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This series of newsletters reviewed the Higher Learning Commission’s Guiding Values for accreditation, the Criteria for Accreditation, and the Assumed Practices for all accredited institutions. These documents define the objectives and criteria that will guide the team of peer reviewers who will visit Wright State’s campus on March 21 and 22, 2016, for our ten-year comprehensive evaluation.

The first of the five criteria requires that “The institution’s mission is clear and articulated publicly; it guides the institution’s operations.” The Wright State Mission is:

*We transform the lives of our students and the communities we serve. We will:*

- build a solid foundation for student success at all levels through high-quality, innovative programs;
- conduct scholarly research and creative endeavors that impact quality of life;
- engage in meaningful community service;
- drive the economic revitalization of our region and our state and empower all of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni to develop professionally, intellectually, and personally.

The mission asserts that we will provide high-quality, innovative programs. Evidence supporting this can be obtained for the performance of our students, the recognition of our peers, and the evaluation of accreditation bodies or professional societies. Several examples include

- Over 30 programs across all colleges and schools are professionally accredited by their respective accrediting bodies.
- 88.9% CPA pass rate for students with a graduate in accounting (2014)
- 84.7% pass rate of the NCLEX for nursing (2013)
- Wright State University’s Model United Nations team has received a Delegation Award for 36 consecutive years
- Online Master of Education and Master of Nursing degrees ranked among the nation’s top online graduate education programs by *U.S. News & World Report* in 2013
- Raj Soin College of Business among “Best 296 Business Schools” in 2015 by *The Princeton Review*
- The Industrial Organization Ph.D. program is ranked in the top third of programs (20th out of > 60) in terms of research productivity, by *Industrial-Organization Psychologist*, 2014.

To demonstrate our commitment to meeting the mission, we are developing a Mission Scorecard and invite you to participate. The purpose of the Scorecard is to enumerate programs, activities, and initiatives from across campus that support our mission. We welcome your submissions in the following categories:

- Access and diversity
- Quality academic programs
- Research and scholarships
- Community engagement
- Economic development

You can submit items to the Mission Scorecard online at

[https://www.wright.edu/academic-affairs/accreditation/support-our-mission](https://www.wright.edu/academic-affairs/accreditation/support-our-mission)
or email them to Renee Aitken at renee.aitken@wright.edu. Submissions are accepted in a “twitter-like” format limited to 200 characters.