

3.3.1.5 Community/public service within its mission, if appropriate

Off-site Committee's Response

Texas College has indicated that Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 is not applicable; however, in its response to Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 it indicates that one of the general education competencies is "Social Responsibility". The College defines social responsibility as involvement in service projects. This suggests that service is directly related to the objectives of the educational program and therefore mission. Additionally, in the College's evidence for Comprehensive Standard 3.1.1, the Admissions Brochure has community service listed as a core value. This would suggest that Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 is applicable. Since there is no evidence provided in the Compliance Certification Report, a determination of compliance for this standard could not be made.

Institution's Response

The College does not have community/public service within its obligation to mission. The mission of the College reads:

Texas College is a historically black college founded in 1894, by a group of CME ministers. Our mission, which continues to embody the principles of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, is to ensure that the student body experiences balanced intellectual, psychological, social and spiritual development, aimed at enabling them to become active productive members of society where they live and work.

The reference to the mission by the Off-site Committee was clearly misunderstood. And, the references to social responsibility as a general education competency and as referenced in the Core Values of the college are academically addressed through the instructional processes to understand the rudiments of social responsibility and not the delivery of social responsibility as part of an institutionalized public service program.