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Standards Review

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ACCJC to Begin a Standards Review

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to announce that ACCJC is beginning its Standards Review process! ACCJC reviews (and when needed, revises) its Accreditation Standards every 10 years, in accordance with the Policy on Review of Accreditation Standards. Through its review and revision of the 2014 Accreditation Standards, ACCJC will continue to advance equitable student success and educational excellence. Supporting member institutions' ongoing learning, improvement, and innovation in pursuit of unique institutional missions, visions and cultures will remain at the core of our goals. ACCJC plans to implement the new Accreditation Standards for colleges undergoing Team ISER Review in Fall 2025.

ACCJC will facilitate a collaborative and transparent process by working with professionals from the field throughout the drafting process. Similar to ACCJC Peer Review Teams, ACCJC will partner with Peer Writing Teams and Peer Reading Teams to develop draft Standards that will be presented to the field for feedback. The Peer Writing and Peer Reading Teams will be comprised of experienced practitioners at ACCJC institutions who have expertise in one or more of the functional areas central to the Accreditation Standards. Potential team members will be identified through an **open application process that will open on February 1, 2021**. Teams will be intentionally structured from this pool of potential members to reflect the professional, institutional, geographic, and demographic diversity of ACCJC's membership. For an overview of the process, please see the timeline below.

All of the information about the Standards Review process – including detailed

timelines, peer writing and peer reading team charges, and a link to the application form – will be available on the ACCJC Standards Review website on February 1, 2021. Throughout the Standards Review process, ACCJC will update this website with progress and information about how to submit feedback and comments. If you are interested in participating as a member of a Peer Writing or Peer Reading team, ACCJC encourages you to apply – applications for team membership will be accepted through March 1, 2021. (Please note that those selected for a Peer Writing or Peer Reading Team will be required to attend a Standards Review Launch Meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2021, from approximately 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. PDT, details to follow). For those individuals not participating on a Peer Writing or Peer Reading Team, there will be many opportunities to provide feedback throughout the two-year Standards review process.

ACCJC staff and Commissioners look forward to engaging in a thoughtful and productive Standards Review driven by ACCJC's Core Values of integrity, peer review, and collegiality. If you are interested in participating as a Peer Writing or Peer Reading Team Member, please make sure you are on our email distribution list to receive updates about the Standards Review and team application process – and check the ACCJC website for the live application form on February 1, 2021.

Kind regards,
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ACCJC Standards Review Timeline



Peer Writing Teams

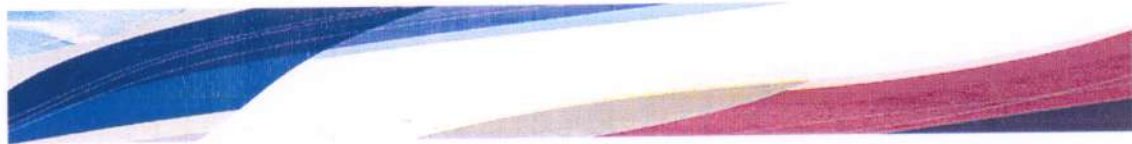
- One team per Standard area
- Team size may vary by Standard, will include an ACCJC liaison
- Charge: generate initial drafts of each Standard and their criteria for review (assessment rubric)
- Time frame: meetings and writing in Fall 2021

Peer Reading Teams

- One team per Standard area
- Team size may vary by Standard
- Charge: provide focused input on drafts generated by the Peer Writing Teams
- Time frame: reading and input throughout Spring 2022

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