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The process for completing reaffirmation requirements for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) begins this summer (2016).

Wharton County Junior College is accredited by SACSCOC, the regional accrediting body for higher education institutions in the Southern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia) and Latin America that award associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees.

- Accreditation by the Commission on Colleges signifies that an institution has a purpose appropriate to higher education and has resources, programs, and services sufficient to accomplish and sustain that purpose.
- Accreditation indicates that an institution maintains clearly specified educational objectives that are consistent with its mission and appropriate to the degrees it offers, and that it is successful in achieving its goals.

Why is Reaffirmation of Accreditation so Critical?

- In addition to the public statement of quality education services, SACSCOC reaffirmation of accreditation is required by the State of Texas, the federal government, and other program accreditation bodies.
- Most if not all institutions of higher education will not accept the transfer of courses from a non-accredited institution.

WCJC Begins Reaffirmation Process

The process for a member institution seeking reaffirmation of accreditation begins with the preparation and submission of two separate documents.

- The Compliance Certification is submitted by the institution documenting compliance with the SACSCOC Core Requirement, Comprehensive Standards, and Federal Requirements.
- The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) identifies key issues emerging from institutional assessment and focuses on learning outcomes and/or the environment supporting student learning and accomplishing the mission of the institution.

