What is Accreditation?

U.S. Department of Education oversees accreditors

Accreditation is a process of certifying that colleges are maintaining their standards in educating students. Accrediting agencies oversee peer review teams that visit colleges and universities to certify that standards are being met, to recommend improvements, and to commend excellent practices. Regional and national accreditation agencies work to validate colleges. Our accreditation agency is ACCJC, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, part of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Our next accreditation visit will take place in October, 2017. Only a year away!

What are the Four Standards?

Four standards provide the framework

ACCJC (www.accjc.org) has identified four standards that integrate to “define and promote student success, academic quality, institutional integrity, and excellence.”

Colleges conduct and write self-study reports addressing ACCJC’s questions on processes related to the four standards.

Attend the Flex sessions on Accreditation!
Watch for additional upcoming Accreditation Update activities! Find out how you can be more involved in helping Solano succeed.

From ACCJC

ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES

“The primary purpose of an ACCJC-accredited institution is to foster student learning and student achievement. An effective institution ensures that its resources, programs, and services, whenever, wherever, and however delivered, support student learning and achievement. The effective institution ensures academic quality and continuous improvement through ongoing assessment of learning and achievement and pursues institutional excellence and improvement through ongoing, integrated planning and evaluation.”

www.ACCJC.org
Accreditation team members are currently collecting evidence and writing responses to ACCJC’s written prompts on how we conduct college processes related to the four standards. For more information on the standards, visit [www.accjc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Accreditation_Standards_Adopted_June.2014.pdf](http://www.accjc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Accreditation_Standards_Adopted_June.2014.pdf).

The four standards we are working with at this time were updated in 2014. These standards address different areas of college functions, as identified by their titles.

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