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 and select “Accreditation” from the “Quick Links” menu.