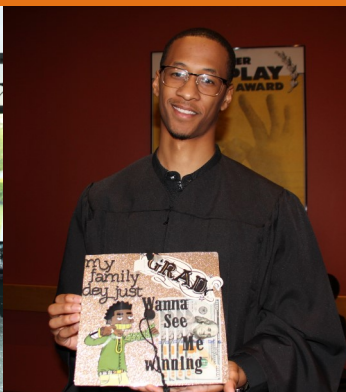


LSCO's Journey to Reaffirmation 2025

February 2023



What is reaffirmation of accreditation?

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges' (SACSCOC) Reaffirmation of Accreditation is a comprehensive internal and external review process to ensure that member institutions maintain continuing compliance with Commission policies and with [*The Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement*](#).

According to SACSCOC (2018), "At the heart of SACSCOC's philosophy of accreditation, the concept of quality enhancement assumes that each member institution is engaged in ongoing improvement of its programs and services and can demonstrate how well it fulfills its stated mission. Although evaluation of an institution's educational quality and effectiveness in achieving its mission is a difficult task requiring careful analysis and professional judgment, an institution is expected to document the quality and effectiveness of all its programs and services" (p.4).

How can you help?

Faculty, staff, and students can help by responding to requests for documentation, responding to surveys, serving on committees, providing input about the Quality Enhancement Plan, acknowledging and supporting the work of the reaffirmation team (ART), and asking questions about anything you do not understand. Our success depends on the collective dedication of our Gator community to this important endeavor.

SAVE THE DATE!

While there is much work to be done between now and the SACSCOC On-site Reaffirmation Committee visit, please mark your calendars.

October 28-31, 2024

Reaffirmation of Accreditation Timeline

January—July 2023

All dates subject to change throughout the process

Target Date	Accreditation Process	Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)	Institutional Effectiveness Plan (IEP)
January 2023	Build Blackboard Org Narrative section for members to review previous submittals and collaborate on new narrative.	Announce QEP topic; form teams for review of literature	
February 2023		Complete review of literature for QEP	Review FY23 Unit Plan for mid-year progress
March 2023	<p>First draft of narrative due.</p> <p>Edit narrative drafts and supporting documentation</p> <p>Schedule review of narratives with drafting team leaders</p> <p>Budget process</p>	<p>Budget process</p> <p>External review of QEP</p> <p>Promotional materials/swag</p> <p>Draft of bibliography of review of literature for QEP due 5/1</p> <p>Develop QEP assessment system: goals, outcomes, measures, targets, thresholds</p>	<p>Budget preparation for IE expenses</p> <p>Begin drafting FY24 Unit Plans to ensure any budget implications are included in FY24 budget request</p>
April 2023	<p>ART Team Workshop</p> <p><i>Feedback of edit drafts</i></p> <p>Update on documentation files collection from all teams</p>	<p>First draft of QEP reviewed</p> <p>Meeting with QEP Team for feedback</p>	
May 2023	Second drafts of narratives in progress	<p>Final draft of QEP</p> <p>Arrange for external review of QEP</p>	
June 2023	<p>ART Team Workshop</p> <p><i>Guided revision and editing of narratives (15-22)</i></p>	<p>Begin development of data collection system for QEP assessment</p> <p>Feedback from external reviewer on QEP due</p> <p>Review / edit QEP per external reviewer comments</p>	FY24 Unit Plans due by 6/30
July 2023	<p>SACSCOC Summer Institute, Dallas (15-19)</p> <p>Narrative revisions continue</p>	Prepare to deploy QEP Pilot (Fall 23)	FY23 Unit Plan assessment results due by 7/31