

Richard Bland College Accreditation Summary & SACSCOC Letter

Accreditation:

Richard Bland College (RBC) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate degrees, with accreditation extended until 2029. RBC focuses on transfer-ready associate degrees, aligning its high quality, workforce-aligned certificate and degree programs with SACSCOC standards.



Dr. Debbie L. Sydow
President
Richard Bland College
11301 Johnson Road
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Dear Dr. Sydow:

The following action regarding your institution was taken by the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) during its meeting held on September 3, 2020:

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees reaffirmed accreditation and removed the institution from Warning. Your institution's next reaffirmation will take place in 2029 unless otherwise notified.

In order to ensure continuing compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*, the Committee requested that the institution provide a Follow-Up Report, due at the time of the Fifth-Year Interim Report, addressing the following referenced standards of the *Principles*:

CR 13.1 (Financial resources)

This standard expects an institution to have sound financial resources and a demonstrated, stable financial base to support the mission of the institution and the scope of its programs and services.

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CR 13.2 (Financial documents)

This standard expects a member institution to provide the following financial statements:

(a) an institutional audit (or Standard Review Report issued in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the A/CPA for those institutions audited as part of a system-wide or statewide audit) for the most recent fiscal year prepared by an independent certified public accountant and/or an appropriate

governmental auditing agency employing the appropriate audit (or Standard Review Report) guide; (b) a statement of financial position of unrestricted net assets, exclusive of plant assets and plant-related debt, which represents the change in unrestricted net assets attributable to operations for the most recent year; and (c) an annual budget that is preceded by sound planning, is subject to sound fiscal procedures, and is approved by the governing board.

As part of the report, the institution is required to submit financial audit reports for the two most recent fiscal years and include its most recent financial aid audit. The most recent year is defined as the fiscal year ending immediately prior to the due date of this report. In addition, the institution is required to include a statement of financial position of unrestricted net assets, exclusive of plant assets and plant-related debt, which represents the change in unrestricted net assets attributable to operations for the most recent year.

Please submit to your Commission staff member a **one-page** executive summary of your institution's Quality Enhancement Plan. The summary is due **October 15, 2020**, and also should include: (1) the title of your Quality Enhancement Plan, (2) your institution's name, and (3) the name, title, and email address of an individual who can be contacted regarding its development or implementation. This summary will be posted to SACSCOC's website as a resource for other institutions undergoing the reaffirmation process.

All institutions are requested to submit an 'Impact Report of the Quality Enhancement Plan on Student Learning' as part of their 'Fifth-Year Interim Report' due five years before their next reaffirmation review. Institutions will be notified 11 months in advance by the President of SACSCOC regarding its specific due date. Directions for completion of the report will be included.

We appreciate your continued support of SACSCOC's activities and work. If you have questions, please contact the SACSCOC staff member assigned to your institution.

Sincerely,



Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

