

ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
Western Association of Schools and Colleges

UNDERSTANDING THE STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

The first section of the SAS is intended to assist the reader in understanding the scope of the institution's operations and to provide some assurance that these activities are included in the status of the institution. This section is based on self-reported information provided by the institution on its Annual Report and Directory form.

Legal status: Indicates whether the institution is public, private, or proprietary.

Affiliation: Indicates a direct relationship with an external agency, such as a church, a hospital, or in the case of a proprietary institution, an owner.

Enrollment: Indicates the unduplicated head count enrollment in credit classes during the fall of the most recent academic year.

Degrees: Indicates the type of degrees the institution offers.

Locations or instructional sites:

(a) Location of sites other than home campus offering 50% or more of a degree or certificate program.

(b) Location of sites out of state or United States.

Other program features:

Indicates whether the institution offers courses or programs through means other than classroom instruction.

The second section of the SAS captures a brief history of the institution's affiliation with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) and indicates the ways the ACCJC has chosen to monitor the relationship in the future. This information is accurate as of the most recent Commission action.

Granted candidacy:

Indicates the date when the institution first gained pre-accredited status. This may not be applicable for all institutions.

First accredited:

Indicates when the status was first granted. A series of dates may indicate a break in status (e.g., 1925-1930; 1935-).

Last comprehensive evaluation:

Indicates when the institution's affiliation status was last reviewed. All accredited institutions must have their status reviewed at least every six years.

Next comprehensive evaluation:

Indicates the date for the next comprehensive review of the institution's accreditation status.

Current status:

Indicates the current accreditation status with the Commission. If a special status has been imposed, such as warning or probation, that status is noted here, e.g., Accredited (on probation). Primary Commission actions are reaffirmation, deferral of a decision, warning, probation, show cause, and termination. If the Commission has imposed probation or ordered show cause, a detailed Public Disclosure Notice is posted in the ACCJC Directory of Member Institutions on the Commission website (accjc.org). Accredited status continues during any period of deferral of a decision, warning, probation, show cause, or through an appeal.

Most recent Commission action:

Indicates when the most recent Commission action was taken.

Other reports/visits required:

The Commission may require a report or visit to monitor a particular area or areas of the institution between comprehensive evaluations. This section indicates the date of any such report/visit. Deferral of a decision, or warning, probation, show cause and termination decisions always involve subsequent reports/visits.

Statement issue date:

This date indicates the currency of the data contained in the SAS.