

SACS FACTS



GTCC Facts: founded in 1958, currently third largest of the 58 NC community colleges, 5 campus locations, 64 unique programs of study, 13,544 FTE for Fall 2013, about 50% of students are full-time, the majority are female, and the majority of students are minorities. GTCC was initially accredited by SACS in 1969; last reaffirmation was in 2005; next reaffirmation is in 2015.



SACS is now **SACSCOC** and stands for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.



SACSCOC mission is to "assure educational quality and improve the effectiveness" of member institutions.



The GTCC mission: "Guilford Technical Community College provides access to lifelong learning opportunities for personal growth, workforce productivity, and community service. It serves all segments of Guilford County's diverse population, delivering quality educational programs and services through partnerships with business, community groups, and other educational institutions."



SACSCOC is governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of representatives from the member colleges.



SACSCOC is recognized by the US Department of Education as a regional accrediting agency. Colleges must maintain accreditation in order to receive federal funding.



The **Principles of Accreditation** provides the basis for evaluation of institutional effectiveness and quality. The Principles include 16 Core Requirements, 72 Comprehensive Standards, and 11 Federal Requirements. (<http://www.sacscoc.org/>)



College effectiveness is evaluated in several areas such as: mission/governance, physical/financial resources, educational programs, faculty, library resources, and student support services.



Reaffirmation occurs every 10 years. It includes submission of a self-study report called a **Compliance Certification** and a Survey Visit about six months later. (<http://www.gtcc.edu/about-gtcc/accreditation/reaffirmation.aspx> - Compliance Assist)



GTCC submitted the Compliance Certification in March for **OFF-SITE Peer Review** in May, 2014.



GTCC submitted a focused report August 2014 to address deficiencies noted by the OFF-SITE Review team.



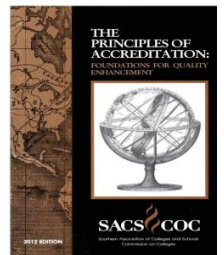
GTCC will have an **ON-SITE Survey Visit (September 30 to October 2)** with another group of peer evaluators. The purpose is to review deficient areas noted by the OFF-SITE Review team and evaluate the QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan).



Based on the results of the Compliance Certification OFF-SITE Review and the ON-SITE Survey Visit, the College may need to submit additional evidence of compliance with the Principles of Accreditation.



*Principles of Accreditation:
Foundations for Quality Enhancement*



**THE FINAL GOAL IS REAFFIRMATION
FOR ANOTHER 10 YEARS!!!!**