

Accreditation Quality Check-up Visit

February 17-19, 2010

WCTC has participated in all AQIP (Academic Quality Improvement Process) processes beginning in 2004 (Constellation Survey, Conversation Day, two Strategy Forums, Annual Updates of Action Project team progress, Systems Portfolio, and Systems Appraisal) towards achieving its re-affirmation of accreditation. Throughout this period, WCTC has worked collaboratively with AQIP to ensure that our college is committed to quality improvement as well as its compliance with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and School's Criteria for Accreditation.

The next step in WCTC's accreditation cycle is the Quality Check-Up Visit scheduled from February 17-19, 2010. The Quality Check-up requires that two reviewers conduct a site visit and review relevant organizational and AQIP documents. A variety of meetings over 3 days have been scheduled with our visitors, Dr. Cathy Anderson, Academic Coordinator for the Electronic University Consortium, South Dakota Board of Regents; and Stephen Eaton, Dean of Occupational Studies, Mid Michigan Community College. These meetings offer opportunities for the visitors to interact with WCTC faculty, staff and students to assess the strength and opportunities for improvement of our commitment to continuous process improvement.

A brief history of WCTC's AQIP Accreditation Journey –

- **WCTC was admitted to AQIP in August 2004 and conducted its Constellation Survey and Conversation Day (aka Vital Focus) in November 2004 and March 2005, respectively.**
- **WCTC cross-functional team attended its first Strategy Forum in May 2005 and identified its first three Action Projects: Pre-Enrollment Assessment; Data-Driven Decision Making; and Communication/Collaboration.**
- **The first Systems Portfolio, a look at our processes, results and improvements of overall systems for maintaining a quality institution of higher education, was submitted in November 2007 and the Systems Appraisal feedback report was received in March, 2008. Results were analyzed and shared with the entire college community April-May 2008.**
- **Annual Action Project Updates are submitted to AQIP each September. To date, we have four "retired" projects (the three listed above, and Strategic Planning) and five active project teams (Data/Dashboard; Program Viability; Student Learning Evidence; Employee Engagement; and Service Learning).**
- **WCTC cross-functional team attended its second Strategy Forum in October 2008 and clarified current and future action project process improvements.**
- **The first Quality Check-Up visit will be help in February 2010 with re-affirmation of accreditation during 2010-11.**