

<b>TCOM Accreditation Operating Procedures</b>	<b>Approved: July 2017</b>
<b>COCA Element 1.3 Licensing and Regional / Institutional Accreditation*</b>	<b>Effective: July 2017</b> <b>Revised: February 2024</b>

**Element 1.3:**

A COM must maintain in effect any charter, licenses, or approvals required for it to function as an institution of higher education, including the provision of degree programs beyond the secondary level. The parent/sponsoring institution under which the COM operates (or the independent COM itself) must be recognized by an institutional accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE). A COM must report to the COCA any adverse actions that are taken against it or its parent institution by its institutional accreditor within five business days of notification of such action.

**Procedure Statement:** TCOM shall maintain in effect approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for it to function as a college of osteopathic medicine in the State of Texas. TCOM shall further affirm to the COCA accreditation of HSC by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) as requested.

<b>Procedure</b>		<b>Responsible Party</b>
1.	TCOM shall work in cooperation with HSC to prepare such reports as may be required to remain in compliance with legislative guidelines for public universities.	TCOM Dean TCOM Associate and Assistant Deans HSC University Assessment and Accreditation (UAA)
2.	HSC shall submit, as scheduled, or requested, such documents as may be required by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to continue its authority to operate the college.	HSC Provost
3.	HSC shall maintain all records of such submissions and shall receive all communication from the THECB relating to the college's compliance with regulatory guidelines under this procedure.	HSC Provost HSC UAA
4.	HSC shall similarly maintain regional accreditation and make available to TCOM upon request all such documents that may be required to confirm accreditation status.	HSC Provost HSC UAA
5.	HSC shall communicate to TCOM any adverse actions that are taken against it by its institutional accreditor within five business days of notification of such action.	HSC Provost HSC UAA
6.	TCOM shall report to the COCA any adverse actions that are taken against it or its parent institution by its institutional accreditor within five business days of notification of such action.	TCOM Dean TCOM Assistant Dean, Assessment and Accreditation

Webpage links:

- [HSC SACSCOC Notice of Reaffirmation Letter](#)
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