

STANDARD PATHWAY 10-YEAR CYCLE

Cycle Year	Institutional Activities		Peer Review	HLC Decision Making ¹
Year 1	Institution may contribute documents to Evidence File	Submit interim reports and undergo visits if required	Review interim reports and conduct visits if required	Action on interim reports and visits if required
Year 2				
Year 3				
Year 4	Submit Comprehensive Evaluation Materials ²		Conduct Comprehensive Evaluation (with visit)	Action on Comprehensive Evaluation ³
Year 5	Institution may contribute documents to Evidence File	Submit interim reports and undergo visits if required	Review interim reports and conduct visits if required	Action on interim reports and visits if required
Year 6				
Year 7				
Year 8				
Year 9				
Year 10	Submit Comprehensive Evaluation Materials ²		Conduct Comprehensive Evaluation (with visit)	Action on Comprehensive Evaluation and Reaffirmation of Accreditation ⁴

Color Key

- Required institutional activities
- Optional institutional activities
- Possible required institutional activities
- HLC decision-making actions
- Peer review activities
- Possible peer review activities and HLC actions

1 HLC will continue to review data submitted by affiliated institutions through the Institutional Update, will apply change processes as appropriate to planned institutional developments and will monitor institutions through reports, visits and other means as it deems appropriate.

2 Materials for a comprehensive evaluation include an Assurance Filing (Assurance Argument and Evidence File) and Federal Compliance Filing. Some institutions will also file materials for a multi-campus review. HLC will provide the results of the institution's Student Opinion Survey to the institution and peer review team.

3 Institutions undergoing the first comprehensive evaluation following granting of initial accreditation or removal of Probation will be considered for reaffirmation of accreditation as part of the Year 4 comprehensive evaluation. A change of pathway is not an outcome of the Year 4 review.

4 Year 10 includes HLC action regarding reaffirmation of accreditation. Action on the Year 10 review will also determine the institution's future pathway eligibility.