POLICY / PURPOSE:

It is the policy of Coastal Alabama Community College to establish its Mission, Vision, Values, and Strategic Directions that support the overall mission of the Alabama Community College System (ACCS).

Coastal Alabama Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the Associate degree. Coastal Alabama Community College also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Coastal Alabama Community College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC’s website (www.sacscoc.org).

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Coastal Alabama Community College students and employees during any activity involving the College, including the workday. In addition, visitors, vendors, contractors, and all other non-employees may be expected to recognize and comply with College policies.

DEFINITIONS:

There are no definitions applicable to this policy.

DETAILS:

1. **Mission Statement:** Coastal Alabama Community College invests in the success of ALL students, provides excellence in teaching and learning, and advances community development.

2. **Vision Statement:** To facilitate connections for ALL to thrive.

3. **Values:**
   - Engagement
   - Empowerment
   - Equity

4. **Strategic Directives:** Strategic directives are located in the College’s Strategic Plan at [https://www.coastalalabama.edu/about/strategic-plan/](https://www.coastalalabama.edu/about/strategic-plan/).
5. **Accreditation:**

   a. **Nursing:**  
      Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
      3390 Peachtree Road NE Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404-975-5000

   b. **Dental:**  
      American Dental Association (ADA); Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) –  
      Dental Assisting Programs  
      211 Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL, 60611-2678, 312-440-2500

   c. **Culinary:**  
      American Culinary Federation Educational Institute  
      180 Center Place Way, St. Augustine, FL, 32095, 800-624-9458

   d. **Allied Health Programs (Surgical Technology):**  
      Commission On Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) –  
      Surgical Technology Programs  
      9355 113th St. N, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775, 727-210-2350

   e. **Allied Health Programs (Paramedic):**  
      Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) -  
      Paramedic  
      9355 113th St. N, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775, 727-210-2350

   f. **Veterinary Tech:**  
      American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary  
      Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA)  
      1931 North Meacham Road, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL, 60173, 800-248-2862

   g. **Member:**  
      Alabama Community College System  
      Alabama Community College Association  
      American Association of Community Colleges  
      American Council on Education  
      Council for Advancement and Support of Education  
      Council for Higher Education Accreditation  
      Southern Association of Colleges with Associate Degrees

   h. **Licensure:**  
      Commission For Independent Education, Department of Education  
      325 West Gaines St, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, FL, 32399-6400, 800-224-6684
Strategic Planning Cycle Procedures

1. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning is responsible for leading the planning cycle. Coastal Alabama Community College identifies major steps for institutional effectiveness planning.

2. Strategic Planning Review of Mission and Goals

3. Formulation of Unit Plans

4. Complete Budget Processes

5. Implementation of Unit Plans

6. Data Collection and Assessment

7. Use of Data and Evaluation Results for Improvement

Accreditation Inquiries Procedures

1. Inquiries: Normal inquiries about Coastal Alabama Community College, such as admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, etc., should be addressed directly to Coastal Alabama Community College and not the Commission’s office.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS/INFORMATION:

Refer to Institutional Effectiveness Plan.