



WILEY COLLEGE

ROAD TO REAFFIRMATION

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REAFFIRMATION: WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Wiley's reaffirmation visit will occur on October 9-12, 2012, and the College is aggressively preparing. However, before the visit, the College must prepare a document, the Compliance Certification, that details our compliance with each of the 83 standards and requirements stipulated by SACSCOC. See below for more information about the standards and requirements.

Before the Compliance Certification can be submitted to the Commission, documents attesting to the College's compliance must be collected and a narrative delineating the College's level of compliance must be written for each standard and requirement. To accomplish this, the reaffirmation planning team has identified key personnel who will provide the needed documentation and write the narratives.

One might ask, "what are we currently doing in preparation for reaffirmation?" A detailed action plan has been developed that specifically outlines issues that must be resolved before the certification is submitted on March 15, 2012. Faculty and staff alike are currently working diligently toward the completion of the action plan. At the same time, documentation is being collected and reviewed for accuracy and consistency.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

Core Requirements are basic, broad-based, foundational requirements that an institution must meet to be accredited.

There are **16 core requirements**. See *The Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement* for more information at www.sacscoc.org.

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Federal statutes mandate that the Commission review an institution in accordance with criteria outlined in the regulations of the *Amendments* developed by the Department of Education. As part of the review process, institutions are required to document compliance with those criteria and the Commission is obligated to consider such compliance when the institution is reviewed for continued accreditation.

There are **7 federal requirements**.

COMPREHENSIVE STANDARDS

The Comprehensive Standards are more specific to the operations of the institution, represent good practice in higher education, and establish a level of accomplishment expected of all member institutions. If an institution is judged to be significantly out of compliance with one or more of the Comprehensive Standards, its reaffirmation of accreditation may be denied.

There are **60 comprehensive standards**. See *The Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement* for more information.

Road to Reaffirmation



18

MONTHS

79

WEEKS

547

DAYS

Until the Reaffirmation Visit as of April 12, 2011

REAFFIRMATION FACTS

Did you know...

- reaffirmation of accreditation occurs every 10 years?
- that Wiley College was last reaffirmed in 2003?
- SACSCOC is the recognized regional accrediting body in the eleven U.S. Southern states?
- QEP stands for quality enhancement plan?

THE COLLEGE'S STRATEGIC PLAN

What is strategic planning? It is both a present and a future look at our organization and its related environment. It's the process of thinking about the College as an integrated whole - a process during which the College will consider three key questions: 1) Where is the College today?; 2) What does the College hope to achieve by 2015?; and 3) How does the College get there? Currently, Wiley College is refining the institution's strategic plan to be reflective of where we are as a College today and where we desire to be in 2015. In doing this, an electronic survey has been disseminated via email to capture the thoughts of the College community about the future of Wiley College. Please make an attempt to complete the survey. In the near future, input from faculty and staff will be solicited. Please share your thoughts and give your opinions.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 15, 2012:
Compliance Certification
Report Due

May 8-11, 2012:
Off-Site Peer
Review

Aug. 22-26,
2012: QEP &
Focused Report

Oct. 9-12, 2012:
Reaffirmation
Visit (On-Site)