

## INSTITUTIONAL REAFFIRMATION SITE VISIT

March 28 - March 30, 2023

WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) will be visiting SCU to reaffirm our accreditation. In preparation for that visit, SCU conducted a comprehensive self-study involving 50+ individuals and numerous campus committees. The self-study can be read [here](#).

### WSCUC CORE COMMITMENTS AND STANDARDS

Student Learning and Success | Quality and Improvement  
Institutional Integrity, Sustainability, and Accountability

#### STANDARD ONE

Defining Institutional Purposes and Ensuring Educational Objectives

#### STANDARD TWO

Achieving Educational Objectives through Core Functions

#### STANDARD THREE

Developing and Applying Resources and Organizational Structures to Ensure Quality and Sustainability

#### STANDARD FOUR

Creating an Organization Committed to Quality Assurance, Institutional Learning, and Improvement

### REAFFIRMATION TIMELINE

Summer 2021      Fall-Spring 2021-2022      Summer 2022      September 2022      December 2022      March 2023      July 2023



Steering Committee Convened

Self-Study Conducted

Report Prepared

Report Submitted to WSCUC

Reaffirmation Offsite Review

Reaffirmation Site Visit

Commission Action Letter

# THE RESULTS

## KEY FINDINGS

The self-study demonstrated that SCU is transformed since WSCUC's visit in 2017.  
*We are stronger academically, operationally, and financially than five years ago.*

- The self-study process was **participatory** and involved constituents from across the university.
- The self-study confirmed our **compliance** with WSCUC standards.
- The self-study affirmed our commitment to our **mission** and **values**, including the goal of advancing **integrative, whole-person health**.
- The self-study affirmed our commitment to **academic quality**, to **student success**, and to **continuous improvement**.

## STRENGTHS

- **Clear sense of purpose** solidified through distinct mission and fidelity to our four values.
- **High functioning board** that provides leadership in critical strategic areas.
- Successful **change management** moved SCU from restoration phase to transformation phase.
- Strengthened **financial position**.
- Strong **retention, graduation, and licensure pass rates**.
- Improved **program review** and **assessment of student learning**.
- Increased **support for student success** inside and outside the classroom.
- Effective **planning** processes.
- **Culture of continuous improvement**.

## CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

We will improve **data management, analytics, and reporting**; increase the disaggregation of student data; and expand the use of predictive analytics.

We will continuously improve our **assessment of student learning**: better assess student and academic support services; and formalize the assessment of co-curricular learning.

We will do a better job collecting and analyzing **alumni data** to ensure our graduates are reaching their continuing education and career goals.

We will continue to identify opportunities to enhance **faculty mentoring and support**.

We will extend the interprofessional education core competencies to all programs while continuing to advance the **SCU Model of Interprofessional Education**.

We will **prepare for the future** by effectively leveraging the operational, technological, and organizational changes made over the past several years; by refining our planning process; and by seeking strategic partnerships to contribute to SCU's sustainability.

Finally, in alignment with our values, we will openly and deliberately address issues of **diversity, equity, and inclusion**.

*Our mission is to educate students as competent, caring, and successful integrative healthcare practitioners and professionals. The University is committed to providing an academic community imbued with kindness, integrity, humor, and determination.*