

Frequently Asked Questions

Accreditation Status of Victor Valley College

What action was taken by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges ("commission") in their recent review of Victor Valley College's self-evaluation?

At its biennial meeting on June 8-10, 2011, the ACCJC took action to impose "Probation" and a requirement that the college submit a follow-up report by March 15, 2012. Submission of the report will be followed by a visit of commission representatives. This action was preceded by a review of the college's self-evaluation report, information submitted by the Superintendent/President at the commission's biennial meeting, and a report of commission representatives who visited the campus on March 14-17, 2011. The action taken merely delays reaffirmation and **the college's accredited status continues during this period.**

What does a status of "Probation" mean?

The commission imposes probation when an institution deviates significantly from its eligibility requirements, accreditation standards, or commission policies, but not to such an extent as to warrant a Show Cause order or the termination of accreditation. The college will submit a report by March 15, 2012 providing evidence of resolutions in response to commission recommendations. Shortly thereafter, a team of commission representatives will visit the campus to validate that report and submit a recommendation to the commission as to the college's progress. Until then, **the accredited status of the college continues during this process.**

What impact does this status have on students?

The college's accredited status continues during this probation period. Hence, **institutional eligibility to administer its federal financial aid program continues**, and students will continue to be awarded aid pursuant to federal guidelines. In addition, **all transferable course credits that students earn during this period continue to be eligible for transfer to other 2-year and 4-year institutions pursuant to existing articulation agreements.**

What is the college doing to address the commission recommendations?

The college has already begun to address the deficiencies identified in the self-study report submitted to the commission earlier this year. Throughout our self-evaluation process and the writing of that report, the college identified opportunities for improvement and developed plans to address them. The visiting team indeed validated the college's self-study report. Their recommendations confirm that the planning agenda the college developed to remediate and improve should be implemented in order to meet and exceed commission standards.

Victor Valley College continues to be an accredited institution of higher education pursuant to U.S. Department of Education regulations. The probation imposed offers an opportunity to come together—from the Board of Trustees to each member of the VVC workforce—to hold collegial, inclusive discussion about institutional improvement, and to accelerate implementation of the many planning agenda items identified during the self-study process.