



Meet the Middle States Standards

Spring 2024

As you probably know, Kingsborough is currently undergoing its Self-Study as a part of its reaccreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), a.k.a. Middle States. The Self-Study involves evaluating the College and how it meets (or does meet) the requirements laid out in each of the seven [Standards for Accreditation](#).

Last Fall the Standards introduced themselves to you by explaining the purpose of their Standard and what kinds of questions they were going to answer over the course of the year. Now, we're checking in with the Standards again to see how things are going and what they have learned so far. This week we are hearing from:



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How do you think this Standard supports our strategic priorities and the mission of the College?

Standard II asks our College to demonstrate its commitment to fairness, freedom, respect, and honesty on our campus. These underlying principles govern the reciprocal relationships between faculty and students, administrators and staff, supervisors and employees, and a wide range of interactions between all of the individuals who comprise our Kingsborough community. This Standard encompasses almost all of the core values we articulate in our official Strategic Plan and Mission Statement: Respect, Diversity, Integrity, Excellence, Accountability, and Innovation.

What has been the best thing about being part of this process?

One of the best things about working on this Standard has been the way we have brought together many of the most knowledgeable and deeply committed members of the Kingsborough family. Our group encompasses key individuals from Academic Affairs, Information Technology, the Offices of the Registrar and Human Resources, the Library, the Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity Management, and Instructional Staff from multiple Academic Departments and disciplines. Together we have been able to identify the common goals and purpose that connect us and unify our disparate areas. As befitting a Standard which focuses on relationships, our communal work has given us a sense of how we all fit together as part of Kingsborough Community College. In this way, working on Middle States reaccreditation has helped us reexamine how and why we all do what we do. For many of us, it has also helped us renew and revitalize our commitment to the work of the College and the success of our students and each other.

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