



# Accreditation - Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is accreditation?**

Accreditation is an evaluation process designed to assure high-quality education at Folsom Lake College.

## **Who accredits Folsom Lake College?**

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

## **When was Folsom Lake College first accredited?**

Folsom Lake College received initial accreditation in January 2004, becoming the 4th college of the Los Rios Community College District.

## **Why does Folsom Lake College need to be accredited?**

Accreditation is the “seal of approval” from an objective, outside agency, making Folsom Lake College eligible for federal funds and transfer credit.

## **What does Folsom Lake College need to do to earn accreditation?**

Folsom Lake College undergoes a rigorous assessment process including an internal self-study. This process occurs every six years. As part of the accreditation process, a team from the ACCJC will visit the college October 12-15.

## **What does accreditation mean to students?**

Course credits transfer to other institutions and Financial Aid is available.

## **Where can I go for more information on accreditation?**

Go to the college homepage at [www.flc.losrios.edu](http://www.flc.losrios.edu) and select “Accreditation” from the “Quick Links” menu.