

LSCO's Journey to Reaffirmation 2025

June/July 2024



The Preliminary Report of the Reaffirmation Committee has been received...what's next?

The Preliminary Report

The report from the SACSCOC Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee represents the preliminary conclusions of the Committee based on information provided by the institution in its completed Compliance Certification. The SACSCOC Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee is an evaluative committee in the review process. The Committee can only evaluate the Compliance Report and evidence provided. They are not permitted to ask questions of the institution, seek clarification, or review any materials other than those that are submitted. The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee's preliminary report was provided to LSCO and the On-Site Reaffirmation Committee in early May. LSCO now has an opportunity to respond to the Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee's findings in a Focused Report that will be sent to the On-Site Reaffirmation Committee in early September. In October, the On-Site Reaffirmation Committee will be on campus to conduct interviews, review on-site documents, update the preliminary report, as appropriate, and approve a Final Report of the Reaffirmation Committee. The Final Report and LSCO's response are forwarded to the SACSCOC's Board of Trustees for final action on reaffirmation of accreditation.

Focused Report

LSCO received our SACSCOC Off-Site Reaffirmation preliminary report in early May. The report contains very positive comments about LSCO's compliance with all SACSCOC Core Requirements, including zero non-compliance findings in a Principles of Accreditation Core Requirement. We are happy to have received half the number of findings that were identified in the College's 2015 SACSCOC Off-Site Report. The feedback was positive and has enabled us to expand upon our narratives and include additional details to the On-Site team for their upcoming review. In a follow-up meeting with Dr. Cuevas to discuss the off-site committee's report, she congratulated LSCO for the quality of work we were doing and reported to the Commission. Currently, we are working to incorporate revisions and include additional evidence that address the Off-Site Committee's report and are confident that we will demonstrate compliance in all areas during our On-Site Committee visit. The Accreditation Resource Team's hard work and dedication to this challenging process was instrumental in our success!

Advisory Site Visit

LSCO is excited to welcome Dr. Nuria Cuevas, SACSCOC Vice President, to our beautiful campus on the Sabine on August 12-14, 2024. 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 Focused Report, SACSCOC Standards, the peer review process, or logistics of the On-Site Committee 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?

Reaffirmation of Accreditation Timeline

June 2024—October 2024

All dates subject to change throughout the process

Target Date	Accreditation Process	Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)	Institutional Effectiveness Plan (IEP)
June 2024	<p>Continue Focused Report</p> <p>Meeting Preparation for On-site review committee</p> <p>Logistic Team Continue Preparations</p>	Continue drafting QEP Annual Report	<p>Continue closing out FY24 Unit Plans by completing results and documenting evidence of improvement</p> <p>Continue work on FY25 Unit Plans</p>
July 2024	<p>Continue Focused Report</p> <p>Preparation for Advisory Site Visit—Dr. Nuria Cuevas</p> <p>Draft agenda for on-site review</p> <p>Logistic Team Finalizing Preparations for On-site Committee</p>	Continue drafting QEP Annual Report	<p>FY24 Unit Plan assessment results due by 7/22</p> <p>Finalize FY25 Unit Plans</p>
August 2024	<p>Advisory Site Visit—Dr. Nuria Cuevas (12-14)</p> <p>Orient OCIS partners to on-site review process</p>	Continue QEP Pilot for Fall semester	
September 2024	<p>ART Committee Meeting (3)</p> <p>Focused Report due 9/15</p> <p>Coordinate final details and arrangements for on-site review</p> <p>Respond to requests for additional information from chair of on-site review committee</p>	<p>QEP Annual Report due 9/15</p> <p>QEP Newsletter- Internal promotion of QEP to faculty, staff, and students</p>	New academic year (FY25) begins—Administrative and Educational Outcome Assessment Plans are implemented
October 2024	<p>Final preparations for On-site Committee (logistics, agenda, OCIS locations)</p> <p>On-Site Review Committee on campus (27-31)</p>	Continued promotion of QEP	