



# Accreditation

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# What is Accreditation and why is it important?

- Accreditation is a practice of academic quality control.
  - **Promotes** institutional excellence
  - **Advances** meaningful and effective **student learning and achievement.**
  - **Provides** assurance to students, general public, & others of the quality of educational offerings.
- Accreditation is a **peer review driven process.**

## Why Do Colleges Seek Accreditation?

- Access to Title IV (Federal Financial Aid)
- Recognition for transfer
- Ensure institutions are aligned with their missions
- Improve academic quality, effectiveness, and student success

Who is  
ACCJC?

ACCJC

ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR  
COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

*Outcomes* | *Innovation* | *Improvement*

## What's Different:

- 2024 accreditation standards
- 30 (new) vs. 126 (old) accreditation standards
- Greater focus on outcomes, equity and innovation
- Mission focused
- No QFE
- Data incorporated into relevant responses
- One narrative response per standard
- 8 yr. review cycle

## Standard 1: Mission & Effectiveness

- GCC has a clearly defined mission that reflects its character, values, organizational structure, and unique student population.
- GCC's mission outlines its explicit commitment to equitable student achievement and serves as a guiding principle for institutional planning, action, evaluation, improvement, and innovation.

## Standard 2: Student Success

- In alignment with its mission, GCC delivers high-quality academic and learning support programs that engage and support students through their unique educational journeys.
- Academic and learning support programs promote equitable student success, and GCC evaluates student learning and achievement data to inform improvements and advance equitable outcomes.

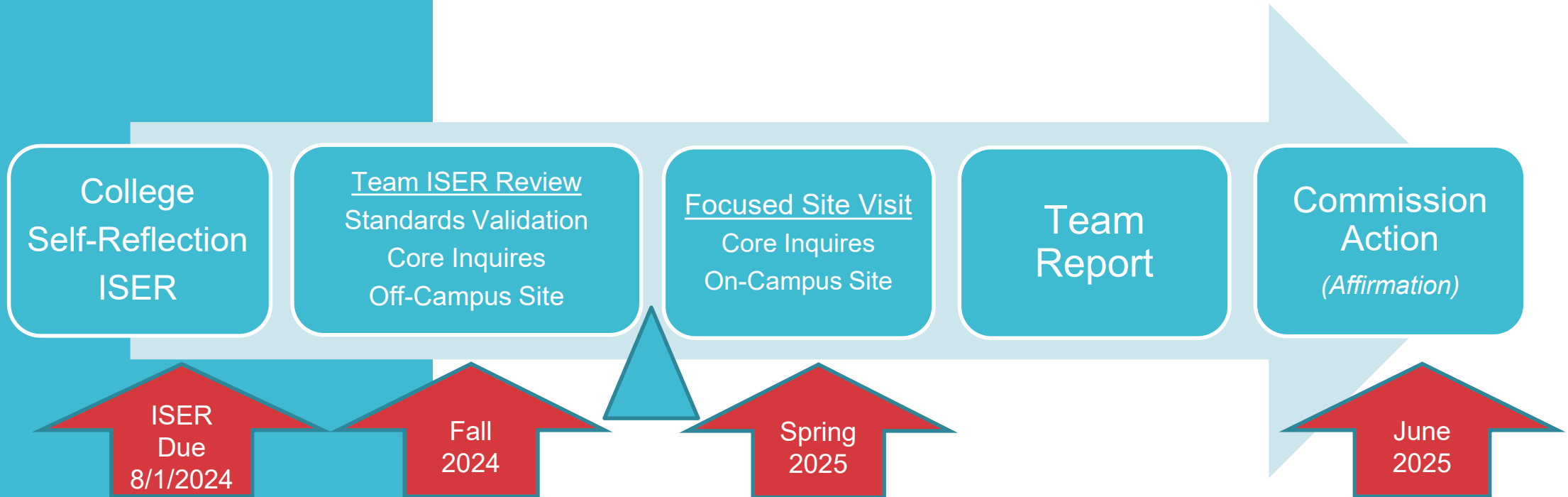
## Standard 3: Infrastructure and Resources

- GCC supports its educational services and operational functions with effective infrastructure, qualified personnel, and stable finances.
- GCC organizes its staffing and allocates its physical, technological, and financial resources to improve its overall effectiveness and promote equitable student success.
- GCC actively monitors and assesses resource capacity to inform improvements to infrastructure and ensure long-term health and stability.



## Standard 4: Governance & Decision Making

- GCC engages in clear and effective governance practices that support the achievement of its mission.
- Governance roles and responsibilities are delineated in widely distributed policies, and that institutional decision-making processes provide opportunities for meaningful participation and inclusion of relevant stakeholders.



## Formative/Summative Comprehensive Peer Review