The following is a list of most of the acronyms used in the accreditation document:

AA-T ..................... associate's in arts degree for transfer
ABE ...................... adult basic education
ACC ...................... Administrative Computing Committee
ACES .................... Academic Counseling and Educational Services
ACR ...................... air conditioning and refrigeration
AD-T ..................... associate's degrees for transfer
ALIGN ................. Advanced Leadership Institute for Growing Nonprofits
APO ...................... assessment of planning and outcomes
APR ...................... annual program review
ASC ...................... Academic Skills Center
ASBU .................... Applied Science and Business
ASCCC ................. Academic Senate for California Community Colleges
ASCOD ................. Associated Students of College of the Desert
ASSIST ................. Articulation System Stimulating Interinstitutional Student Transfer (California)
AS-T ..................... associate's in science degree for transfer
BAM ..................... *Community College Budget and Accounting Manual*
CAI ....................... Common Assessment Initiative
CalWORKs .......... California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids
CAN ..................... California articulation number
CAP ...................... California Acceleration Project
CARE .................... Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education
CC ........................ Curriculum Committee
CCA ...................... Community College Association
CCCCO ................ California Community College Chancellor's Office
CCCS .................... California Community Colleges System
CE ........................ correspondence education
C-ID ..................... course identification numbering system
CIS ....................... Computer Information Systems
CNG ..................... compressed natural gas
COD ..................... College of the Desert
CODAA ................ College of the Desert Adjunct Association
CPC ...................... College Planning Council
CPEC .................... California Postsecondary Education Commission
CSEA .................... California State Employees Association
CSU ...................... California State University
CTE ...................... Career and Technical Education
DE ........................ distance education
DEC ...................... Distance Education Committee
DE/CE ................. distance education/correspondence education
DES ...................... Distance Education Subcommittee
DSPS .................... Disabled Student Programs and Services
EBP ...................... evidence-based practice
ECE ...................... Early Childhood Education
EDGE ................... Engage, Develop, Grow and (be) Empowered
EMP ..................... education master plan—spell out with lower case letters when preceded by the articles "a" or "an." Use acronym only with the article "the". Note: It is not "Educational Master Plan."
EMT ..................... emergency medical technician
EOPS-CARE ....... Extended Opportunity Programs and Services-Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education
EPA ...................... Environmental Protection Agency
ESL ....................... English as a Second Language
ESLC .................... English as a Second Language Credit

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| ESLN | English as a Second Language Noncredit |
| (the) EVC | Eastern Valley Center |
| FASB | Financial Accounting Standards Board |
| FERPA | Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act |
| FMP | facilities master plan—spell out with lower case letters when preceded by the articles "a" or "an." Use acronym only with the article "the". |
| FSA | Federal Student Aid |
| FTE | full-time equivalent |
| FTEF | full-time equivalent faculty |
| FTES | the full-time equivalent student workload measure |
| FYE | First-Year Experience Program |
| GASB | Governmental Accounting Standards Board |
| GED | general equivalency diploma |
| HCS | Hazard Communication Standard |
| HSAD | Human Services/Alcohol and Drug Studies |
| HSI | Hispanic Serving Institutions |
| HVAC | heating ventilation and air conditioning |
| IEPI | Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative |
| IGETC | Inter-segmental General Education Transfer Curriculum |
| IPEDS | Integrated Postsecondary Educational Data System |
| IO | institutional outcomes |
| IS | Information Services |
| ISER | Institutional Self-Evaluation Request |
| ISET | Information Systems and Educational Technology |
| IT | Information Technology |
| LMS | learning management system |
| MESA | Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement |
| MIS | management information systems |
| OAC | Outcomes and Assessment Committee |
| OPEB | other post-employment benefits |
| plEDGE | not an acronym—part of EDGE (get it?) |
| PLOs | program learning outcomes |
| PO | program outcomes |
| POST | peace officers standards and training |
| PRU | program review update |
| SEED | Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity |
| SEMP | strategic education master plan |
| SEP | student education plan (note: Some authors use the "SEP" acronym for "student equity plan. Since "student education plan" gets far more use, "student equity plan" must be spelled out.) |
| SDS | safety data sheet(s) |
| SLOs | student learning objectives |
| SMP | strategic master plan |
| SSSP | student success support programs or student success support plan |
| SSSPAC | Student Success Support Programs Advisory Committee |
| STEM | science, technology, engineering and mathematics |
| TASC | Tutoring and Academic Skills Center |
| TEAS | Test of Essential Academic Skills |
| TLC | Technology Learning Center |
| TMP | technology master plan |
| TRIO | TRIO (originally TRiO) is the term developed in the late 1960s by the Department of Education to describe its original three outreach programs: Upward Bound, Talent Search, and Student Support Services). It is not an acronym. |
| UC | University of California |

VRC......................Veterans Resource Center
WSCH .................weekly student contact hours
(the) WRAAP.......Writing, Reading, and Academic Advancement Program