

Higher Learning Commission Comprehensive Review 2023

Southeast Community College hosted a team of site visitors from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in April 2023. Their role was to evaluate SCC for reaffirmation of accreditation. This document summarizes the assurance argument, site visit, and the team conclusions and recommendations.

Final Report Summary

“Southeast Community College has met all of the Criteria and core components for HLC accreditation. The college lives its mission and demonstrated the ability to adapt to the changing environment to serve its community. The college functions with a sense of integrity and utilizes its resources to meet its strategic objectives. The Strategic Plan, which was developed with data and environmental scanning, is used to guide the daily operations at all levels. The multi-campus visit confirmed that services for students, policies and procedures were implemented similarly at all three campuses.

SCC's assessment practices include institutional, general education, program, and co-curricular learning outcomes. The College has linked program learning outcomes to general education and

institutional outcomes and co-curricular outcomes to institutional learning outcomes. An assessment and planning software that collects, links, and analyzes data is used for continuous improvement of programs and services. While some assessments and the assessment software has been implemented in the last few years, the college has the opportunity to continue to systematize the assessment process.

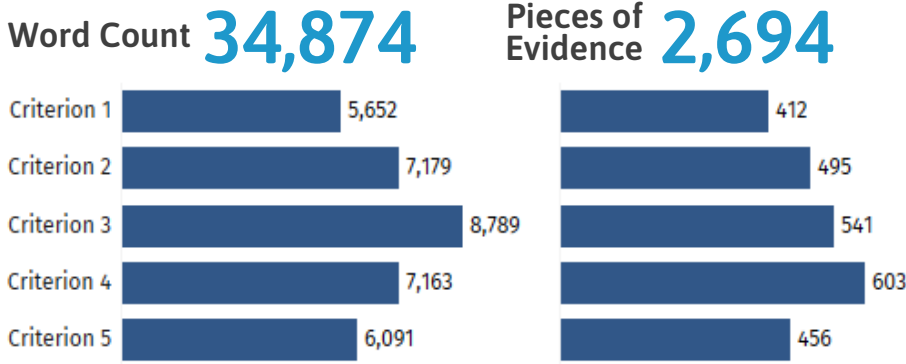
SCC has demonstrated multiple improvements since its last comprehensive visit. Multiple

plans have been developed and implemented; facilities have been built and renovated. The faculty, staff, administration, and community are proud of their institution. The team recommends the college has the ability to choose the pathway they wish to utilize based on the evidence provided in the assurance argument and the conversations that the team had while on campus with faculty staff, administration, students, and community members.” ■



Report and its Evidence

SCC took full advantage of the 35,000 word limit. Criterion 3 used the most words and Criterion 4 cited the most pieces of evidence.



Number of syllabi submitted for Federal Compliance review

21

Additional pieces of evidence requested before the visit!!

0

Additional pieces of evidence submitted during the visit

6

Preparation

SCC began planning for the evidence-gathering process in March 2020. A Steering Team was formed in November 2020 to lead that effort.

Starting in January 2021, SCC organized passport challenges and webinars to engage and educate the college about the process. The level of participation exceeded expectations.

38 Months of preparation



23 Steering Team Members



Passport challenges

15 Activities

Webinars

5 Events

363 Individual participants



721 Participants

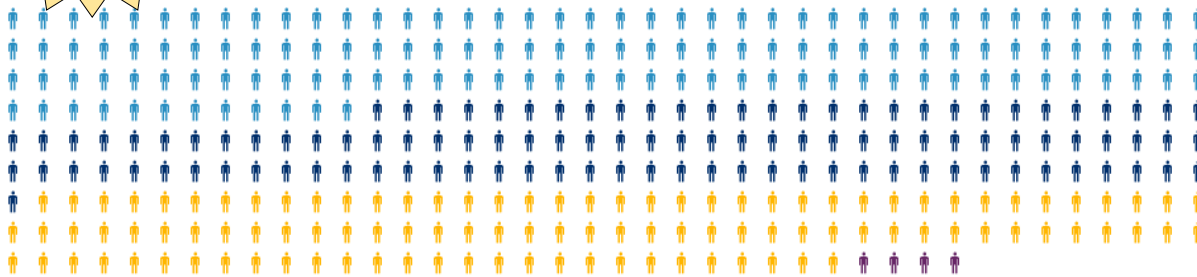


Site Visit in April 2023!

349

Employees, students, and community members signed in to at least one session during the site visit.

98 Volunteers!!



132 Staff/Administrators

109 Faculty

107 Students

4 Community members

26 Sessions

6 Visiting team members

3 Campuses

2 Days

1 Terrific outcome!

Conclusions of the Visiting Team

The Team reviewed the evidence for each core component to identify whether SCC (1) met, (2) has required follow-up, or (3) did not meet the criteria and concluded that SCC met all 5 criteria and 18 core components.

With widespread input and support from throughout the college, SCC achieved the best outcome possible!

Criterion 1	1.A Met	1.B Met	1.C Met		
Criterion 2	2.A Met	2.B Met	2.C Met	2.D Met	2.E Met
Criterion 3	3.A Met	3.B Met	3.C Met	3.D Met	
Criterion 4	4.A Met	4.B Met	4.C Met		
Criterion 5	5.A Met	5.B Met	5.C Met		

The complete report can be found on <https://www.southeast.edu/about/leadership-and-governance/accreditation.php>
In the Preparation section, the 'Calendar' icon is by ibrandify. 'Team' and 'Webinar' icons are by Alzam; all from thenounproject.com.

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