

Cross-References to Other Related Standards/Requirements, If Applicable

Standard 10.9 (Cooperative academic arrangements)

3.1.c An institution seeking to gain or maintain accredited status is in operation and has students enrolled in degree programs. (*Continuous operation*) [CR]

Rationale and Notes

SACSCOC accredits degree-granting institutions in the southern region of the United States and degree-granting institutions operating at select international locations. SACSCOC does not accredit institutions based on their anticipation of becoming a degree-granting institution. In order to be evaluated for accreditation by the Commission, an institution needs to be a functioning organization with students enrolled in degree programs.

NOTE

Institutions already holding SACSCOC accreditation do not need to address this standard unless the institution currently is not operating.

Questions to Consider

- When did the institution first begin offering coursework to degree-seeking students?
- Have there been periods where the institution had no students or offered no courses, other than breaks between terms? If so, explain.
- How many students are currently enrolled in degree programs?

Sample Documentation

- List of degrees offered and current enrollment numbers.

Reference to SACSCOC Documents, If Applicable

None noted.

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