

# LSCO's Journey to Reaffirmation 2025

April/May 2024



## ***The Compliance Report is submitted...what's next?***

### **QEP**

The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is a topic identified through an ongoing, comprehensive, and evaluation process that has broad-based support from the institution and focuses on improving specific student learning outcomes and/or student successes. The college must commit resources to initiate, implement, and complete the QEP and include a plan to assess achievement. The QEP report is submitted six weeks before the On-Site Reaffirmation Review Committee's visit. LSCO has chosen GPS: Navigate to Success as our QEP topic. The program will focus on lowering the drop, fail, withdraw rates of our first time in college students, as well as increasing the persistence rate of those students from semester to semester. The GPS program will approach this goal by implementing a tutoring program. For more information on LSCO's QEP, visit the [GPS: Navigating to Success](#) webpage or contact our QEP Director, Samantha Smith at [samantha.smith@lsc.edu](mailto:samantha.smith@lsc.edu).

### **Off-Site Review**

The SACSCOC Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee is an evaluative committee in the review process. The committee reviews the Compliance Certification Report (CCR) to ensure the institution is in compliance with all Core Requirements and Standards (except 7.2 QEP). Once the committee has reviewed the CCR, it will prepare a report documenting and explaining its preliminary findings about the institution's compliance. The report will be shared with the institution and the SACSCOC On-Site Reaffirmation Committee.

### **Advisory Site Visit**

The Advisory Site Visit allows institutions to invite the SACSCOC Vice President to visit their campus. The purpose of the advisory site visit is to provide opportunities for individuals at the institution who are involved with the reaffirmation process to explore issues and ask questions relating to the reaffirmation process, the Compliance Certification Report, SACSCOC Standards, or the peer review process. Dr. Nuria Cuevas, SACSCOC Vice President, will visit LSCO's campus on July 9-11, 2024 for our Advisory Site Visit.

### **On-Site Visit**

The SACSCOC On-Site Reaffirmation Committee consists of peer evaluators who conduct a focused evaluation on the institution's campus to finalize issues of compliance with the Core Requirements and Standards, evaluate the QEP, and provide consultation regarding any issues addressed in the QEP. The on-site committee will meet with LSCO's leadership team on the last day of their visit to discuss the outcome of the reaffirmation. The Report of the Reaffirmation Committee is then forwarded to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees for review and action on reaffirmation of accreditation. Mark your calendars; our on-site committee visit is scheduled for October 27-31, 2024.

**Have you visited the Accreditation webpage—[lsc.edu/about/accreditation/index.php](https://lsc.edu/about/accreditation/index.php)?**

# Reaffirmation of Accreditation Timeline

## April 2024—October 2024

All dates subject to change throughout the process

Target Date	Accreditation Process	Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)	Institutional Effectiveness Plan (IEP)
April 2024	Off-site review (23-26)	Continue edits to QEP Annual Report  Review results of QEP Fall Pilot	Ongoing work on IEUP FY25 Plans
May 2024	Review of Off-Site Report  (If necessary) Begin drafting Focus Report	Review results of QEP Spring Pilot  Continue edits to QEP Annual Report  Refine QEP data collection system	Begin closing out FY24 Unit Plans by completing results and documenting evidence of improvement  IEC Meeting
June 2024	(If necessary) Continue Focus Report  Preparation for Advisory Site Visit—Dr. Nuria Cuevas  Meeting Preparation for On-site review committee  Logistic Team Final Checklist	Continue drafting QEP Annual Report	Continue closing out FY24 Unit Plans by completing results and documenting evidence of improvement  Finalize FY25 Unit Plans
July 2024	(If necessary) Continue Focus Report  Advisory Site Visit—Dr. Nuria Cuevas (9-11)  Begin preparations for on-site review	Continue drafting QEP Annual Report	FY24 Unit Plan assessment results due by 7/31
August 2024	Focus Report due 8/15  Orient OCIS partners to on-site review process	QEP Annual Report due 8/15  Continue QEP Pilot for Fall semester	
September 2024	Coordinate final details and arrangements for on-site review  Respond to requests for additional information from chair of on-site review committee	QEP Newsletter- Internal promotion of QEP to faculty, staff, and students	New academic year (FY25) begins— Administrative and Educational Outcome Assessment Plans are implemented
October 2024	On-site review		