

## **Certification of Continued Institutional Compliance with Eligibility Requirements**

### **ER 1: Authority**

*The institution is authorized or licensed to operate as a post-secondary educational institution and to award degrees by an appropriate governmental organization or agency as required by each of the jurisdictions or regions in which it operates.*

Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) is authorized to operate as a degree-granting, post-secondary educational institution by the appropriate governmental organizations and agencies in the jurisdictions in which it operates, including the State of California, Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. MPC is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), a regional accrediting agency recognized by the US Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, and has maintained continuous accreditation since its initial accreditation.

### **ER 2: Operational Status**

*The institution is operational, with students actively pursuing its degree programs.*

Monterey Peninsula College is operational, serving an average of 16,800 students per year over the past three years (including students enrolled in Instructional Service Agreements for public safety training). The Office of Institutional Research collects and publishes longitudinal data on enrollment trends as needed for program planning. The College offers Career Technical and academic programs designed to prepare students to enter the workforce and/or transfer to a four-year college or university. In the 2014-2015 year, the College awarded 566 degrees and 99 certificates.

Monterey Peninsula College operates year-round, with courses offered in fall, spring, and summer semesters. Copies of the current catalog and semester schedule are available on the College website.

### **ER 3: Degrees**

*A substantial portion of the institution's educational offerings are programs that lead to degrees, and a significant proportion of its students are enrolled in them. At least one degree program must be of two academic years in length.*

Monterey Peninsula College currently offers 78 degrees. The MPC Catalog lists requirements for all degrees awarded, including Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), and Associate Degree for Transfer (A.A.-T or A.S.-T). All degrees require a minimum of 60 units and include both a major concentration and a General Education component. Courses are scheduled so that a student enrolled full-time at the college can complete in two academic years.

In fall 2015, 88% of the courses offered at the College were degree-applicable. A significant proportion of the College's students (82%) were enrolled in these degree-applicable courses in fall 2015.

#### **ER 4: Chief Executive Officer**

*The institution has a chief executive officer appointed by the governing board, whose full-time responsibility is to the institution, and who possesses the requisite authority to administer board policies. Neither the district/system chief executive officer nor the institutional chief executive officer may serve as the chair of the governing board. The institution informs the Commission immediately when there is a change in the institutional chief executive officer.*

The Governing Board appointed Dr. Walter Tribley as the Superintendent/President of Monterey Peninsula College in December 2012 in accordance with Board Policy 5510. The College notified the Commission of this change in executive leadership. As the Executive Officer of the Governing Board, Superintendent/President Tribley has the authority to administer Board policies and execute all decisions of the Governing Board that require administrative action. Board Policy 1050 specifies that the Superintendent/President shall perform all duties assigned to a President or Superintendent of a District outlined in California's Education Code and Title 5.

#### **ER 5: Financial Accountability**

*The institution annually undergoes and makes available and external financial audit by a certified public accountant or an audit by an appropriate public agency. Institutions that are already Title IV eligible must demonstrate compliance with federal requirements.*

Monterey Peninsula College undergoes an annual fiscal audits performed by external certified public accountants. Results of the audit are presented to the Governing Board in public session; these presentations include discussion of the College's response to any audit exceptions that have been identified. Audit reports are submitted to the State Chancellor's Office in accordance with requirements, and copies are available for public review in the Fiscal Services office and via the Administrative Services unit website.

The most recent program review/audit of financial aid is on file in the Office of Student Financial Services.