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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of  
GUILFORD COLLEGE  
Greensboro, NC**

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The following publicly available information is provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) concerning the accreditation of Guilford College. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; SACSCOC staff cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Guilford College. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by SACSCOC Board of Trustees took place on December 8, 2024, and the institution's next review will be in December 2025.

**What is the accreditation status of Guilford College?**

Guilford College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Following the December 2024 action of the Board, the institution was continued on Probation for Good Cause. SACSCOC accreditation includes all components of the institution—all programs, branch campuses, off-campus sites, and distance education programs as reported to SACSCOC; thus, its accreditation status applies to the entire institution.

**What does it mean to be continued in accreditation on Probation for Good Cause?**

Guilford College had previously been on monitoring for two (2) years and the maximum consecutive time for a monitoring period is two (2) years. Guilford College was in its first year of monitoring under the accreditation status of Probation for Good Cause from 2023 to 2024. By policy, in order for an institution on Probation to be continued in accreditation for Good Cause, the institution must meet the following three (3) provisions:

- the institution has demonstrated significant recent accomplishments in addressing non-compliance, and,
- the institution has provided evidence which makes it reasonable for the Board to assume it will remedy all deficiencies within a 12-month period, and
- the institution has provided assurance to the Board that it is not aware of any other reasons, other than those identified by the Board, why the institution cannot be continued for Good Cause.

Probation is the most serious public sanction imposed by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees short of loss of accreditation. In December 2025, Guilford College will have been on Probation for Good

Cause for two years. For additional information about sanctions, see the SACSCOC policy entitled [\*Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation and Removal from Membership\*](#).

### **Why was Guilford College continued in accreditation on Probation for Good Cause?**

Guilford College was continued on Probation for Good Cause because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that the institution failed to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources) and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

These standards expect an institution to: (1) have sound financial resources and a demonstrated, stable financial base to support the mission of the institution and the scope of its programs and services and (2) to manage its financial resources in a responsible manner. To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the [\*Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement\*](#).

### **What will happen in December 2025?**

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Guilford College following a review of a fourth monitoring report submitted by the institution addressing the standards cited above for non-compliance. The Board will have the following options: (1) remove the institution from Probation for Good Cause without an additional report or (2) remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with the *Principles of Accreditation*. SACSCOC staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by the Board of Trustees in December 2025.

For additional information regarding SACSCOC's accreditation process, access the [\*Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement\*](#).