

NUMBERED MEMO CC25-062

TO: Members of the State Board of Community Colleges, Chairs of the Community College Boards of Trustees, Community College Presidents, Chief Academic Officers, Chief Admissions Officers, Basic Skills Directors, Business Officers, Continuing Education Officers, Customized Training Directors, Chief Financial Officers, Distance Learning, Financial Aid Officers, Personnel Officers, Student Development Administrators, Public Information Officers, Registrars, & Other Interested Parties

FROM: Jonnell Carpenter, *NCCCS General Counsel*

SUBJECT: Amendment of 1B SBCCC 400.1 – Accreditation by the Southern Association

DATE: July 22, 2025

On July 18, 2025, the State Board of Community Colleges voted to amend the State Board Code, **1B SBCCC 400.1 – Accreditation by the Southern Association**. This amendment requires colleges to be accredited by an institutional accreditor rather than the SACSCOC.

The amendment will be effective August 1, 2025. At that time, the amended rule will be published on the North Carolina Community College System's website, [State Board Code - NCCCS \(nccommunitycolleges.edu\)](#). For your convenience, a copy of the rule in its final form is attached to this memorandum.

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State Board of Community Colleges Code
TITLE 1. COMMUNITY COLLEGES



CHAPTER B. COLLEGE OPERATIONS

SUBCHAPTER 400. PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY

1B SBCCC 400.1 Institutional Accreditation

All colleges shall obtain and maintain accreditation with an agency or association that accredits institutions of higher education and in accordance with North Carolina law. The System Office shall provide biannually a report to the State Board listing any accreditation actions taken by institutional accreditors with regards to a North Carolina community college. The System President, when requested, will provide assistance to colleges seeking institutional accreditation.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5;

Eff. [October 1, 2018](#)

Amended Eff. [August 1, 2025](#).