

# Palomar College

## ACCREDITATION UPDATE

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### Exploring a Legacy of Excellence and Charting Our Future

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#### Important Dates—Spring 2021

<b>ISER Standards Draft Review by Writing Teams and AWTL</b>
February—March 2021
<b>ISER Standards Draft Review by Planning Councils and AWLT</b>
March—April 2021
<b>Draft Quality Focus Essay</b>
March 2021
<b>Quality Focus Essay Review by Planning Councils</b>
April 2021
<b>Full ISER Review by External Reader</b>
May—June 2021

#### ISER Timeline

##### Fall 2019

- Accreditation Training to Councils and Writing Teams
- Draft ISER 2022 Outline

##### Spring 2020

- ACCJC ISER training for campus personnel: 2/6/20
- ACCJC ISER training to Governing Board: 2/19/20
- First draft of ISER 2022 and collection of ideas for Quality Focused Essay (QFE)

##### Fall 2020

- Second draft of ISER 2022
- ACCJC Advanced ISER Training: 12/4/20

##### Spring 2021

- Finalize ISER 2022 and QFE
- External reader review

##### Fall 2021

- Review and endorsement of ISER 2022 (SPC and Governing Board)

##### Spring 2022

- ISER 2022 due to ACCJC: January 2022
- Peer review site visit: February 28-March 3

#### It's Official—Site Visit Dates Announced!

It just got real! Congratulations Palomar! We are almost there. We have received word from our accrediting body, ACCJC, that we have been assigned our peer review team chair and our site visit dates. Our peer review team, accompanied by an ACCJC liaison, will be on campus on **Monday February 28th through March 3rd** and engage in an in-depth review of our Self-Evaluation. They will visit our San Marcos Campus and Education Centers, meet with campus leadership, attend council and committee meetings, and interview campus community members to answer questions they have after a thorough review of our ISER. We should be excited for this visit! We have accomplished so much in the past few years while we continue to provide quality education and support services for our students. Between now and our site visit, will continue to make great strides in growing our campus-wide efforts in diversity, equity, and inclusion, improving our participatory governance, addressing FCMAT recommendations, and so much more! In the spring, we will have a lot to share with our peer review team.

#### ISER Draft for Campus Review

After two years (has it been that long?) of painstaking, yet rewarding efforts, the writing teams have submitted their final drafts for each of the standards. The collective efforts of the writing teams have resulted in a document that tells Palomar's story. As we continue to refine the draft, the Accreditation Steering Committee is vetting the report against standards and other ACCJC evaluative criteria. While the ISER is still in draft form, we believe it is ready for review by our campus peers and we welcome you to read the entire report, the standards with which you are most familiar, or the standards which most interest you. Whatever feedback you provide will help us put the finishing touches on the document describing who we are, how we shine, and where we see opportunities for growth. Our draft report is available for campus review on our [accreditation website](#). Please email any feedback to [Marti Snyder](#). We extend an enormous THANK YOU to our writing team members and to you who review our Self-Evaluation.

#### Moving Forward

Writing teams have completed their drafts and the campus community will provide feedback. So what's next? Over the summer, the Accreditation Writing Leadership Team will send the draft ISER to an external reviewer. This is an important step in the self-evaluation process because it provides an outside perspective on how well Palomar meets the standards. Sometimes it takes a different set of eyes to help us identify our strengths and areas where we could be more clear about how we meet the standards. In the fall, once we have formatted the document, the ISER will be presented to the College Council (formerly SPC) and then the Governing Board for approval.

#### Solve and Win!

Each volume of the Accreditation Update will introduce to you, through a fun activity, a component of the Institutional Self Evaluation. Complete the activity and win a prize. **Congratulations to our most recent winners, Cheryl Kearse and Debra Doerfler!**

In this volume of the Accreditation Update, we would like to recognize all of our writing team members. They are all winners! We will randomly select a number of our writers as prize winners and notify them in the next Update. Stay tuned and good luck!

