What Criteria Does the HLC Use in Accrediting Colleges?

The HLC currently uses five criteria to determine if an institution of higher education is to receive accreditation. These five criteria address:

- **Mission**
- **Integrity: Ethical & Responsible Conduct**
- **Teaching & Learning: Quality, Resources, & Support**
- **Teaching & Learning: Evaluation & Improvement**
- **Resource, Planning & Institutional Effectiveness**

The accreditation criteria and core components can be viewed by visiting the IECC Open Pathway Accreditation website at: [www.iecc.edu/hlc](http://www.iecc.edu/hlc)

Where Do You Fit into the Accreditation Process?

Each of us has a very important role to play in the accreditation process. Students will have the opportunity to meet with the review team in open forums on campus. Review team members may also engage in informal conversations as they encounter students in the Union, Library, or across campus. If you have the opportunity to visit with a review team member, be ready to share:

- Your perceptions and experiences at an IECC College (FCC, LTC, OCC or WVC).
- How the college lives up to its mission to **deliver exceptional education and services to improve the lives of our students and to strengthen our communities**.
- What being a student at an IECC College has meant for you.