

The Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) On-Site Visit

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SACSCOC Committee Members Coming to Campus

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What is SACSCOC?

SACSCOC is a regional accrediting body for institutions of higher education in 11 Southern states and some international institutions

1. Alabama
2. Florida
3. Georgia
4. Kentucky
5. Louisiana
6. Mississippi
7. North Carolina
8. South Carolina
9. Tennessee
10. Texas
11. Virginia



What is Accreditation and Why is it so Important?

Accreditation by SACSCOC means that the institution has:

- a mission appropriate to higher education;
- resources, programs, and services sufficient to accomplish and sustain its mission;
- clearly specified educational objectives that are consistent with its mission and appropriate to the degrees it offers; and that it is successful in assessing its achievement of these objectives and demonstrating improvements.

What is Involved in Reaffirmation?

- The SACSCOC *Principles of Accreditation* requires institutions to demonstrate compliance with over 90 standards that focus on goals and outcomes as measures of institutional effectiveness. The *Principles* are based on four key elements:
 1. Peer review
 2. Institutional integrity
 3. Continuous improvement
 4. Focus on student learning

What is NSU's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) ?

- The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is an integral component of the accreditation process. Developing a QEP as part of the reaffirmation process is an opportunity and an impetus for an institution to enhance overall institutional quality and effectiveness by focusing on an issue or issues the institution considers important to improving student learning.
- NSU Topic: Enhancing Student Writing “Write from the Start”
- Primary Goal: Improve student writing through the provision of enhanced writing resources for all students, regardless of degree level, college, learning format, or location.

What is NSU's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) ?

- NSU will offer a variety of writing support programs to students and faculty through a centralized NSU Write from the Start Writing and Communication Center. The center will:
 - 1.offer general writing assistance to all NSU students,
 - 2.facilitate an expanded undergraduate Writing Fellows program,
 - 3.provide graduate student writing workshops and events,
 - 4.offer faculty support for teaching discipline-specific writing, and
 - 5.develop online writing resources

How may I access the Compliance Certification Report in Compliance Assist?

1. Please go to <https://nova.compliance-assist.com>
2. Login with your NSU Credentials
3. Click on the Accreditation link to your left
4. Choose SACSCOC
5. Click on either the Reaffirmation of Accreditation or the Focused Report option on the top
6. Choose from the list of standards you wish to view