

What is regional accreditation?

- Assuring and advancing the quality of higher education
- A requirement to receive Title IV funding (federal financial aid)
- Allows students to earn a credential from an accredited institution, further assuring quality of the credential

Who is MXC's regional accreditor?

- The Higher Learning Commission, or HLC
- MXC last received 10-year reaffirmation of accreditation in 2007

When is MXC's HLC Comprehensive visit?

- The team of HLC peer reviewers will visit MXC **March 12th-March 13th.**

What will occur during the HLC visit?

- Five team members will conduct interviews with MXC students, employees, trustees, and community members
- Team members will seek to validate evidence presented in MXC's Assurance Argument
- Team members will determine whether MXC meets the five criteria for accreditation

What am I expected to know?

- MXC's mission statement-Remember: Learning & Assessment Centered; Empower Students, Diverse Backgrounds; Achieve Success. Visit: <http://www.ccc.edu/colleges/malcolm-x/menu/Pages/Mission.aspx>
- Our strategic plan, Reinvention Goals-Remember: Credentials of economic value; increase transfer rate; improve outcomes for students needing remediation; increase ABE/GED/ESL students advancing to college-level courses
- Become familiar with MXC's assurance argument-<https://cccedu.sharepoint.com/MXC/Accreditation/SitePages/Home.aspx>

How can I contribute?

- Participate in one of the open sessions scheduled during the visit
- Answer questions thoughtfully
- If you don't know the answer, it's okay to say, "I don't know" or "I don't know, but I will let our Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) know to get that information to you."

HLC Criteria for Accreditation

The standards of quality by which HLC determines whether an institution merits accreditation or reaffirmation of accreditation consists of the following five criteria:

Criterion 1. Mission

The institution's mission is clear and articulated publicly; it guides the institution's operations.

Criterion 2. Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct

The institution acts with integrity; its conduct is ethical and responsible.

Criterion 3. Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support

The institution provides high quality education, wherever and however its offerings are delivered.

Criterion 4. Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement

The institution demonstrates responsibility for the quality of its educational programs, learning environments, and support services, and it evaluates their effectiveness for student learning through processes designed to promote continuous improvement.

Criterion 5. Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness

The institution's resources, structures, and processes are sufficient to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its educational offerings, and respond to future challenges and opportunities. The institution plans for the future.

There are core components for each of the criterion. The criteria and core components are listed here:
<http://www.hlcommission.org/Policies/criteria-and-core-components.html>

Questions You May Be Asked – STUDENTS

1. Why did you choose to enroll at MXC? Have your expectations been met?
2. Would you recommend MXC to other students?
3. What do you like about MXC? What would you change if you could?
4. Have you experienced any problems getting the courses you need in a timely manner?
5. Describe your experiences with academic advising.
6. Do you think the college clearly communicates with students about financial aid, student conduct, costs, admissions and graduation requirements?

Questions You May Be Asked – FACULTY

1. What are the characteristics of an MXC education?
2. Describe the tenure (TAP) and promotion process. What is your impression of the processes?
3. Tell us about MXC's shared governance and how faculty participate in decision-making.
4. How would you describe the relationship between faculty and administration? What works and what doesn't?
5. What resources are available to support faculty?
6. How has your department use its assessment findings to improve student learning?

Questions You May Be Asked – STAFF

1. How do you contribute to the college's mission and to student learning?
2. What opportunities do you have for professional development?
3. How are staff evaluated at MXC? What is your impression of the evaluation process?
4. How are staff involved in campus decision-making processes?
5. How do departments work collaboratively?
6. What are the biggest resource challenges at MXC?