

Program Accreditation and Health Care Initiatives

In the Loop Quarterly Newsletter

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In the Loop is the official quarterly newsletter of the Program Accreditation and Health Care Initiatives department. Its purpose is to keep all specialized accredited programs across the College informed, engaged and aligned with accreditation standards, clinical compliance guidelines, health care initiatives and institutional priorities, as well as to share success stories!

Accreditation Updates and Reminders

Accreditation

All accreditation planning meetings have been held. This process aims to identify best practices that can be shared across all accredited programs.

Thank you so much for your engagement in the process! I look forward to receiving the completed documents by the end of May 2026 in preparation for our next meetings in June.

The following programs have upcoming site visits (Calendar Year 2026–2027):

Hospitality: ACFEF | April 7 – 9, 2026 | Mock Visit: March 2, 2026

EMT Paramedic: CoAEMSP | April 20 – 21, 2026 | Mock Visit: March 30, 2026

Nursing: Ohio Board of Nursing (PN Program) | Sept. 22 – 23, 2026 | Mock Visit: July 20, 2026

Plant Science: NALP | Sept. 27 – 29, 2026 | Mock Visit: July 17, 2026

PTAT: CAPTE | Nov. 1 – 4, 2026 | Mock Visit: Oct. 2, 2026

Automotive Tech: Renewal application submitted December 2025 | Site Visit: December 2026 | Mock Visit: Oct. 16, 2026 | Report due to accreditor: November 2026

Nursing: Ohio Board of Nursing (ADN Program) | Spring 2027 (TBD)

Nuclear Medicine: Self-Study due: February 2027 | Site Visit: Between June - August 2027 | Mock Site Visit: May 2027 (Date TBD)

Dental Hygiene: CODA | Oct. 19 – 20, 2027 | Mock Visit Date: TBD

Site Visits Update: *No site visits during this newsletter cycle.*

Accreditation Reporting Housekeeping Reminders

- 1) Please remember to report any staffing departures/new hires from the programs to the accrediting bodies in a timely manner (program directors, managers, deans, field supervisors, etc.) or any key personnel who are noted in the standards. Send all documents through the Program Accreditation office for review before submitting them to the accreditor.
- 2) Remember **all** reports must be sent to the Program Accreditation office for review before they are sent to the accrediting body. Also, any documents needing Dr. Baston's signature must also be sent to the Program Accreditation office, which will ensure his signature is captured.

Accreditation Status Updates

Hospitality Management: ACPHA sent a letter confirming all evidence submitted has passed committee approval. "Grant of Accreditation with Stipulation" has been changed to full accreditation. The next site visit is set for 2031.

Medical Laboratory Technology: NAACLS sent a reaffirmation letter confirming that all evidence provided by the program addresses concerns with Standard II C.2 (Assessment and Continuous Improvement). The program has been awarded full accreditation, with the next site visit scheduled for 2031.

Congratulations to all the Faculty and Staff in these programs for these outcomes!

Affiliation Agreements EXXAT launch – Spring 2026

Thank you all for attending the training sessions held for the EXXAT process! From Feb. 16 – 19, all programs participated in the training for the new process. The final PPT document has been uploaded to the Clinical Compliance KWeb folder for your review,

as updates have been made. Programs will only have access to their specific materials in EXXAT. Please notify the department if there are any issues with login.

The agreement process for the current cycle is underway, running from mid-March through the end of May. As part of the cycle process, the goal is to ensure we have current agreements regardless of the semester or time window in which these will be used for student clinical hours. Please review your inventory and make the appropriate requests to renew existing agreements first and then seek new locations as needed.

Advisory Committee Housekeeping:

The **Advisory Committee Resource Guide** is undergoing further updates with the Marketing Department to create fillable forms for your convenience. Please stay tuned for the official launch date. Thanks so much for your patience with this project!

Please note the recommended goals in your Accreditation Planning summary document sent after our meeting for this year's Advisory Committee report, which must be uploaded to KWeb no later than June 1.

A link to the KWeb and report document will be redistributed to everyone, so you can bookmark the drive for the future and have the document on hand for submission. Let the department know if you cannot access KWeb so we can obtain permission.

Please be sure that you have a current roster of your members in KWeb, as this is the resource used for sending invitations to the annual Advisory Committee breakfast.

Compliance Updates

**School of Nursing and Health Professions Spring Professional Development
Friday, May 29 | 8:30 a.m. – noon**

Friendly reminder to please respond to the Spring Professional Development invitation if you have not already done so. Your RSVP helps ensure accurate planning and coordination for the event.

Data Insight: Reviewing Student Onboarding Trends

Did you know that monthly audits are conducted across several key onboarding tools, including the Clinical Compliance Training Registration Portal, Complio Training Part 1, Complio Training Part 2 and the Complio Order Queue?

These audits provide valuable insight into student onboarding trends, helping us identify patterns, monitor progress and pinpoint areas where students may be experiencing challenges. By reviewing this data on a regular basis, we can conduct timely outreach and offer targeted support to students who may need additional guidance navigating the onboarding and compliance process. This proactive approach not only enhances the student experience but also helps them remain on track to meet program and clinical requirements efficiently.

The findings from these monthly audits are available for review in the Healthcare Compliancy KWeb under **Program Resources – Monthly Audit Reports**, allowing programs to stay informed and leverage this data to support student success.

Reminder: Archive Inactive Students to Maintain Accurate Compliance Records

Friendly reminder to archive all students in Complio who have graduated or are no longer active in your program. Maintaining up-to-date student records helps ensure that reports, dashboards and compliance reviews remain accurate, streamlined and easier to manage, free from the clutter of inactive accounts. This process needs to be completed on both the immunization and background check side of the Complio system.

Regularly completing this process supports more efficient tracking of current students and reduces the risk of confusion when reviewing compliance statuses or generating reports. If you need a refresher on how to complete the archiving process in the Complio system, refer to the Healthcare Compliancy KWeb under Program Resources, where a step-by-step guide is available to assist you.

Student Resource Spotlight: Care Alliance Clinic at Tri-C

Programs are encouraged to actively remind students about the Care Alliance Clinic located on the Metropolitan Campus. This onsite resource provides convenient, accessible and affordable health care services that directly support student success and clinical compliance. Services include physical exams, immunizations, TB testing, titers and treatment for minor illnesses and injuries.

The clinic accepts a variety of insurance plans and offers a sliding fee scale for uninsured individuals, making it an excellent option for students seeking low-cost care. To accommodate busy academic and clinical schedules, both walk-in visits and scheduled appointments are available. The clinic is open Mondays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Promoting awareness of this resource can help students stay on track with program and clinical requirements while addressing their health care needs in a timely and affordable way. For additional details, use the QR code below to visit the webpage and learn more.

Find more details about clinic services, insurance and payment at tri-c.edu/carealliance.



Voices That Inspire: Annie Myatt

A program leader turning inspiration into action

Dental Hygiene Program Director



Career at Tri-C: Annie began her dental hygiene career as a student at Tri-C in 2004 and graduated from the program in 2006. She went on to work in public health and in several dental offices before returning to Tri-C in 2017 as adjunct faculty, teaching while continuing her clinical practice. In August 2020, she transitioned into the role of program director, bringing her clinical experience and student-centered approach into program leadership.

Proudest Moment at Tri-C: Annie's proudest accomplishment is expanding enrollment in the Dental Hygiene program from 22 to 28 students, with the first larger cohort launching in Fall 2025. This growth required developing a new staffing plan to maintain a 1:5 student-to-faculty ratio, securing increased funding for equipment and personnel, and hiring additional qualified instructors—all aimed at reducing student wait times and strengthening student success.

Other Achievements: As a mother of four, Annie is especially proud to see each of her adult children thriving in their chosen careers and building fulfilling lives of their own.

Did You Know? Annie played the violin for more than 25 years and originally began college at Bowling Green State University as a Music Education major before redirecting her path toward dental hygiene after marrying and starting her family. Today,

she enjoys gardening — particularly growing many varieties of hot peppers each year and turning them into powders for her recipes.

Closing Remarks: One of the most rewarding aspects of her role as program director is leading the program's outreach efforts. Annie is committed to giving students meaningful opportunities to work with patients they may not otherwise encounter, strengthening both their skills and confidence. She also values the community partnerships that enrich students' clinical learning. Currently, she is spearheading an initiative to bring Tri-C's Dental Hygiene students into University Hospitals' pediatric dental clinic to support oral health education. Guiding students in their growth from having no experience to becoming confident professionals ready to positively impact their communities' dental health remains one of the highlights of her work.

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