



HLC Accreditation

An Inside Look at KCKCC's Reaffirmation Process

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Any Questions?

The Peer Review team will be on campus March 2 and 3. Here are some questions that could be asked at the forums. How would you answer?

- What do you know about accreditation and have you seen or read KCKCC's Assurance Argument?
- How would you describe KCKCC's mission? Do you know where you would find the official statement?
- What are the college's current strategic planning priorities?
- What are KCKCC's greatest strengths?
- What are the biggest challenges facing KCKCC?
- What makes KCKCC unique in your state and among community colleges in general?
- Provide an example of how KCKCC is committed to freedom of expression.
- Describe your codes of conduct and how they are used.
- Do you know where to find information about academic integrity and policies regarding academic misconduct?
- How would you describe the campus climate for diversity?
- Describe any campus processes that could be improved or made more efficient.
- What kind of changes are taking place at KCKCC? Do you see these as positive or not?

KCKCC's Assurance Argument

The Assurance Argument is a document the college submits to the HLC in advance of the peer review comprehensive evaluation visit. The report responds to the five criteria:

1. Mission
2. Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct
3. Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources and Support
4. Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement
5. Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness

The Assurance Argument can be read on [MyDotte](#). Look for **HLC Assurance Argument 2020**.

Reaffirmation of Accreditation Timeline

The KCKCC HLC Steering Committee teams are gathering evidence and writing the assurance argument document, which will demonstrate how KCKCC is meeting each of the five criteria. A calendar of important dates is listed below. The HLC Steering Committee meets in the Executive Board Room, 2:30 PM, the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to anyone who would like to help and contribute.

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| 3/2/2020 | HLC Team Visit |
| 2025-2026 | Reaffirmation of Accreditation |
| <i>The next day...</i> Continue working in the next cycle | |
| 2035-2036 | Reaffirmation of Accreditation |

Save the Date!
HLC Review Team Visit: March 2-3, 2020

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KCKCC HLC Steering Committee

Steering Committee Co-Chairs: Dr. Beth Ann Krueger and Kris Ball

Internal Reader/Reviewer: James Krajewski **Director Institutional Effectiveness:** Dr. Mihir Chand

Criteria for HLC Accreditation

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

Criterion 1: Mission (Dr. Steven Terry and Dr. Stacy Tucker)

Criterion 2: Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct (Dr. Delfina Wilson and Christina McGee)

Criterion 3: Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support (Tom Grady and Jerry Pope)

Criterion 4: Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement (Cecilia Brewer, Dr. Cynthia Goudeau,
Dr. Tiffany Bohm and Michael Parrett)

Criterion 5: Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness (Connie Northup, Lakshmy Sivaratnam, and
Cleon Wiggins)

Brown Bag Mock-Visit Sessions

Come to learn more about KCKCC's HLC accreditation from the teams who helped write the Assurance Argument. The Brown Bag sessions will help explain details surrounding the Team Visit March 2 and 3.

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Location: Upper Jewell

Topic: Pass the Tapas! Program Review and IRB

Enjoy a variety of finger foods and get ready to discuss the important of program review and the colleges institutional review board.

Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 am

Location: TEC, room #M118

Topic: Breaking Bread with the Criteria!

Come sandwich together and to discuss an overview of HLC Criteria.

Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 am Location: Pioneer Center

Topic: Breaking Bread with Criteria 1, 2, and 5! Come sandwich together to discuss an overview of HLC Criteria 1, 2, and 5.

Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Location: Upper Jewell

Topic: I'd Scream for Criterion 4! Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement

Join us for an ice cream social and discuss HLC Criterion 4. The institution demonstrates responsibility for the quality of its educational programs, learning environments, and support services, and it evaluates their effectiveness for student learning processes designed to promote continuous improvement.

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Location: Lower Jewell, Room #2325

Topic: Let's Get Cheesy! HLC Visit, All About It

Enjoy some savory treats while we discuss general accreditation topics and what to expect during the HLC Peer Review Team visit.

Friday, Feb. 28, 2020, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Location: Upper Jewell

Topic: Wrap it with Criterion 5! Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness

Enjoy a variety of wraps while we discuss Criterion 5: how KCKCC's resources, structures, and processes are sufficient to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its educational offerings; to respond to future challenges and opportunities; and how the college plans for the future.