

**State Board of Community Colleges
College Accreditation Status Report**

REPORT SUMMARY

Background:

SBCC Code 1B SBCCC 400.1 – Institutional Accreditation states the following:

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.

Historically, colleges within the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) have been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). SACSCOC holds two annual Board of Trustees meetings in June and December, during which official accreditation actions are taken. In alignment with SBCCC policy, biannual accreditation reports are submitted to the State Board following these meetings.

Accreditation Action Updates:

1) During its July 2026 meeting, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Board of Trustees took the following actions related to NCCCS institutions:

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees reaffirmed accreditation with no additional report.

Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College

Isothermal Community College

Rowan Cabarrus Community College

Wayne Community College

Wilkes Community College

Continued on Warning Status:

Edgecombe Community College

The institution has not yet demonstrated compliance with Standard 8.2.a (Student outcomes: educational programs) of the Principles of Accreditation. The institution will not receive a visit from a Special Committee.

Note: Since the January 2026 report to the SBCC, the institution has successfully complied with previous noncompliance items involved with Core Requirement 8.1 (Student achievement), Standard 6.2.b (Program faculty), and Standard 6.2.c (Program coordination).

2) The following colleges have completed the U.S. Department of Education's process to rescind their previously issued Reasonable Cause Determination (RCD) to move to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and retain SACSCOC as their institutional accreditor.

Remaining with SACSCOC:

Blue Ridge Community College

Brunswick Community College

Coastal Carolina Community College

Martin Community College

Mitchell Community College

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