

## Show Cause Hearing

There are instances in which the Commission determines, through the periodic review process, that an institution is out of compliance with one or more of the *Standards for Accreditation*. In such cases, the institution is asked to “show cause” as to why its accreditation should not be withdrawn. Prior to its show-cause hearing with the Commission, the institution is asked to submit a report along with sufficient material evidence to demonstrate that plans and access to resources are in place to make it possible for the institution to become compliant with the standards within a specified probationary period of time. Material evidence generally includes, but is not limited to, financial statements, budgets, finance and enrollment projections, and institutional planning documents. In some instances, an evaluation team conducts a focused visit prior to the show-cause hearing to determine the extent to which the institution is out of compliance with the *Standards for Accreditation*.

The institution’s report, material evidence and, if applicable, the team report and the institution’s response to the team report, are submitted to the Commission in advance of the show-cause hearing, which is scheduled at one of its regularly scheduled meetings. At the show-cause hearing, the Commission conducts a face-to-face interview with the Chief Executive Officer and other relevant representatives of the institution, after which time all materials related to the institution are carefully evaluated.

When the Commission determines that an institution has provided enough evidence to establish that it will be able to meet the *Standards for Accreditation* within a specified period not to exceed two years, the institution is placed on probation.

In instances where the Commission determines that it is not likely the institution will meet the standards within a specified period of time, the institution’s accreditation is withdrawn. An institution that has had its accreditation withdrawn may appeal the Commission’s decision.