

**POLICY: 6Hx28: 4-01**



Responsible Official: Vice President,  
Academic Affairs and Planning

Specific Authority: 1001.64 and 1011.82, F.S.  
Law Implemented: 1001.64 and 1011.82, F.S.

Effective Date: 04-16-2013

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## Accreditation

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### Policy:

- I. Valencia College shall maintain the accountability standards as required by law or by rule of the State Board of Education and the State Board of Florida Colleges and maintain accredited status by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- II. The College affirms its commitment to, and intent to comply with, the Criteria consistent with the policies and procedures of the Commission on Colleges and agrees that the Commission on Colleges, at its discretion, may make known to any agency or member of the public that may request such information, the nature of any action, positive or negative, regarding status by the Commission. The College further agrees to disclose to the Commission on Colleges any and all such information as the Commission may require to carry out its evaluating and accrediting function.
- III. The College will use only the approved accreditation statement describing its relationship with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in its catalog, brochures, and other appropriate publications.
- IV. The College will follow substantive change procedures established by SACSCOC that include notification and approval by the SACSCOC prior to initiating a substantive change.

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### Procedure:

- I. The monitoring and documentation of substantive change related activities is the responsibility of the College's SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison in collaboration with campus based administrators assigned by the Campus President.
- II. Information concerning actions requiring, or potentially requiring, Substantive Change

documentation will be submitted to the College's SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison for review using the internally established intake form.

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**Related**

**Documents/Policies:**

- Substantive changes include but are not limited to:
  - offering part or all of a program or courses through contractual agreements or consortium initiating a degree completion program
  - expanding programs at the current credential level initiating courses or programs at a different credential level
  - substantially altering the number of clock or credit hours for successful completion of a program changing from clock hours to credit hours
  - significantly changing the length of a program closing a program
  - relocating an off-campus site, main campus or a center significantly altering the mission of the institution changing governance, ownership, control or legal status
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**Policy**

**History:**

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**Related**

**Documents/Policies:**

Procedure Associated with Policy: 6Hx28:4-01

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**Procedure**

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