Review of Commission Standards Policy

The Standards of Accreditation (the Standards) establish criteria for institutional quality and provide a foundation for institutional reviews and actions. The Standards also provide the basis for institutions to improve their quality and increase their effectiveness.

The Commission maintains a comprehensive, systematic, and inclusive program of review of the Standards, demonstrating that they are appropriate to evaluate the quality of the education provided by the institutions it accredits and that they are relevant to the needs of students. The Commission reviews each of the Standards individually and the Standards as a whole at least once every ten years, reaffirming the Standards which are relevant, and seeking institutional comment on those for which significant changes are proposed.

Per federal regulation, if the Commission determines that it needs to make changes to its Standards during this review, the Commission will initiate action within 12 months to make the changes and will complete that action within a reasonable period of time. Such revisions to the Standards will be undertaken with appropriate notice to affiliated institutions and other relevant constituencies, providing an opportunity to comment on any proposed changes, and taking into account timely and relevant comments.

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