



Fall 2003

Collect *examples of evidence*

The main purpose of a self study is to provide documentation about how the college is meeting the Higher Learning Commission's accreditation criteria. This documentation consists of examples of evidence such as college reports, statistics, surveys, and assessment results. Self-study committees recommend the relevant and appropriate evidence to be collected.

Spring 2004

Analyze & Interpret *the data*

The examples of evidence are analyzed in relation to the accreditation criteria. These criteria focus on the college mission, planning, teaching and learning, scholarship, and community engagement. This examination allows us to document our strengths and identify possible challenges.

Fall 2004

Submit *self-study report*

The entire self-study process and findings are summarized in a final report. The report serves as a guide for the college as we prepare for the future. It also serves as background information for the Higher Learning Commission's team members as they prepare to conduct their on-site visit.

Spring 2005

Host *visiting team*

The on-site visit provides an opportunity for the team to interact with the members of the college community, examine supporting materials, and validate and confirm the report's content. After the visit the team prepares a response with recommendations and comments related to continued accreditation.

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