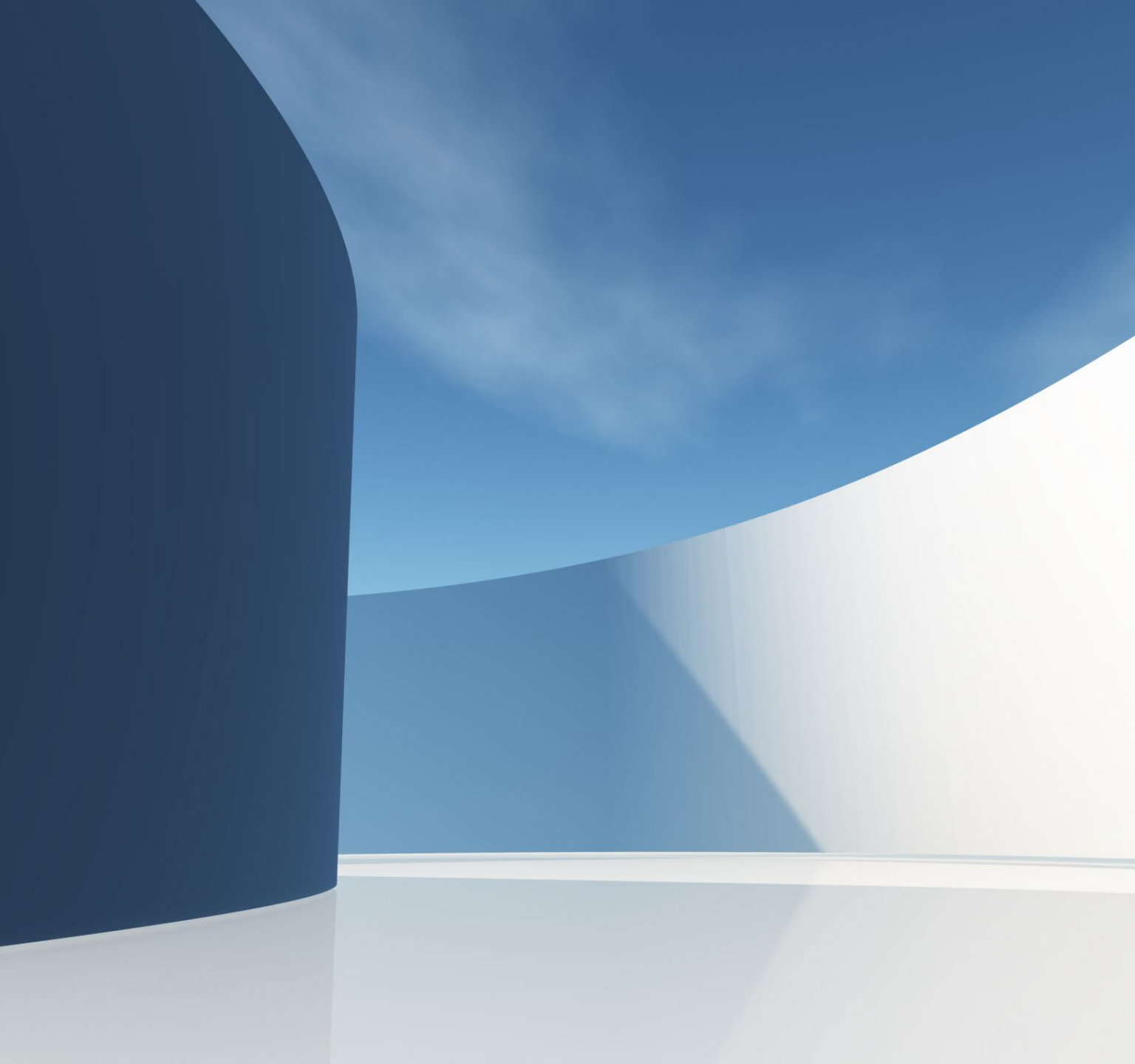




Accreditation Meeting

9.15.25

Accreditation Background

Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)

Recognized by the Dept. of Education- [Eligibility Requirements \(21 ERs\)](#)

Peer Review Process

[ACCJC Accreditation Handbook \(June 2025 Edition\)](#)

COC's Progress on the Accreditation Timeline

Action	Date
Last Comprehensive Review	Last Comprehensive Review: 2022
Midterm Report Submission	March 15, 2026
Next Comprehensive Review	2029
Writing Teams Finalized for ISER	Spring 2027
Gathering of Evidence/ Writing and Editing	Spring 2027- Fall 2027
First Draft of ISER Completed	End of Fall 2027
ISER through Shared Governance Process	Spring 2028
Final Draft of ISER Completed	End of Spring 2028
Submission of ISER to ACCJC	No later than August 1, 2028
Team ISER Review (Formative)	Fall 2028
Focused Site Visit (Summative)	Spring 2029
Commission Action	June 2029

Midterm Report Progress

Action	Body
Finalized Draft of Midterm Report	Accreditation Taskforce, 9/15/25
Review of Final Draft	Executive Cabinet, 9/16/25
Approval for Signature	Associated Students, 9/24/25
Approval for Signature	Academic Senate, 9/25/25
Approval for Signature	Classified Senate, Pending (Rescheduled)
Board Study Session/ Approval for Signature	Board of Trustees, Pending (10/10 or 10/31)
Submission of Midterm Report to ACCJC	Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO)

[Google Form](#) for Feedback

Findings from 2022 Comprehensive Review

Commendations signify institutional practices for which the Commission believes exceed Standards.

- The Commission recognizes the exemplary performance of College of the Canyons in the following areas. Standards III.A.14, IV.A.1 (Commendation 1): The Commission commends the College for fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration, professional development, and entrepreneurship that is infused throughout the institution, resulting in unique opportunities that enhance student engagement and success.

Recommendation for Improving Institutional Effectiveness

Peer Review Team Report noted Recommendation 1 for improving institutional effectiveness.

This recommendation does not identify a current area of deficiency in institutional practice, but consistent with its mission to foster continuous improvement through the peer review process, the Commission encourages institutions to give serious consideration to these recommendations and the advice contained in the Peer Review Team Report. **In the Midterm Report, the College will include actions taken in response to the improvement recommendation.**

Team Recommendations

Recommendations to Meet Standards: None.

Recommendations to Improve Quality:

Recommendation 1: In order to increase effectiveness, the team recommends that the Governing Board and College expedite its assessment and review of Board Policies and Administrative Procedures and continue to ensure that timely actions are taken on policies and procedures. (IV.A.5, IV.C.7)

New Standards and Philosophical Approach

Standard 1: Institutional Mission and Effectiveness	Standard 2: Student Success	Standard 3: Infrastructure and Resources	Standard 4: Governance and Decision-Making
	Mission Alignment		
	Focus on Equitable Outcomes		
	Focus on Innovation and Improvement		

The Standards (and Microstandards)

Standards modified in 2024, now have 4 emphases:

- Institutional Mission and Effectiveness (1.1-1.5)
- Student Success (2.1-2.9)
- Infrastructure and Resources (3.1-3.10)
- Governance and Decision-Making (4.1-4.6)

Institutional Self-Evaluation Reports

New ISER Template

Major Sections in the Self-Evaluation Report	Length
Forward to the Institutional Self-Evaluation	1 page
A. Introduction: Institutional Context	2-5 pages
B. Institutional Self-Evaluation of Alignment with the Accreditation Standards	60-70 pages
C. Required Documentation	(no narratives)
D. Appendices: 1 – Verification of Catalog Requirements 2 – Organizational Information 3 – Additional Approved Locations (if applicable)	(no narratives)

Links to Important Documents

COC's Accreditation Website: [Accreditation](#)

<https://www.canyons.edu/about/accreditation/>

ACCJC's COC Accreditation Site:

[College of the Canyons – ACCJC](#)

<https://accjc.org/institution/college-of-the-canyons/>

Next Steps

- Shepherding of the Midterm Report through the Shared Governance Process
- Timely submission to ACCJC (planned Dec 2025, deadline Mar 2026)
- Review the resources provided in preparation for the next Comprehensive Review
- Want to be part of an accreditation team?