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
CCCOO ................. 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
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
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