

# NCA CRITERIA AND CORE COMPONENTS

## CRITERION ONE: MISSION AND INTEGRITY

**Arapahoe Community College operates with integrity to ensure the fulfillment of its mission through structures and processes that involve the board, administration, faculty, staff, and students.**

**Core Component 1a** – ACC’s mission documents are clear and articulate publicly the organization’s commitments.

**Core Component 1b** - In its mission documents, ACC recognizes the diversity of its learners, other constituencies, and the greater society it serves.

**Core Component 1c** - Understanding of and support for the mission pervade ACC.

**Core Component 1d** – ACC’s governance and administrative structures promote effective leadership and support collaborative processes that enable the organization to fulfill its mission.

**Core Component 1e** – ACC upholds and protects its integrity.

## CRITERION TWO: PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

**Arapahoe Community College’s allocation of resources and its processes for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education, and respond to future challenges and opportunities.**

**Core Component 2a** - ACC realistically prepares for a future shaped by multiple societal and economic trends.

**Core Component 2b** – ACC’s resource base supports its educational programs and its plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality ACC’s ongoing evaluation and assessment processes provide reliable evidence of institutional effectiveness that clearly informs strategies for continuous improvement.

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**Core Component 2d** - All levels of planning align with ACC’s mission, thereby enhancing its capacity to fulfill that mission.

## CRITERION THREE: STUDENT LEARNING AND EFFECTIVE TEACHING

**Arapahoe Community College provides evidence of student learning and teaching effectiveness that demonstrates it is fulfilling its educational mission.**

**Core Component 3a** - ACC’s goals for student learning outcomes are clearly stated for each educational program and make effective assessment possible.

**Core Component 3b** - ACC values and supports effective teaching.

**Core Component 3c** – ACC creates effective learning environments.

**Core Component 3d** - ACC’s learning resources support student learning and effective teaching.

## CRITERION FOUR: ACQUISITION, DISCOVERY, AND APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE

**Arapahoe Community College promotes a life of learning for its faculty, administration, staff and students by fostering and supporting inquiry, creativity, practice, and social responsibility in ways consistent with its mission.**

**Core Component 4a** - ACC demonstrates, through the actions of its board, administrators, students, faculty and staff, that it values a life of learning.

**Core Component 4b** - ACC demonstrates that acquisition of a breadth of knowledge and skills and the exercise of intellectual integrity are integral to its educational programs.

**Core Component 4c:** ACC assesses the usefulness of curricula to students who will live and work in a global, diverse, and technological society.

**Core Component 4d** - ACC provides support to ensure that faculty, students and staff acquires, discovers and applies knowledge responsibly.

#### **CRITERION FIVE: ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE**

**As called for by its mission, Arapahoe Community College identifies its constituencies and serves them in ways both value.**

**Core Component 5a** - ACC learns from the constituents it serves and analyzes its capacity to serve their needs and expectations.

**Core Component 5b** - ACC has the capacity and the commitment to engage with its identified constituencies and communities.

**Core Component 5c** - ACC demonstrates its responsiveness to those constituencies that depend on it for service.

**Core Component 5d** - Internal and External constituencies value the services Arapahoe Community College provides.