

## POLICY LIT.1.11 ACCREDITATION

**SCOPE:** Faculty and Staff

### 1. Background

1.1. According to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), “accreditation is the recognition that an institution maintains standards requisite for its graduates to gain admission to other reputable institutions of higher learning or to achieve credentials for professional practice. The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality.” THECB-recognized accreditation is required if an institution is offering degrees or courses leading to degrees in Texas.

1.2. THECB recognizes the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) as an approved accreditor for Texas public institutions of higher education.

1.3. The U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) recognizes SACSCOC as an institutional accreditor.

1.3.1. The USDOE also recognizes several programmatic accreditors.

2. Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT), as an accredited institution of higher education, will maintain accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and will comply with all criteria and requirements therein stipulated.

3. Individual programs may have discipline- or program-specific accreditation.

**Related Procedures:** LIT.1.11.01 Institutional Accreditation Liaison, LIT.1.11.02 Substantive Change, LIT.1.11.03 Faculty Credentials, LIT.1.11.04 Program Accreditation

**Relevant Forms/Documents:**

**Relevant TSUS Policies/Forms/Documents:**

**Relevant Statutes:** Texas Education Code Section 61.003(13); Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Rule 4.192

**Relevant SACSCOC Standards:** 14.4

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