

SWTX ACCREDITATION AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN (QEP) UPDATE

SWTX BOARD OF TRUSTEES – October 16, 2025

Reaffirmation of Accreditation

Southwest Texas College is up for reaffirmation of our accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) in 2026. Major landmarks of the reaffirmation process are:

- Completion of the Compliance Certification
- Planning for and developing an institutional Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The QEP is designed with the intent to
 - Have positive institutional impact
 - Improve aspect of student learning and/or improve student achieve outcomes
- Completion of the Focused Report
 - Addresses questions, concerns, and information requests of the Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee
- Hosting the On-Site Reaffirmation Committee – October 20-23, 2025
- Receiving the On-Site Committee's Report
- Responding, if necessary to any recommendations in the On-Site Committee's Report
- Receiving the decision of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees to reaffirm – June 2026

Quality Enhancement Plan

The SWTX Quality Enhancement Plan is entitled: "Dream * Connect * Belong: The SWTX Student Experience." Its fundamental goal:

- Enhance/Improve students' sense of belonging or connection to the college
 - Enhance/Improve students' mental health
 - Enhance/Increase students' participation in SWTX events and activities

QEP activities and interventions

- Cowboy Connection – Online Course intended to connect students to a Mentor and to various services, activities, and events
- Planned mentor-students interactions including face-to-face visits, emails, reflections written by students which are read and assessed by mentors

The SWTX QEP will be assessed by the On-Site SACSCOC Reaffirmation Committee. Suggestions for improvements and enhancements will be offered.