

# Frequently Asked Questions about Accreditation

Modesto Junior College (MJC) is accredited every six years by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), which is part of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Accreditation is a voluntary peer review process conducted by other college professionals to ensure the quality of an institution's instruction and student services.

1. What is the purpose of Accreditation?  
***The purpose of Accreditation is to guarantee that the education offered at MJC meets the highest quality standards.***
2. What is "Probation" status?  
***"Probation" status is an opportunity to correct issues identified by the Accrediting Commission during its last visit to the college.***  
***OUR ACCREDITATION IS NOT IN JEOPARDY DURING "PROBATION" STATUS.***
3. Why is MJC's Accreditation in "Probation" status?  
***The ACCJC's accreditation process determined that Modesto Junior College does not meet the standards for institutional planning, library and support services on both campuses, and governance structure. Specifically, the ACCJC has asked MJC to evaluate and modify services and staffing to assure equitable student access on both campuses. The same accreditation process also recognized the high quality of MJC's educational programs.***
4. What does "probationary period" mean?  
***The probationary period is the time during which MJC must address ACCJC's recommendations. The institution remains fully accredited during this period.***
5. Is MJC still open?  
***Yes. Nothing has changed. MJC is open and fully operational.***
6. Can I still register for classes?  
***Yes. Everything is "business as usual"***
7. Do my classes still qualify for transfer?  
***Yes. Everything remains "business as usual"***
8. Will my financial aid be affected during the "Probation" status?  
***No. "Probation" status does not affect MJC's ability to offer financial aid. Eligible students will continue to receive federal and state financial aid.***

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9. Does “Probation” status affect the men’s and women’s athletic programs?  
**No. “Probation” status will not affect any of MJC’s athletic programs or their competitive standing. Nor will it affect any other college programs.**
10. Where can I find out more information about accreditation?  
**A brochure explaining why accreditation matters is available at [http://www.chea.org/pdf/accreditation\\_matters\\_trifold\\_4\\_straight.pdf](http://www.chea.org/pdf/accreditation_matters_trifold_4_straight.pdf). You can also find out more about accreditation at the ACCJC website (<http://www.accjc.org>) or at the U.S. Department of Education website (<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>).**