



COASTLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACCREDITATION 2013

## **TEN THINGS** every **STUDENT** should know in preparation for WASC's visit to Coastline Community College

### **1. What is Accreditation and why is it important?**

- a. Accreditation is a formal recognition that a college meets high educational standards.
- b. Accreditation is important because it ensures a high quality education for students.

### **2. Who are we accredited by? Which division?**

- a. Coastline College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Post-secondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

### **3. What is the purpose for the Accreditation visit March 18-21, 2013?**

- a. Accreditation is granted for a maximum of six years at which time a self-study is conducted, followed by a WASC accreditation visit. Coastline was granted initial accreditation in 1978. The WASC team will visit on March 18-21, 2013 in preparation for the college's regular accreditation renewal.

### **4. What are some basic facts about Coastline Community College that all students should know?**

- a. **Name of our college:** Coastline Community College
- b. **College founded in:** 1976
- c. **Basic facts about Coastline:**
  - Sister college to OCC and GWC
  - Three campuses—in Garden Grove, Newport Beach, and Westminster
  - Administration building is in Fountain Valley
  - Classes on-site and via Distance Learning
  - Coastline serves approximately 12,000 students a semester (unduplicated enrollment)
  - Coastline serves an additional 5,000 students a semester through Coastline Military Programs (for enlisted military).

### **5. What does Coastline offer?**

- a. Associate Degrees (A.A. and A.S. degrees): *60 unit programs*
- b. Certificates of Accomplishment: *21-39 Unit programs*
- c. Certificates of Achievement: *9-17.5 Unit programs*
- d. Certificates of Specialization: *5-15 Unit programs*

### **6. How many ways can you take classes at Coastline?**

- a. Online courses
- b. Traditional classroom
- c. Telecourses
- d. Independent Study
- e. CD-DVD courses
- f. Classes on PDA

**7. What types of student services does Coastline offer?**

- a. Academic Counselors
- b. Admissions and Records
- c. Assessment
- d. Associated Student Government (ASG)
- e. Bookstore
- f. Career and Employment Center
- g. Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)
- h. Financial Aid and Scholarships
- i. guideU Student-Mentor Connection
- j. Special Programs and Services for the Disabled
- k. Student Success Center (Tutoring Center)
- l. Transfer Center
- m. Veterans Resource Center
- n. Virtual Library

**8. What is Coastline's Vision Statement?**

- a. Creating opportunities for Student Success.

**9. What is Coastline's Mission Statement?**

- a. Coastline Community College promotes academic excellence and student success for today's global students through accessible, flexible, innovative education that leads to the attainment of associate degrees, transfers, certificates, basic skills readiness for college, and career and technical education.

**10. What are some basic facts about the Coast Community College District that all students should know?**

- a. **Name of our college district:** Coast Community College District
- b. **Basic facts about the Coast Community College District:**
  - District founded in 1947
  - Home to Coastline, Golden West College, and Orange Coast College
  - Serves more than 60,000 students a year
  - Grants Associate degrees and Certificates
  - Governed by an elected Board of Trustees



**For more information on Coastline or the Accreditation process, please visit [www.coastline.edu/accreditation](http://www.coastline.edu/accreditation).**