

MISSION

Morehouse School of Medicine is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities; increasing the diversity of the health professional and scientific workforce; and addressing primary health-care needs through programs in education, research, and service with emphasis on people of color and the underserved urban and rural populations in Georgia and the nation.

SAVE THE DATE!

SACS ON-SITE PEER REVIEW

APRIL 12-14, 2011



AREAS OF ASSESSMENT

- } Mission
- } Governance
- } Institutional Effectiveness
- } Educational Programs and Resources
- } Faculty
- } Student Affairs and Services
- } Financial and Physical Resources
- } Federal Requirements

FOCUSED REPORT

Responds to issues raised in Off-Site Peer Review report:

- } Governance
- } Institutional Effectiveness
- } Faculty
- } Student affairs and services

NEXT STEPS

- } Complete Focused Report and QEP
- } Conduct internal information campaign for students, faculty, staff (meetings, handouts)
- } Plan for and host On-Site Peer Review Committee April 12 -14, 2011

TIMELINE



SACS/QEP

QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN:

Describes a course of action for institutional improvement crucial to enhancing educational quality that is directly related to student learning.

MSM QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN

MENTORING STUDENTS AT MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

To improve and sustain students' excellence and academic success through the development and implementation of a structured mentoring and tutoring program at MSM:

GOAL 1: TRAINING

Assure success of mentoring programs through ongoing faculty and student training.

GOAL 2: MENTORING

Increase students' academic success through expanded peer/near peer mentoring; enhanced support of challenged students in course enrichment mentoring/tutoring.

GOAL 3: LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Enhance student professional development through learning communities.

FAQ

STRATEGIC PLAN, SACS, QEP



1. WHAT IS SACS?

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. The Commission's mission is the enhancement of educational quality throughout the region and it strives to improve the effectiveness of institutions by ensuring that institutions meet standards established by the higher education community that address the needs of society and students. It serves as the common denominator of shared values and practices among the diverse institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Latin America and other international sites approved by the Commission on Colleges that award associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees. The Commission also accepts applications from other international institutions of higher education.

2. WHY MUST THE SCHOOL BE ACCREDITED?

Schools participate in the accreditation process to be eligible to receive federal funding for financial aid and other funding programs. In addition, accreditation fosters public confidence in the educational enterprise and provides assurance of a common set of requirements and standards.

3. WHEN AND HOW WILL MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE BE REVIEWED FOR ACCREDITATION?

MSM is near the end of an almost two-year process of review and reporting of our compliance with SACS core requirements and comprehensive standards. Following the on-site peer review to be held here April 12 – 14, the peer review team will submit recommendations to the Commission on Colleges which will announce its decision on our reaffirmation at the annual SACS meeting held December 3-6, 2011 in Orlando, FL.

4. WHEN IS THE ON-SITE REVIEW?

The on-site review process will take place April 12 – 14, 2011. Faculty, students and administrators will be involved in the review as requested by the review team. We do not anticipate that the team will visit other

locations, however faculty and staff from all campus locations may be asked to participate.

5. WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SACS?

Additional information about SACS can be found at <http://www.sacscoc.org/aamain.asp>. Information about the Morehouse School of Medicine SACS reaffirmation process can be found at www.msm.edu/_____.

6. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL'S STRATEGIC PLAN IN THE SACS REAFFIRMATION PROCESS?

The Morehouse School of Medicine strategic plan describes goals to achieve the School's mission and documents the school's compliance with a major component of the institutional effectiveness requirement that we engage in a continuous process of planning and evaluation.

6. WHAT IS THE SCHOOL'S MISSION?

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7. WHAT DOES QEP STAND FOR?

Quality Enhancement Plan

8. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A QEP?

The QEP satisfies a requirement of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in our efforts to be reaffirmed. It describes a course of action for institutional improvement crucial to enhancing educational quality that is directly related to student learning.

9. HOW IS QEP RELEVANT TO MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE?

The QEP is an addition to the SACS Reaffirmation process. This document was written with the input of a designated committee in response to surveys administered

to the campus community. The document makes a case for our selection of specific objectives to enhance student learning and describes the activities that will be implemented to achieve those objectives. The QEP also includes a budget, a specific list of learning outcomes for students, a plan for evaluating our success in achieving stated outcomes, and a literature review.

10. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE QEP?

The QEP has to enhance student learning, have measurable learning outcomes, be affordable, and is the result of a process that includes the whole college community. Otherwise, there are no limitations to topic selection.

11. WHAT IS THE TOPIC OF THE MSM QEP?

The topic is "Mentoring Students at Morehouse."

12. WHAT WILL THE QEP ACCOMPLISH?

The goals of the QEP are:

Goal 1: Assure the success of mentoring programs through ongoing faculty and student training

Goal 2: Increase students' academic success by:

Expanding and enriching peer/near peer mentoring

Enhancing the support of challenged students in course enrichment mentoring and tutoring

Goal 3: Enhance students' development as professionals through the establishment of learning communities

13. WHEN WILL THE QEP BE SUBMITTED AND REVIEWED?

The QEP will be submitted to the on-site committee by February 25, 2011. It will be a large part of the on-site review, slated for April 12 – 14, 2011.

14. WHEN WILL THE QEP BE IMPLEMENTED?

The QEP covers a five year period beginning with the 2012 academic year.