

INITIATIVE BRIEF

REAFFIRMATION OF ACCREDITATION



UTSA will undergo its decennial Reaffirmation of Accreditation review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) in 2019-2020.

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OVERVIEW

In order to award degrees and certificates—and to be eligible to receive student financial aid and participate in other federal programs—institutions in the U.S. must be accredited by one of six regional accrediting bodies. UTSA is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Reaffirmation of Accreditation occurs every 10 years, and UTSA was last reaccredited in 2010. This peer-review process involves a self-study and an off-site review, as well as an on-site visit.

THE CHALLENGE

UTSA must maintain its regional accreditation in order for students to earn valid degrees and receive financial aid. In essence, accreditation is critical to the university's ability to graduate successful students. UTSA is constantly striving to provide excellent educational experiences that promote the value of higher education, and institutional accreditation is a public affirmation of that commitment. Reaffirmation of Accreditation involves a comprehensive review covering all aspects of the university, thus, the entire UTSA community has a role in the process.

THE IMPACT

Accreditation is about continuous improvement of the university and its processes in order to support students in achieving excellence. During the course of our Reaffirmation of Accreditation, we have the chance to thoroughly evaluate our programs and services. Once reaccredited, not only will UTSA continue to have degree-granting authority and access to federal financial aid and other programs, but it will also reap the benefits of continuous improvement to ensure fulfillment of the university's mission and vision.

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