The Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) is the program BSC uses to maintain our regional accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission.

Related AQIP Categories

- Seek a National Endowment for the Humanities challenge grant to stimulate support from constituents and build humanities programming
- Increase diversity of student backgrounds, interests, academic preparation, goals, and
- Growth in the number and diversity of North Dakota residents
- Accelerated rate of technological change creates opportunities and challenges in the trends 2013-2018

Bismarck State College Strategic Plan 2013-2018

In 2011-2012, a 30-member BSC task force of representatives from BSC and the community met monthly as a group and in frequent work sessions. The result of the immeasurable effort from this team is a five-year strategic plan that will grow, innovate, and go beyond in every possible way from 2013-2018.

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**Engage!**

People know who we are and what we have to offer.

**GOAL: Engaging BSC for Beyond**

**Objectives and Strategies**

- Increase student retention by focusing on teaching excellence, student success strategies, and professional development opportunities.
- Identify measurement tools to gauge success.
- Engage all BSC stakeholders in meaningful, effective, and efficient communication.
- Provide a high-quality education and training for success.
- Implement an institutional effectiveness team to lead institutional effectiveness efforts.
- Implement the use of a one-card system for facility access and other campus services.
- Implement the use of a card system for dining services.
- Establish a Teaching and Learning Center to promote teaching excellence, make classes more engaging, and strengthen collaborative relationships.
- Establish a Transfer Advising Office to coordinate transfer activities for BSC students transferring to a four-year institution.
- Re-establish an institutional effectiveness team to lead institutional effectiveness efforts.
- Increase retention strategies that help students stay and succeed at BSC.
- Improve the student experience while students attend BSC.
- Enhance the student experience.
- Implement a system that requires employees to develop individualized professional development plans.
- Establish and maintain a Reading and Writing Center.
- Develop an integrated plan that identifies campus-wide technology needs and determines funding.
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- Conduct work across departments to share employee expertise and time.
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- Leverage the Core Portal in SharePoint for streamlining work processes.
- Enhance the student experience.
- Help in recruiting qualified employees more difficult.
- Establish a BSC task force of representatives from BSC and the community.
- Develop an integrated plan that identifies campus-wide technology needs and determines funding.
- Conduct work across departments to share employee expertise and time.
- Leverage the Core Portal in SharePoint for streamlining work processes.
Bismarck State College circa 2018

This final piece is what BSC will look like in 2018 if we work this plan for the next five years. The strategic planning team felt this future was a realistic one, one that shows us beyond our current status, achieving our promise thanks to the hard work of hundreds.

Bismarck State College has an outstanding reputation and has become the first choice for many students. Through good stewardship of our resources we provide affordable, high quality education. The college is committed to financial sustainability, transparency, and institutional effectiveness.

Acknowledged for our integrity and excellence, we are leaders in building partnerships with people, organizations, and educational institutions. Bismarck State College, its students, and the community are well served by these collaborations.

We are known for our innovative and personal approach to teaching and learning. Our curriculum is academically challenging, dynamic, and relevant. We are always looking ahead, working to leverage technology and best educational practices.

Recognized for being well prepared, BSC graduates are sought after by employers.

Students experience a vibrant campus community that offers opportunities for positive interaction and involvement. They are proud of their association with the college. Students leave BSC prepared for personal success and civic responsibilities.

BSC VISION
A national model for innovative education and workforce training

BSC MISSION
Bismarck State College, an innovative community college, offers high quality education, workforce training, and enrichment programs reaching local and global communities.