



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:



Co-Chairs: Ann Del Principe and Helen-Margaret Nasser

What has been the best thing about being part of a working group?

Working with various members of the college community who serve in different roles has been an engaging way to learn more about the college and examine it from different perspectives. There was constant collaboration within our working group, between working groups, and with college partners across the institution who helped us identify the evidence, facts, and data needed to holistically tell our KCC story. It was helpful to have a great co-chair with whom it was easy to communicate and share responsibilities when we experienced busy periods in our regular workflow.

With regard to your Standard, how do you think the college has changed since our last self-study?

Given that our standard focuses on creating and using learning environments, we know that so much in our approach to these essential tasks has changed in the past 7 years. In particular, the COVID pandemic forced all of us to completely revise the way we conceptualize, plan, and deliver instruction to our students. Of course, COVID also changed what students think of as "normal" educational experiences. So we find ourselves with much greater expertise in teaching online and using a variety of technologies and platforms, and, similarly, our students have a greater facility with online learning and many come to us with the expectation that they will be able to take some portion of their classes online. This is very different than 7 years ago!

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