The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), a regional accrediting commission, is a voluntary association of degree-granting institutions located in the southeastern region of the United States that elect to engage in a self-regulatory process of quality assurance. That process expects accredited members to comply with standards in the areas of mission, institutional effectiveness and student learning, governance, curriculum and educational programs, faculty, academic and student support, and financial and physical resources, and to comply with the policies of SACS Commission on Colleges. The Principles of Accreditation, SACSCOC standards for accreditation, focuses on student learning and the institution’s capacity and resources to fulfill its mission.

The following publicly available information is provided by SACSCOC concerning the most recent action taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees on the accreditation of the institution listed above. Information presented below is in accord with the Commission’s disclosure policy.

**Date of Recent Action by the Board of Trustees:** December 9, 2013

**Action by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees:**
SACS Commission on Colleges reaffirmed accreditation. No additional report was requested. The institution’s next reaffirmation will take place in 2023 unless otherwise notified.

**Next scheduled review by the Board of Trustees:** June 2019

**Type of Review:** Fifth-Year Interim Report

**What is Reaffirmation of Accreditation?**
Reaffirmation of accreditation is a process which ensures that member institutions maintain continuing compliance with Commission policies and with the Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of the membership. It involves a collective analysis and judgment by the institution’s internal constituencies, and informed review of peers external to the institution, and a reasoned decision by the elected members of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees. An institution must be reaffirmed five years after it gains initial accreditation and every ten years thereafter.

**What is a Fifth-Year Interim Report?**
A Fifth-Year Interim Report is a cyclical report submitted five years prior to an institution’s reaffirmation review (decennial comprehensive review). It requires an institution to provide documentation of compliance with 17 select standards of the Principles of Accreditation with a focus on student achievement. It also includes an Impact Report on the implementation of the institution’s Quality Enhancement Plan.

* For additional information regarding the Commission’s accreditation process, access the Principles of Accreditation [here](http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp).