

## Ozarka College provides lifechanging experiences through education.

## What is college accreditation?

It is approval of a college by an outside body such as the Higher Learning Commission that is housed in Chicago, Illinois.

# Why is this important to me as a student?

The college must be accredited for the courses that students take to transfer and for students to receive federal aid.

When will Ozarka College be next visited by the Higher Learning Commission?

November 15, 2010

What does the college have to do to prepare for the visit?

The College formed committees to write a Self-Study.

#### What is a Self-Study?

It is a report written by the College providing evidence that it meets Five Criteria. The College identifies its strengths and challenges.

#### What are the Five Criteria?

In condensed form:

We are honest, fair and carry out our mission of changing peoples' lives through education.

We plan, are prepared for the future and are improving all areas of the college through the assessment/planning/budgeting process.

Our students are learning and our teaching is effective.

We promote a life of learning for our faculty, administration, staff and students.

We serve our communities in ways that we both value.

### What can I do to help?

You can provide assessment information when asked such as filling out surveys both online and in the classroom.