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Accreditation Update: Volume 1, Number 1

Greetings Roadrunners,

The [Accreditation Work Group](#) is working to prepare the college for the upcoming Accreditation cycle. The leaders of the work group are Dr. Chris Jones-Cage, Faculty Co-Chair and Professor of Psychology, and Dr. Sara Butler, Administrative Co-Chair, Accreditation Liaison Officer, Interim Vice President of Instruction, and Dean of Social Sciences and Arts. A full list of the work group members is available at the link above. We owe them all a big thank-you for their efforts!

Institutional Self-Evaluation Report

Standard co-chairs supported by subject-matter experts have been working to draft their Standards and identify supporting evidence to be compiled into our Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER). This document will be assembled during spring and summer 2023, and then complete the shared governance approval process in fall 2023. The report will be submitted to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges ([ACCJC](#)) before the December 15, 2023, deadline.

Focused Site Visit

Once the report has been submitted, efforts will turn to preparations for the focused site visit by the peer review team. This visit to campus will take place during fall 2024. Those who participated in the last site visit in 2017 will notice some changes this time around. Our peer review team will read our ISER in spring 2024, and notify the college of specific topics they would like to know more about during the focused site visit that fall. Most likely, the focused site visit will take place over a two-day period – instead of the four-day period as in 2017.

Accreditation Webpage

Please visit the webpage for the [upcoming Accreditation cycle](#) for more information, including the list of work group members and informational materials. As we move forward through this process together, the webpage will be continually updated so please check back to see what's new. Additionally, please watch for future issues of the Accreditation Update newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Sara Butler at sbutler@collegeofthedesert.edu.

Thank you, COD community!

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