

Accreditation 2026

Updates, Preparing for November, & Current AA Status



Opening Comments

- A Year of Accreditation Visits!
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 - Larned State Correctional Facility
 - Additional Location Visits (March 2026)
 - Pratt Community College – Nursing Program
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Pathways Comparison

Standard Pathway

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Open Pathway

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- Years 5 – 9 Quality Initiative!
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Introduction to Peer Review Team

Chair: Reva Curry

Vice President of Instruction and Learning Services
Delta College
University Center, Michigan

Dr. Reva Curry has been Vice President of Instruction and Learning Services at Delta College for the past 12 years. She oversees five academic divisions, including workforce strategies, and academic support services to help create a student-centered learning environment to meet students' needs as they pursue their occupation or transfer goals. Over the past three years, student enrollment has exceeded projections by 6-11% in fall and winter semesters. For the upcoming spring 2026 semester, enrollment is currently at 33% above projections.

Dr. Curry's academic discipline is health sciences. She is a credentialed radiographer and diagnostic medical sonographer and was a full-time faculty member for over 15 years before moving into administration.

She is enthusiastic about students' access, retention and completion. One example of her work at Delta includes creating and supporting the Open Educational Resources Committee, which over the past 10 years has saved students over \$3.5 million in textbook costs, a successful retention strategy.



Dr. Reva Curry

Degree	Institution	Year	General Subject Area	Specific Subject Area/Major
Ph.D. - Doctor of Philosophy	University of Pennsylvania	1994	Anthropology; Education - Administration; Higher Education	Educational Leadership
M.Ed. - Master of Education	Augusta University	1986	Education	
B.S. - Bachelor of Science	Augusta University	1984	Health Care Services	



Type	Public community college
Established	1961; 65 years ago
Endowment	\$37.5 million (2025) ^[1]
President	Michael Gavin
Faculty	212 ^[2]
Administrative staff	559 ^[2]
Students	~9,000
Location	University Center, Michigan, U.S.
Campus	640 acres
Colors	  Evergreen and white
Mascot	Duck
Website	www.delta.edu 

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Shari Jorissen

Reviewer: Shari L. Jorissen
Director of Institutional Effectiveness
Anoka-Ramsey Community College
Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Shari L. Jorissen is a distinguished leader in higher education, bringing extensive expertise in institutional effectiveness, academic quality assurance, and faculty development. With a robust academic foundation, including a Doctor of Education (EdD) from Walden University, a Master of Business Administration (MBA), a Master of Education (MEd), and a Bachelor of Science (BS), Shari possesses a comprehensive understanding of educational administration and pedagogy.

In her role as Director of Institutional Effectiveness at Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Shari has been instrumental in driving institutional improvement and enhancing educational quality. Her work involves strategic planning and data-informed decision-making to support the college's mission within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. Complementing this, her experience as a Peer Reviewer and Assessment Academy Mentor for the Higher Learning Commission underscores a deep commitment to upholding rigorous academic standards and facilitating accreditation processes for institutions across the United States.

Educational Experience

Degree	Institution	Year	General Subject Area	Specific Subject Area/Major
M.B.A. - Master of Business Administration	Walden University	2018	Leadership	
Ed.D. - Doctor of Education	Walden University	2012	Education; Higher Education	Higher Education & Adult Learning
Ph.D. - Doctor of Philosophy	Walden University	2008	Education; Psychology	Psychology

Anoka-Ramsey Community College



Type	Public community college
Established	1965
Parent institution	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System
President	Kent Hanson
Students	4,501
Location	Coon Rapids and Cambridge, Minnesota, United States 45.1727°N 93.3526°W^[1]
Campus	Suburban, 103 acres (42 ha)
Colors	 Blue & yellow
Nickname	Golden Rams
Sporting affiliations	NJCAA, Minnesota College Athletic Conference
Website	www.anokaramsey.edu 

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Oakton College



Type	Public community college
Established	1969; 57 years ago
Endowment	\$9.4 million (2025) ^[1]
President	Joianne L. Smith ^[2]
Students	7,433 (spring 2022) ^[3]
Location	Des Plaines and Skokie, Illinois, United States
Website	www.oakton.edu

Reviewer: Bernard R. Little
Vice President for Student Affairs
Oakton College
Des Plaines, Illinois

Des Plaines (March 20, 2025) — Oakton College is pleased to announce the appointment of Bernard Little, Ph.D., as the new vice president for Student Affairs. Little brings nearly two decades of experience in higher education leadership and is deeply committed to building a student-centered campus. Oakton's Board of Trustees approved his selection during its March 18 meeting. He will join the College in his new role on June 2.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Bernard Little to Oakton College," said Joianne L. Smith, Ph.D., Oakton College president. "Dr. Little is passionate about meeting students where they are and providing them the support they need to reach their goals. His leadership will advance Oakton's student success initiatives."



Oakton welcomes Bernard Little, Ph.D., as the new vice president for Student Affairs.

Educational Experience

Degree	Institution	Year	General Subject Area	Specific Subject Area/Major
Ph.D. - Doctor of Philosophy	DePaul University	2021	Education - Administration; Education - Student Personnel Administration; Higher Education	
M.S. - Master of Science	Miami University	2009	Education - Student Personnel Administration; Higher Education	
B.A. - Bachelor of Arts	Bowling Green State University	2007	Communications; Leadership	

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Reviewer: Julia M. Deisler
Adjunct English Instructor
Santa Fe Community College
Santa Fe, New Mexico



Educational Experience

Degree	Institution	Year	General Subject Area	Specific Subject Area/Major
Ph.D. - Doctor of Philosophy	Brown University	1996	English	English Literature and Language, The British Romantics, and Feminist Theory
M.A. - Master of Arts	University of Kansas	1986	English	English Literature and Language
B.A. - Bachelor of Arts	University of Kansas	1982	English	English Literature

Higher Education Employment

Institution	Title	Start Date	End Date
Santa Fe Community College	Interim Dean, Schools of Trades, Advanced Technology, and Sustainability and Business, Professional Studies, and Education (Retired)	08/01/2022	

Santa Fe Community College



Santa Fe Community College logo

Type	Public community college
Established	1983 ^[1]
Budget	\$38 Million ^[2]
President	Becky Rowley
Academic staff	255 (64 full-time) ^[2]
Administrative staff	280 (249 full-time) ^[2]
Undergraduates	4,027 ^[2]
Other students	4,706 (non-credit) ^[2]
Location	Santa Fe, New Mexico, U.S.
Website	www.sfcc.edu

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Metropolitan Community College



Penn Valley campus

Former names	Kansas City Polytechnic Institute Junior College of Kansas City Blue River Community College Longview Community College Maple Woods Community College Penn Valley Community College
Type	Public community college
Established	1915 (as Kansas City Polytechnic Institute)
Accreditation	Higher Learning Commission
Endowment	\$6.52 million (2023)
Budget	\$123.1 million (2023-24)
Chancellor	Dr. Kimberly Beatty
Vice-Chancellor	Dr. John M. Chawana
Total staff	1,000
Students	13,178 (2023)
Location	Missouri, United States
Campus	550 acres (220 ha) (total)
Language	English
Colors	 Royal blue and white
Nickname	Wolves
Website	mcckc.edu ^[1]

Educational Experience

Degree	Institution	Year	General Subject Area	Specific Subject Area/Major
Ph.D. - Doctor of Philosophy	University of Louisiana at Lafayette	2016	Creative Writing; English; Literature	Major Field: Early American Literature; Minor Fields: Modern American Literature, 19th Century British Literature, and Rhetoric
M.A. - Master of Arts	Missouri State University	2005	Creative Writing; English; Literature	
B.A. - Bachelor of Arts	Missouri State University	2002	Creative Writing; English; Literature	



Ryan Crider

Reviewer: **Ryan Edwards Crider**
Campus President
Metropolitan Community College-Kansas City
Kansas City, Missouri

Dr. Ryan Crider, President, MCC-Longview

Ryan Crider, Ph.D., joined Metropolitan Community College, Kansas City, in 2018, having served as dean of instruction and vice president for instruction and student services before becoming president of MCC-Longview in July 2024. He has worked in higher education for more than two decades, including the community college space for the last 15 years.

Before coming to MCC, Crider worked at two-year colleges in Louisiana, Missouri and South Carolina. His first full-time position was at South Louisiana Community College in Lafayette, where he served as an English instructor. At East Central College in Union, Missouri, he served as developmental studies coordinator, working with colleagues in English, math and reading to facilitate best practices for students placing below college-level coursework. He also was department chair for English and Languages at York Technical College in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

A Missouri native, Crider holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Missouri State University, as well as a Ph.D. in English from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He is also a graduate of the American Association of Community Colleges' Future Presidents Institute.

As president of MCC-Longview in Lee's Summit, Missouri, Crider is involved with community engagement across the campus' service area. He serves on the boards for both the Lee's Summit and Raytown chambers of commerce, as well as the St. Luke's East Hospital Board, the Lee's Summit Economic Development Council board and the Truman Heartland Community Foundation Lee's Summit/Lake Winnebago Advisory Board.

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Preparation for November Visit

Differences in Development and Preparation: 2022 vs 2026

2022

- Isolated AA Development
- AA Platform Not Accessible
- Paragraphs of AA Sent for Review
- Review Paragraphs Sent in Email, Isolated Comments
- Lack of Shared Timeline for AA Development
- AA in Full Available After Submission
- AA Rich in Evidence; "Dry" in Narrative
- Unexpected Twist in Schedule for Visit

2026

- Team Approach to AA Development
- AA Developed in Common, Easily-Accessible Platform
- AA Core Components in Entirety Sent for Review
- Shared Access to AA Development Platform
- Strategic Timeline Established for AA Development
- AA Available Prior to Submission
- AA Story Narrative Supported by Evidence
- Clear Understanding of Schedule for Visit

Preparation for November Visit

August	September	October
Finish AA Development	Planning Committee Continues Work	Assurance Argument is “Locked”
Visit Subcommittee Begins Planning	Final Feedback Opportunities of AA	Preparation for Visit Schedule
Awareness Campaign	AA is Loaded to Canopy Platform	Final Preparations Completed
Work with Team Chair for Preparation	Final AA is Shared Out	Mock Practice Sessions
Continue Sharing AA	Awareness Communications Continue	Attend to Last Minute Items
November 2 & 3, 2026: Showtime!		

Accreditation Argument Updates

- Criteria 1:
 - 1.A.-1.C. - Individual Reviews Completed
 - Full Criteria 1 Out for Review (Deadline July 27th)
- Criteria 3:
 - 3.E.-3.G - Individual Reviews Complete
 - 3.D. - Upcoming
- Full Criteria Reviews – Focusing on Two Things:
 - Cohesiveness of All Criteria Together
 - Fulfillment of the Criteria

Intersection with Strategic Planning



- Strategic Planning
 - Drives mission
 - Opportunity for innovation
- Accreditation
 - Documents fulfillment of mission
 - Strategic Planning can support the documentation and the fulfillment of the mission.
 - Mission is also fulfilled in other operations and initiatives across the College.