

SOUTHWEST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**SUBJECT: Compliance with Accreditation Requirements****EFFECTIVE DATE: April 14, 2022****Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to memorialize the responsibility of Southwest Tennessee Community College (“Southwest” or “the College”) employees to comply with accreditation standards. Employees must also comply with the policies and procedures of agencies that are considering Southwest’s pending accreditation applications.

Definitions

Accreditation- an accolade awarded as proof of quality assurance by organizations that assess the needs of students and communities.

Standards- conditions that must be met to receive accreditation.

Policy

Southwest as a whole, as well as some individual programs and departments, are accredited by highly regarded organizations. The Southwest [academic catalog](#) provides a list of many of the College’s accreditations.

Seeking and maintaining accreditation is crucial to the continued success of Southwest’s students and the institution. The College’s employees must satisfy and, when feasible, exceed accreditation standards. To accomplish this, it is necessary for Southwest employees to familiarize themselves with accreditation standards, policies, and procedures related to their function(s) at the College.

Southwest is authorized to participate in intercollegiate athletics in affiliation with the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). The College is also a part of the Tennessee Community College Athletic Association (TCCAA), which is a unit of the Tennessee Board of Regents (“TBR”) system. Records related to Southwest’s athletics programs are subject to audit by TBR and the Comptroller of the State of Tennessee. Likewise, the NJCAA may make inquiries regarding the College’s athletics records. These records shall be appropriately maintained to comply with applicable standards and regulations.

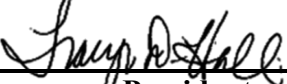
Failure to comply with the requirements of this policy will result in disciplinary action approved by the President. Reprimands up to and including termination will be considered.

Responsible
Source of Policy: Office of the President

Administrator: Associate VP of HR;
Ex.Dir. of Institutional
Effectiveness & Research

Related Policy: 1:03:10:00/8
5:00:00:00/41; 5:00:00:00/09

TBR Policy/Guideline Reference: _____

Approved: 
President

Date: April 14, 2022