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Topic	Accreditation Standard	MSCHE	NEASC-CIHE	NCA-HLC	NWCCU	SACS	WASC*
Administration	Administration, Governance, and Leadership	4, 5, 6	3.1-3.12, 11.1	1d, 4a	2.A.1, 6.A.1-4, 6.B.1-9, 6.C.1-9, 6.2, 7.D.1-3, 9.A.4	2.1-3, 2.6, 3.2.1-8, 3.2.10, 3.2.11, 3.2.12, 3.10.4	1.3, 3.8-3.11, 4.6
	Student Admissions/Retention/ Graduation	6, 8, 11, 13	4.3, 4.11, 4.23, 4.35, 4.41, 5.15, 5.17, 6.1-6.6		2.A.16, 2.F.1-6, 2.G.7, 2.G.10, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 3.C.1-4, 3.D.1-5, 3.E.3	2.6, 2.7.4, 3.4.3, 3.4.4, 3.4.6-9, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 3.6.3, 3.6.4, 3.9.2, 4.1, 4.3	2.2, 2.14
	Student Support Services	6, 8, 9, 11, 13	6.4, 6.7-6.18	3d, 4d	2.C.5, 2.D, 3.A.1-4, 3.B.2, 3.B.4-6, 3.D.9-19, 6.E	2.10, 3.4.9, 3.4.12, 3.8.2, 3.9.1, 3.9.3, 3.11.2, 4.1, 4.5	2.11-2.13
	Curriculum	6, 11, 12, 13, 14	2.5, 4.1-4.43, 5.11	4a-d	2.A.1-12, 2.C.1-8, 2.D.1-3, 2.F, 2.G.1-12, 2.H.1-3, 2.1, 2.4	2.7.1, 2.7.2, 2.7.3, 2.7.4, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.10, 3.4.11, 3.4.12, 3.5.1, 3.6.1, 3.6.2, 3.8.2, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4	2.1-2.9, 4.7
Resources	Resource Allocation/ Institutional Resources	2, 3, 4, 7, 11, 13	3.7, 4.3, 4.9, 4.21, 5.3, 5.6, 6.14, 7.1-7.12, 8.1-8.6, 9.1-9.14	2a, 2b, 3d, 4a	1.B.4, 2.A.1, 2.A.30, 2.E.1-6, 2.G.2, 2.G.3, 2.G.6, 3.A.4, 3.D.7, 3.D.8, 3.E.4, 4.A.4, 4.B.4, 5.A, 5.B.1-5, 5.C, 5.D.1-6, 5.E.1-3, 7.A.1-4, 7.B.1-8, 7.D.1-3, 8.A.1-7, 8.B.1-3, 8.C.1-4	2.9, 2.11.1, 2.11.2, 3.2.11-14, 3.8.1, 3.8.3, 3.9.3, 3.10.1, 3.10.2, 3.10.3, 3.10.4, 3.10.5, 3.11.1, 3.11.2, 3.11.3, 4.7	3.1, 3.5-3.7
Institutional Effectiveness	Institutional Assessment	2, 3, 6, 7, 10	1.5, 2.4-2.7, 5.7, 5.22, 6.18, 7.12, 8.6, 9.14, 10.14	2c, 3c, 5a-d	1.B.9, 2.B.1-3, 3.B.1, 3.E.1	2.5, 2.12, 3.2.10, 3.3.1, 3.7.2	2.7, 2.11, 4.4, 4.8
	Effectiveness and Student Learning	8, 11, 12, 13, 14	4.7, 4.15, 4.18, 4.24, 4.31-4.33, 4.37, 4.44-4.51, 5.11, 5.15, 5.16	3a-d, 4a-d, 5a-d	2.B.1-3, 2.2, 3.C.1, 4.A	2.5, 2.12, 3.3.1, 4.1	1.2, 2.3-2.7, 2.10, 4.3



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Faculty	Faculty Credentials/ Search and Screening/ Evaluation	10	4.22, 5.1-5.10, 5.22		2.C.7, 2.E.3-6, 4.A.1, 4.A.5, 4.A.6, 4.A.8-10, 4.1	2.8, 3.2.9, 3.5.4, 3.7.1, 3.7.2, 3.8.3	3.1-3.4
	Academic Freedom	6, 10	5.13, 11.3		4.A.7, 4.B.7, 9.A.5	3.7.4	1.4
	Professional Development/ Methods of Instruction/ Function	7, 10	5.8, 5.11-5.22	3a, 3b, 4a	2.A.8, 4.A.2, 4.A.3, 4.B.1-7, 6.D	2.9, 3.7.3, 3.7.5	3.11, 4.6, 4.7
Planning	Mission and Goals	1, 6	1.1-1.4	1a-e	1.A.1-7	2.4, 3.1.1, 3.4.2	1.1
	Institutional Planning	2, 3, 7, 14	2.1-2.3, 4.9	2a-d, 5a	1.B.1-9, 3.A, 8.C.1-4	2.5	4.1-8
Institutional Conduct	Integrity	6, 10, 12	3.2, 4.36, 5.4, 5.14, 5.18, 6.1, 6.16, 11.1-11.11	1b, 1e, 4a-4d, 5a-d	3.C.5, 3.E.5, 3.1, 6.1, 9.A.1-5, 9.1	3.2.14, 3.4.5, 3.9.2, 3.10.4, 3.13, 4.5, 4.7	1.5-1.8
	Public Disclosure/ Availability of Information to Constituents	6, 9, 11	6.15, 10.1-10.14		1.B.9, 3.B.3, 3.B.4, 3.E.2, 3.E.6, 3.1, 4.A.4, 9.A.3	3.1.1, 3.2.9, 3.2.14, 3.4.4, 3.4.5, 3.6.4, 3.9.1, 3.9.2, 3.14, 4.3, 4.6	1.2
	Timely and accurate reporting to agency	6, 14		6.1	1.A.7, Policy A-2	3.10.2, 3.12, 3.13	1.9
Federal Criteria^	Federal					4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7	

^SACS is the only accrediting agency that separates federal standards.

*Refers to the WASC Handbook of Accreditation 2008, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities only. Does not include Accrediting Commission Standards for Community and Junior Colleges which is within a separate handbook.

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