

### Criterion 3 Overview

In support of the Mission Statement, WMAC is dedicated to providing “the environment and resources necessary for its students to develop their potential” academically while also becoming engaged, active, and responsible members of their communities. The Mission Statement objectives, the Core Values, and the [College Learning Outcomes](#) all reflect an institution-wide commitment to direct effective teaching and promote student learning. The College’s commitment to teaching excellence and learning effectiveness is demonstrated by the number of WMAC graduates that transfer to four-year institutions. The [success rate of WMAC students](#) transferring to four-year colleges and universities attests to the College’s commitment to providing its students with a foundation for progressive advancement. To fulfill our commitment as one of five military junior colleges in the United States, WMAC continues to offer degree programs, and student support systems that integrate with the SROTC Program and provide the academic foundation expected of future U.S. Army officers. In addition, the last five years have witnessed a rise in commuter student participation in academic and athletic roles which directly reflects a broadening of commuter student involvement campus-wide. The College’s teaching and learning resources and processes continue to be rigorously evaluated and strengthened in an effort to enable our students to “become productive citizens in a diverse, global society,” whether in pursuit of a military career or a variety of other professions.

The College also seeks to fulfill its mission through academic programs that incorporate learning outcomes designed to enable student success in their academic and professional careers. Over the last three years, the institution has conducted rigorous self-examination at every level. Particular emphasis has been placed on program delivery via distance delivery. In the spring of 2016, the HLC approved a substantive change authorizing WMAC to offer its associate degree programs online.