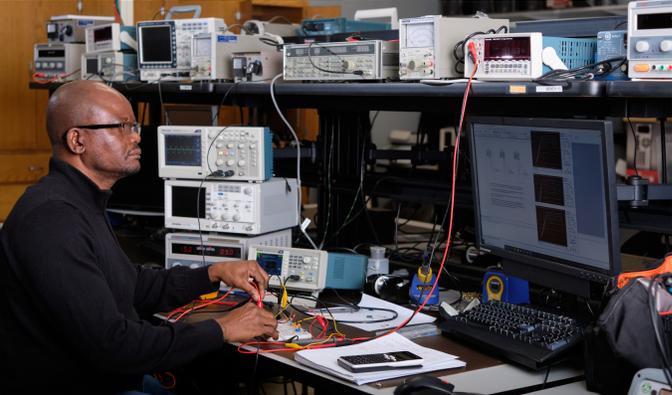
- Provide accreditation updates
- Share important information about the process,
- Serve as a connecting point for all College employees as we move through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) comprehensive evaluation, or as we like to call it “Mission - Accreditation”.

Last month we learned about what the comprehensive evaluation process entails and a snapshot of SCC’s accreditation history.

Criterion Corner

As we learned last month, SCC’s comprehensive evaluation in April 2023 will involve collecting thousands of sources of evidence that demonstrates the extent that we meet HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation. The evidence will be used to write a data-driven 35,000-word Assurance Argument report. HLC peer reviewers will evaluate the Assurance Argument, in conjunction with the site visit, to determine if SCC will be granted continued accreditation for the next ten years.

HLC’s newly revised Criteria for Accreditation has five main sections (Criterion) that are made up of eighteen Core Components. Stay tuned for future Accreditation Reviews for a deeper dive into the standards of quality outlined in the Criteria beginning with Criterion 1: Mission. You can read the HLC Criteria and Core Components here: <https://www.hlcommission.org/Policies/criteria-and-core-components.html>.



Need to Know Nook

Introducing SCC's new accreditation website: <https://www.sccaccreditation.com/>. This dynamic website will provide a central spot to learn more about accreditation at SCC, meet the Accreditation Steering Team, and get up-to-date information on the comprehensive evaluation process. Previous copies of The Accreditation Review can also be accessed on the website. Thank you, Katy Novak, for your fantastic work designing the site!!



Accreditation Passport

We are excited to introduce a fantastic opportunity to get actively involved in Mission: Accreditation. 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. It's going to be fun, easy, and there are prizes! Each month there will be individual and group challenges that will be accessed on Canvas.

This January's challenge is to take a short quiz to check your knowledge on accreditation at SCC. Hint: most answers can be found in previous Accreditation Reviews or on the website. 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!

All employees who complete January's Passport Challenge by February 5, 2021 will be entered into a drawing to win some fun prizes! Watch your email for a Welcome from the Canvas course, Mission Accreditation: Passport.



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 Barry Smith, SCC's Program Director for the Automotive Technology and Powersports programs. Barry and his team's innovative work has resulted in the addition of a new AAS program, which provides another Pathway to Possible for SCC students. Not only does this new program provide a high-quality, cost-effective option for students, it also addressed a critical accreditation and compliance need. Students pursuing a diploma or AAS in Powersports are now fully eligible for federal financial aid with the addition of this new stackable credential. Furthermore, Barry and the Automotive and Powersports faculty created this additional program without the need for any additional equipment, faculty, or other significant resources!

This new program required several accreditation-related processes for approval before the program could be offered and Barry was so positive about navigating the accreditation processes, while providing answers quickly for HLC's questions. It was very inspiring to see the innovation and collaboration actively occurring in these programs amidst a challenging time. Kudos to Barry and his team for their commitment to student success, providing accessible quality hands-on education, and continuous improvement in the Automotive and Powersports programs.

Questions about SCC's accreditation? Please email sccaccreditation@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.

