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Case Study

Vertical: Accreditation
Consulting

**Accreditation
Committee:** SACSCOC
(Southern
Association of
Colleges and
Schools Commission
on Colleges)

Institution: Hampden-
Sydney College

Founded: 1775

Enrollment: 1,087

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HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

OVERVIEW

Hampden-Sydney College (H-SC) has been named among the best private colleges in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine, US News and World Report, and The Princeton Review. For nearly 250 years, HSC has been developing the character of young men through instilling the principles of Honor and combining that with a solid liberal arts education.

CHALLENGES

In 2013, HSC was placed on academic warning by SACSCOC for questions raised about H-SC in regard to adjunct faculty positions, a lack of a clearly defined complaints policy, and timing for implementation of an academic assessment plan. This was compounded by a written report by H-SC that did not clearly or adequately address the requirements of the SACSCOC committee.

RESULTS

Through Dr. Drake's vast experience with SACSCOC committees and the reporting required to demonstrate compliance, Dr. Drake was able to complete the necessary reports, demonstrate compliance, and return H-SC to good standing with SACSCOC. Dr. Drake was so beneficial to H-SC that he was retained for an additional three years.



"Dr. Drake became a consultant during a very difficult time for Hampden-Sydney College, when the college was on warning with its accreditation agency, SACSCOC. His efforts were decisive in getting the college off warning in under one year. Following this, he led the college's decennial review efforts, working closely with faculty and staff. Because of his efforts, the decennial review ranked in the top 7% of all college reports with regard to recommendations. His crisis management skills are remarkable, and it was his leadership that was responsible for Hampden-Sydney's accreditation success."

Dr. Dennis Stevens

*Provost
Hampden-Sydney College*

To learn more about how Emerge Education can assist your institution, please contact:



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Our accreditation preparedness audit & consulting team is led by Dr. Drake, a former SACSCOC Trustee, and College President who has chaired and served on over 27 SACSCOC Committees and 15 National Accreditation Committees.

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