HLC Re-Accreditation
One Criterion at a Time
Spring 2020

QUICK FACTS ABOUT WCCCD

FOUNDED IN
1967

SERVICE REGION
WCCCD’s service area consists of Wayne County which includes 32 cities and townships.

WCCCD MISSION STATEMENT
Wayne County Community College District’s mission is to empower individuals, businesses, and communities to achieve their higher education and career advancement goals through excellent, accessible, culturally diverse, and globally competitive programs and services.

INSTITUTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS
1. Public, comprehensive 2-year college
2. Five campuses and the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center located throughout Wayne County
3. Offers Associate Degree and Certificate Programs

WCCCD CORE ABILITIES: GENERAL EDUCATION STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
1. Appreciate both common humanity and diversity of cultures
2. Be a critical thinker
3. Have the skills needed to work ethically and effectively with others
4. Become a lifelong learner
5. Read, write, and speak effectively
6. Understand and appreciate the role of culture and the arts
7. Know the principles and be able to apply the methods of science
8. Have mathematical and technological skills
9. Know the principles and methods of the social sciences

STUDENT POPULATION FACTS
- Average age is 26
- 37% Male, 63% Female
- 86% enrolled part-time (Less than 11 credits, 14% enrolled full-time (12 or more credits)
- 63% persistence rate
- 39% first in their families to attend college
- 1,634 degrees and certificates awarded
- 24.7% transfer rate to colleges and universities
- 77% of students are working while attending WCCCD
WHY IS ACCREDITATION IMPORTANT TO WCCCD?

1. Allows students to transfer WCCCD credits to other accredited colleges and universities.
2. Enables WCCCD students to obtain financial aid and veterans services.
3. Allows the District to participate in projects funded by federal grants.
4. Ensures that the District can recruit and retain quality faculty and staff.
5. Validates the quality and integrity of WCCCD’s programs and services.

HLC CRITERION FOR ACCREDITATION

The Criteria for Accreditation provides the framework for peer reviewers to evaluate the organization. The five criteria areas are:

Criterion 1: Mission
Criterion 2: Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct
Criterion 3: Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support
Criterion 4: Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement
Criterion 5: Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness

ASPECTS OF THE ASSURANCE ARGUMENT

The assurance argument is a report aka self-study with supporting evidence that demonstrates how the institution meets the five criteria used to evaluate the college.

1. District-wide and community engagement in the evaluative process
2. A comprehensive report of evidentiary statement supported by evidence of what the college does in the form of reports, documents, publications – “Not the time for modesty.”
3. Demonstrating the college commitment to its mission and public good
4. Be prepared for the site visit in Spring 2020

WHEN WAS THE LAST WCCCD RE-ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT?

Spring 2010

WHEN WILL WCCCD BE VISITED BY HLC?

Spring 2020