

## **SECTION I: GENERAL COLLEGE POLICIES**

### **Policy 1 – 01: MISSION**

As an open access institution which encourages academic achievement, diversity, economic opportunity and life long learning, Quincy College facilitates valuable learning relationships with students whose educational and professional futures might otherwise remain unrealized.

## **Policy 1 – 02: VALUES**

At Quincy College, we are committed to the following values:

- Student learning and achievement
- Excellence in teaching
- Mutual respect, responsibility, and collaboration
- Individual and institutional integrity
- Diversity of people and perspectives

### **Policy 1 – 03: PROMISES**

During the next decade, our College will be at the forefront of meeting the challenge of a new century. We will endeavor to prepare graduates who are:

- Knowledgeable members of the workforce
- Productive members of the workforce
- Valued by baccalaureate institutions as candidates for transfer
- Contributors of our society with an appreciation for community service, economic and cultural development, and civic responsibility
- Dedicated to life-long learning and personal growth

## **Policy 1 – 04: GOALS**

The goals of Quincy College are:

- To create an educational environment that stimulates an enthusiasm for learning, critical thinking, cultural awareness, personal initiative, and civic responsibility;
- To encourage and enable students to realize their full potential and to achieve their personal, educational, and career goals;
- To offer programs that foster successful student transition to four-year colleges and/or careers;
- To offer certificate programs that develop and enhance the essential skills and knowledge necessary to be contributing members of the workforce;
- To provide essential resources and services in support of the academic programs;
- To facilitate service learning opportunities and internships which connect the community with the academic programs;
- To offer educational and training programs to meet the needs of employers;
- To encourage community education through non-credit programs; and
- To provide a forum for reasoned public discourse on intellectual, cultural, and social issues.

## **Policy 1 – 05: ACCREDITATION STATEMENT**

Quincy College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., a non-governmental, nationally recognized organization whose affiliated institutions include elementary schools throughout collegiate institutions offering post-graduate education.

Accreditation of an institution by the New England Association indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality periodically applied through a peer group review process. An accredited school or college is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purpose through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation.

Accreditation by the New England Association is not partial but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of every course or program offered, or of the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution.