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**ACCREDITATION TEAM TO VISIT ALL NINE CAMPUSES IN THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

LOS ANGELES—Monday, February 27 through Friday, March 10, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges/Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC) will conduct focused sight visits of all nine colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) as part of the standard process for reviewing and renewing college accreditation.

LACCD is dedicated to ongoing improvement to support student programs and curriculum. As part of the ACCJC/WASC, LACCD agrees to a comprehensive review to determine whether they meet the commission's standards. This seven-year accreditation ensures that districts and colleges are providing high-quality education and programming to the communities they serve.

A self-evaluation using ACCJC's standards began the process, followed by an Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER), which was then submitted to ACCJC for peer review. The peer review teams conducted virtual visits and the next steps will be focused peer site visits to gather additional information. This will occur as follows:

LA Pierce - February 27

LA Valley - February 27-28

West LA - February 27 – March 1

LA City - March 1-2

LA Mission - March 2-3

LA Southwest - March 6

LA Trade-Tech - March 6-8

LA Harbor - March 7-8

East LA - March 8-10

ESC/District - March 10

“For the past year, LACCD has engaged in the process to reaffirm its accreditation to improve student learning and achievement,” said Interim Vice Chancellor of Educational Programs & Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Nicole Albo-Lopez, who serves as LACCD’s Accreditation Liaison Officer. “We appreciate the outside counsel to ensure our vision to lead locally and nationally on issues related to student success, equity, and institutional effectiveness stay in alignment with our mission. The district and each college view accreditation as the foundation of our continuous improvement efforts.”

LACCD began the process in June 2022. With the support and assistance of administrators, faculty, classified professionals, and students, the District and all nine colleges completed the review progression and submitted the ISER to ACCJC in October 2022.

An external peer review team will examine LACCD’s ISER and conduct their site visits and the report will be submitted to ACCJC in June 2023.

For more information on LACCD’s accreditation, please visit the [LACCD Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness](https://www.laccd.edu/departments/epie/Pages/default.aspx) website.

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**About the Los Angeles Community College District LACCD** is *Where Los Angeles Learns*! LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation’s largest community college district, educating about 210,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900

square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning

pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year

degrees and certificated training programs for Southern California’s diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Learn more about our L.A. College Promise program of free tuition at [OurPromiseYourPath](https://www.ourpromiseyourpath.com/).

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