

## NEWS

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## Updated 'Process to Accreditation' Document for El Camino College Compton Center Published

An updated version of the "Process to Accreditation" document for the El Camino College Compton Center was recently published. The report provides an overview of the actions required for the Compton Center to progress toward accreditation eligibility. The 'Process to Accreditation' document is available <a href="here">here</a>, or on the Web:

www.compton.edu/campusinformation/accreditation/docs/CEC-Accred-07-18-2012.pdf

The document summarizes the overall Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges' (ACCJC) accreditation process, and is intended to serve as a guide only. The communication also includes a section outlining the accomplishments already achieved in working toward accreditation eligibility, and an estimated timeline for El Camino College to submit the accreditation eligibility proposal for the Center. In the process to accreditation, there must be an understanding that timelines will continually change, as some tasks take longer than planned and others may not take as long as anticipated.

The first phase of the process to accreditation is to prepare an eligibility application and supporting documentation for submission to the ACCJC, which is the phase currently in progress. The Accreditation Steering Committee (ASC) for ECC Compton Center and its five subcommittees have worked diligently since November 2010 to assess and respond to the Eligibility Criteria.

Subcommittee members developed three categories for the Eligibility Criteria for the ECC Compton Center: criteria met, criteria not met or criteria partially met. Currently, 16 criteria have been met; one criterion will be met when the eligibility application is filed; the Student Learning and Achievement criterion is partially met; and the Financial Resources, Financial Accountability, and Institutional Planning and Evaluation criteria have not yet been met.

## 2-2-2-2 Process to Accreditation

Both the El Camino Community College District and the CCCD are fully committed to obtaining independent accreditation for ECC Compton Center in accordance with the goals set forth in A.B. 318 and the Partnership Agreement. When the partnership began, the primary objective was to provide quality educational programs and services for student success—this objective continues to be accomplished through many new and expanded student programs. Evidence of this improvement and student successes achieved since the beginning of the partnership is documented in the "Five Years of Success: Report to the Community."

The most recent "Process to Accreditation" document and other information relative to accreditation may be found at ECC Compton Center's website: www.compton.edu/campusinformation/accreditation.

## **About El Camino College Compton Center**

El Camino College Compton Center is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.