



What is AQIP?

Principles of High Performance Institutions

Involvement

- Broad-based involvement by faculty, staff and administrators
- Supports better decisions,
- Strengthens ownership of systems, activities and initiatives.
- **Get involved today! Click the SCC AQIP logo at www.southcentral.edu**

Learning

- Create a learning-centered environment



Focus

- Mission and vision that speak to students' and stakeholders' needs

Collaboration

- Groups within SCC, and externally between SCC and other institutions working together toward common goals
- ***In what ways do you work with others at SCC or other institutions?***



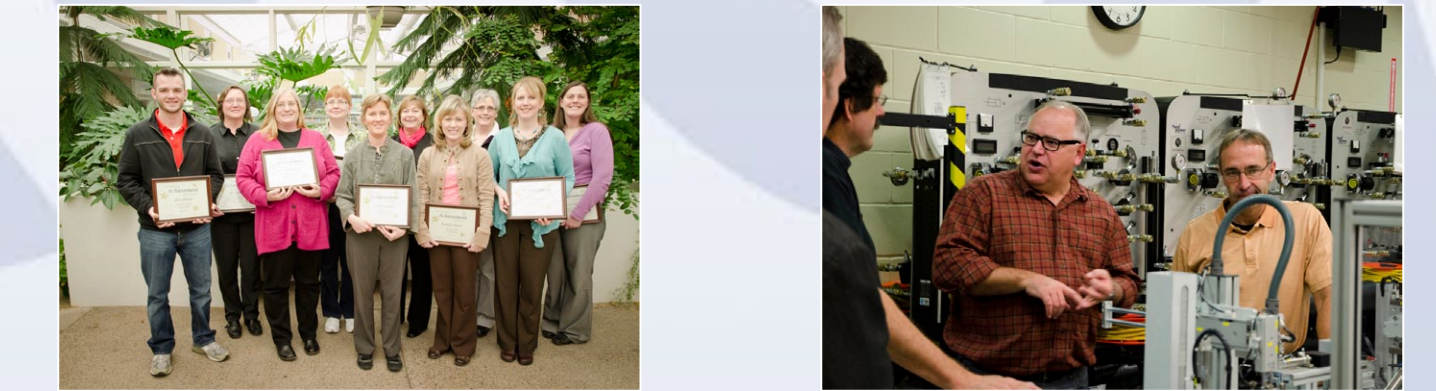
AQIP: Academic Quality Improvement Program

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) launched the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) in 1999 with the help of funding from the Pew Charitable Trusts. AQIP allows South Central College (SCC) to maintain accreditation through alignment of ongoing improvement activities with the accreditation expectations of HLC.

The goal of the program is to *“infuse the principles and benefits of continuous improvement into the culture of colleges and universities in order to assure and advance the quality of higher education.”*

AQIP's Principles of High Performance Organizations describe the characteristics participating colleges and universities strive to embed within their culture of continuous quality Improvement. These principles – **Involvement, Learning, Focus, Collaboration, Integrity, People, Leadership, Agility, Information,** and **Foresight**– form the foundation of AQIP accreditation.

People



- Respect for people and the willingness to invest in them
- Investment in SCC's most valuable resource

Leadership

- Support a continuous quality improvement culture.
- ***How can you lead and support continuous quality improvement?***

Agility

- Allows SCC to transform itself when there is need.

Integrity

- Responsible institutional citizenship
- Equity, dignity and respect.
- ***In what ways does SCC demonstrate integrity?***

Foresight

- Planning for innovation and improvement
- ***What measures can SCC take to better plan for future needs?***
- ***How can you support planning and innovation?***

Information



- Fact-based information gathering and thinking
- Support decision making
- Consistently assess current capabilities
- Realistically measure performance.