

Accreditation: Roadmap to Success

Faculty Salon
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A few terms

MSCHE: Middle States Commission on Higher Education

www.msche.org

Self-study: Describes educational programs, policies, services, and student learning and achievement. Considers how well institution's goals, mission, and Commission's Standards are met.

Steering Committee: Responsible for organizing self-study design. Edits reports of Working Groups, produces a draft for discussion, and disseminates the final Self-Study Report.

Working Groups: Examine existing data and evaluations, gather new information, and prepare analytical reports on assigned topics.

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Evaluation Team visit: Read colleges self-study, visit campus for several days, report

Verification on Compliance Report: Show compliance with accreditation-relevant federal regulations

ALO: Accreditation Liaison Officer



MSCHE Accreditation Standards

Standard I: Mission and Goals

Standard II: Ethics and Integrity

Standard III: Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience

Standard IV: Support of the Student Experience

Standard V: Educational Effectiveness Assessment

Standard VI: Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement

Standard VII: Governance, Leadership, and Administration

Timeline for self-study

Fall 2016

- Self-study institute
- Form Steering Committee

Spring 2017

- **Steering Committee develops Self-Study Design document**
- Solicit nominations for members of Working Groups – hold Working Group orientation
- **MSCHE VP liaison visits campus**

Summer 2017

- Steering Committee responds to feedback about Self-Study Design document



Timeline for self-study

Fall 2017

- Gather data and documentation
- Draft chapters of self-study
- Begin work on Verification of Compliance Report

Spring 2018

- Working Groups revise chapters of self-study
- First version of draft is completed

Summer 2018

- Draft is revised



Timeline for self-study

Fall 2018

- Community wide discussion of self-study
- Revise self-study
- Preliminary visit from MSCHE team chair
- Submit Verification of Compliance Report

Spring 2019

- Revise self-study
- Submit final version
- Visiting team comes to campus
- Commission meets to determine accreditation action (June)



What is the Documentation Roadmap?

An inventory of documents, processes, and procedures that provide evidence that we are meeting each of the standards.



Documentation Roadmap

- Let's work on one this afternoon.
- Pick your favorite standard



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Documents, Processes, and Procedures

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Revised core curriculum learning goals
Academic Department learning goals