

To College Council 3/25/14.

The Mission and Accreditation Requirements

Mission: The purpose of the institution

MPC Mission: Monterey Peninsula College is committed to fostering student learning and success by providing excellence in instructional programs, facilities, and services to support the goals of students pursuing transfer, career, basic skills, and life-long learning opportunities. Through these efforts MPC seeks to enhance the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of our diverse community.

Proposed MPC Mission: Monterey Peninsula College is committed to the achievement of student goals by providing excellence in instructional programs, services and facilities. In serving our culturally, socially and economically diverse and vital community MPC is committed to:

- Providing the means and methods for successful student transfer
- Creating and enhancing basic skills learning opportunities
- Fostering and guiding student career development
- Supporting life-long learning opportunities.

Criteria for mission statements according to Accreditation Standard IA:

1. The institution's mission describes its broad educational purposes, its degrees and credentials offered, its intended student population, and its commitment to student success, as reflected in student learning and student achievement. The institution's programs and services are aligned with its mission.
2. The institution uses data to determine how effectively it is accomplishing its mission, and whether the mission directs institutional priorities and educational needs of students.
3. The mission guides institutional decision-making, planning, and resource allocation and informs institutional goals for student learning and achievement.
4. The institutional mission statement is approved by the governing board and published.

So our mission needs to:

1. Refer to educational purposes
2. Reference degrees offered
3. Refer to intended student population ("Institutions are expected to identify the intended student population for DE/CE programs.") – Could use something like, "...and all who can benefit from our programs."
4. Reference commitment to student success and/or student learning and achievement
5. Be measurable, as we need to "use data to determine how effectively" we are "accomplishing the mission."
6. Direct institutional priorities and educational needs of students.

RE: CTE. Michael suggests, "The college provides training for students to learn the skills necessary to obtain a job or to upgrade their skills in order to obtain a higher paying job. "