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HLC accreditation cycle

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Why Accreditation?

- Ensures Quality Education for federal government, employers, transfer, etc.
- Maintains Federal student aid eligibility
- Process of peer review helps inform improvements



HLC Standard Pathway-10-year cycle

Year 4 Progress check (AY 2020-21)

- Assurance Argument & student opinion survey
- Comprehensive review with site visit

Year 10 Reaffirmation of accreditation status (AY 2026-27)

- Assurance Argument & student opinion survey
- Federal Compliance verification
- Comprehensive review with site visit
- Reaffirmation



Criteria for Accreditation

1. **Mission:** is clear and articulated publicly; it guides the institution's operations.
2. **Integrity:** institution acts with integrity; its conduct is ethical and responsible.
3. **Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support**
 - institution provides quality education, wherever and however its offerings are delivered.
4. **Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement**
 - institution demonstrates responsibility for the quality of its educational programs, learning environments, and support services, and it evaluates their effectiveness for student learning through processes designed to promote continuous improvement.
5. **Institutional Effectiveness, Resources and Planning**
 - 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.



Progress on previous concerns

- Improved fiscal health of institution
- Improved process for responding to student complaints
- Assessment of academic programs & non-instructional units
- Faculty credential review and adjunct teaching evaluation



Progress since last review

- Vision 2028 and mission, guiding principles, initiatives
- Federal grant funding for multiple projects
- Policy website
- Marketing enhancements
- IR dashboards for data accessibility
- Educational Technology improvements
- New academic programs to meet needs of Southern Colorado



HLC visit occurred Nov 9th – 10th

- Multiple sessions with HLC team
- Met with faculty, staff & students
- Gathered further info & requested more documentation
- Positive exit meeting
- Report to follow



How you can help:

- Unit assessment plans & annual reports
 - Document closing the loop for improvement
- Maintain **annual** record of accomplishments
 - Including documentation
- Maintain currency of websites
- Inform IEC of items of interest, concerns, etc.
- Respond to requests for information, procedure details, documentation



Questions?