

**ACCREDITATION**

<b>AP No. 3200</b>
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- I. Rio Hondo College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC), an institutional accrediting body recognized by the commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.
- II. In accordance with the standards of ACCJC, the College shall conduct a comprehensive self-study every six (6) years and host a visit by an ACCJC accreditation team. Mandatory reports are prepared and submitted to the Accrediting Commission as required.
- III. Those employees who are responsible for the functions related to the accreditation standards must be involved in the self-study and team visit.
- IV. The process for producing the written document that is the comprehensive self-study, which must include:
  - A. Self study co-chairs, appointed by the Superintendent/President in accordance with campus procedures. The appointment of the faculty co-chair will be mutually approved by the Superintendent/President and the Academic Senate;
  - B. Accreditation Liaison Officer, appointed by the Superintendent/ President;
  - C. Active, campus-wide involvement of administrators, faculty, classified staff, and students;
  - D. District representatives; and
  - E. A steering committee which is chaired by the lead co-chairs of the self-study committee.
- V. When the self-study is completed, it will be reviewed for submission to ACCJC by the Board of Trustees and other campus constituencies a minimum of 75 days prior to the team visit.
- VI. Sources/References:

ACCJC Accreditation Eligibility Requirement 21, and ACCJC Standards I.C.12 and I.C.13 (formerly IV.B.1.i.)  
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