



# Accreditation Update

May 2025

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The College kicked off the Middle States Self-Study process on April 7, 2025 when Dr. Tiffany Lee, York's Vice-President Liaison from MSCHE, visited the campus. Thanks to those who the Town Hall, where Dr. Lee reviewed the Self-Study and Accreditation processes. On the whole, the visit was very positive: Dr. Lee commended York's Self-Study Design document for its level of detail, its organization, and the fact that it provides a clear and useful outline of our work going forward. She did have some specific suggestions about the Self-Study Design, which the Steering Committee is now addressing. The final Design will be submitted on **May 30, 2025**, as required by the Commission.

Thanks to the approximately 100 students, faculty, and staff who agreed to participate in the Self-Study process. We are thrilled to share that 28 students volunteered to serve on working groups after some strategic recruitment efforts! The work has already started as members of the seven working groups are identifying evidence, considering lines of inquiry, and creating meeting schedules in preparation for the next academic year. The Steering Committee and Working Groups are committed to a transparent, inclusive, and vigorous process.

As part of the Middle States Self-Study process, the College has been reflecting on its current Mission, Vision, and Values. This work has been a true collaborative effort that includes the President, Cabinet, Self-Study Leadership Group, Steering Committee, and Working Group I (Mission and Goals) and almost 400 members of the York community responding to the survey and digital engagement initiatives, and 100 providing feedback throughout four Town Halls. The work continues and there will be one more opportunity for community feedback when we post the refreshed Mission, Vision, and Values to the intranet for consideration. We thank everyone who has participated in this process. The refreshed Mission, Vision, and Values will be rolled out at the State of the College in October.

We encourage all faculty and staff to carefully review the [Commission's Standards](#) and [Evidence Expectations](#), note evidence related to their services, departments and units, and begin collecting documentation and data, if not already available. All documentation – policies, processes, guidelines, etc. – must be current, meaning they have been reviewed/revised/refreshed/renewed within the past **four** years. Further, all documentation must be dated.

## MSCHE Self-Study Milestones: Spring 2025

- Steering Committee submitted the Self-Study Design to MSCHE: February 13, 2025
- Initial meeting of working groups to discuss charges and plan: February 14, 2025
- MSCHE VP Liaison visits campus - official college-wide kick-off: April 7, 2025
- Initial outlines from Working Groups, including indication evidence needs: May 15, 2025
- Refreshed Mission, Vision, and Values will be posted to the intranet for community feedback: Closes May 30, 2025
- Steering Committee submits final Self-Study Design to MSCHE: May 30, 2025

## **What's Next?**

As you know, our current **strategic plan** concludes this spring, and we will launch a strategic planning process in Fall 2025. In early September, we will be sending out a call for volunteers to serve on this committee. It will be a year-long process that will conclude with a new strategic plan ready for Fall 2026. As we did with the Mission, Vision, Values work, there will be multiple opportunities for members of the York College to engage in the process – we hope that you do so!

## **Questions?**

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