

Sent on behalf of President Ashanti Hands

BC: DL for Mesa College



Hello Campus Community,

Accreditation is what allows us to offer federal financial aid, transferable credits, and workforce credentials that empower our students. If we fail to meet these standards, we risk institutional sanctions, loss of funding, damage to our reputation, and, ultimately, the closure of our college. Your immediate attention and action are critical. We are working to establish systems that ensure full compliance to prevent costly consequences later.

Accreditation Requirements that must be met by June 31, 2025:

During the recent accreditation review, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) identified two critical areas that require immediate attention. While these findings were documented under Standard II for Instruction, they impact the entire college—not just instruction. Ensuring compliance is a shared responsibility that will require collective action across all departments.


1. Standard II.A.3 – Course Syllabi Must Align with Approved Course Outlines

The Commission requires that the **course learning outcomes (CLOs) listed on course syllabi exactly match those in the officially approved course outline of record**. This is essential to maintaining consistency, equity, and academic integrity across all courses.

2. **Standard II.A.16 – Systematic Course and Program Improvement**

Accreditation requires that **the college systematically and regularly improves programs and courses based on established assessment processes**. This is not just an instructional matter—it is an institutional expectation that requires participation from all areas of the college, including faculty, staff, and administration.

Immediate actions For compliance:

- Review and act on deadlines outlined in our  [ACCJC Outcomes Compliance Action Plan 0212.docx](#)
 - Page 1 - Department Chairs, DOCs, Faculty, Classified Professionals
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Failure to comply may result in:

- Accreditation sanctions, which could lead to warnings, probation, or worse.
- Loss of course transfer agreements with universities, limiting student mobility.
- A diminished reputation, affecting enrollment and institutional standing.
- Reduced ability to secure grants and funding tied to institutional effectiveness.
- Loss of trust from students, employers, and transfer institutions in the quality of our programs.

To support this effort, our Accreditation Liaison Officer, Department Outcomes Coordinators (DOC), School Deans, Vice Presidents, and I will continue to work diligently to keep the campus informed about expectations, deadlines, and available support to ensure our continued accreditation. Please visit our [website](#) for additional information or reach out to Liza Rabinovich at erabinovich@sdccd.edu with any questions or for additional support as we work toward compliance.

Thank you in advance for understanding that ACCJC Compliance Isn't Optional – Our College literally Depends on It!

Best,

Ashanti



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