



Kansas City Kansas
Community College

HLC Accreditation Update

An inside look at KCKCC's Reaffirmation Process

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The Criteria for HLC Accreditation*

Criterion 1. Mission

The institution's mission is clear and articulated publicly; it guides the institution's operations.

Criterion 2. Integrity:

Ethical and Responsible Conduct

The institution acts with integrity; its conduct is ethical and responsible.

Criterion 3. Teaching & Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support

The institution provides high quality education, wherever and however its offerings are delivered.

Criterion 4. Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement

The 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.

Criterion 5. Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness

The 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. The institution plans for the future.

<https://www.hlcommission.org/Policies/criteria-and-core-components.html>

* Effective September

2020

Why is Accreditation Important to KCKCC, Students, and You?

Accreditation means **quality**. That's important because it determines if a college meets or exceeds minimum standards of quality. Degrees from accredited institutions are valuable. In fact, KCKCC only accepts transfer credits from regionally accredited institutions.

Accreditation means **credibility**—it separates us from many for-profit colleges. Accreditation shows that KCKCC is an institution that takes steps to ensure our programs have credibility . . . for our students, our community, and employees.

Accreditation means **opportunity**. Without HLC accreditation our students wouldn't get federal student aid. Without student aid many students can't afford college.

Accreditation doesn't come easy and because we are an accredited institution, we are showing our community that we are and will continue to do the hard work required to make the college an important part of the community.

Reaffirmation of Accreditation Timeline

Your Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Steering Committee teams have started the work of gathering information and writing text to demonstrate evidence for how we are meeting each of the five Criteria and the twenty-one Core Components. Here are the key dates towards submitting our Assurance Argument to the HLC. We invite them on campus to confirm our assertions. The HLC Steering Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month and are open to anyone who wants to contribute.

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| 5/31/2019 | 1 st Draft due |
| 8/30/2019 | 2 nd , revised Draft due |
| 10/16/2019 | Final Draft due |
| Nov-Dec | Review Final draft |
| 2/2/2020 | Lock in report with HLC |
| 3/2/2020 | HLC Comprehensive Team Visit |
| 2025-2026 | Reaffirmation of Accreditation |
| The next day....Continue working in the next cycle | |
| 2035-2036 | Reaffirmation of Accreditation |

Meet Your HLC Steering Committee

Steering Committee Co-Leads

Dr. Beth Ann Krueger & Kris Ball

Internal Reader/Reviewer: James Krajewski

Criteria for HLC Accreditation

In addition to the co-leads, there are dozens of employees working on all of the teams. We appreciate your time and dedication to ensuring our assurance argument to the HLC is accurate and complete.

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| Criterion 1 | Dr. Steven Terry & Dr. Stacy Tucker |
| Criterion 2 | Dr. Delfina Wilson & Christina McGee |
| Criterion 3 | Tom Grady & Jerry Pope |
| Criterion 4 | Dr. Tiffany Bohm & Michael Parrett |
| Criterion 5 | Michael Beach & Lakshmy Sivaratnam |

Federal Compliance Reporting

The Federal Compliance Reporting is required by all institutions in the nineteen states that the HLC accredits. The HLC reports this information with the Department of Education (DOE) to ensure the regional institutions are meeting federal DOE standards. Team members have been reaching out to departments throughout KCKCC to collect timely and accurate information. We thank them for their continued efforts and we thank *you* for assisting them in gathering the necessary data.

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| Federal Compliance 1: | Assignment of Credits, Program Length and Tuition Dr. Steven Terry & Dr. Stacy Tucker |
| Federal Compliance 2: | Institutional Records of Student Complaints Dr. Delfina Wilson & Christina McGee |
| Federal Compliance 3 | Transfer Policies Tom Grady & Jerry Pope |
| Federal Compliance 4 | Verification of Student Identity Dr. Ed Kremer, Theresa Holliday |
| Federal Compliance 5 | Title IV Program Responsibility Mary Dorr, Lesley Strohschein |
| Federal Compliance 6 | Publication of Student Outcome Data Dr. Tiffany Bohm, Michael Parrett |
| Federal Compliance 7 | Standing with State and Other Accrediting Agencies Tom Grady, Jerry Pope |

Save the Date!

HLC Review Team Visit: March 2-3, 2020

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Blue Devil Trivia

1. What year was KCKCC founded?
2. What year did KCKCC receive its first HLC accreditation?
3. What is KCKCC's Mission Statement?
4. How many criteria are in the HLC Criteria for Accreditation?
5. Aside from HLC, which other programs are accredited at KCKCC?

Answers below

KCKCC Accreditation Word Search

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| ADVISING | FACULTY | MATH |
| ART | FEDERAL | MISSION |
| ASSESSMENT | FIRE | PCC |
| BIOL | FLINT | PIONEER |
| BLUE | HLC | QUALITY |
| BUSN | IMPROVEMENT | SCIENCE |
| COMPLIANCE | INTEGRITY | SOAR |
| DEVIL | JEWELL | STUDENTS |
| DIVERSITY | KCKCC | TEACHING |
| ENGL | LEARNING | TEC |

1. 1923
2. 1951
3. Inspire individuals & enrich our community one student at a time.
4. Five.
5. Addictions Counselor, Automotive, Business, Fire Science, Medical Assisting, Mortuary Science, Nursing, Paramedic, Physical Therapist Assistant, Respiratory Therapy, and others.