



Standard Pathway 10-Year Cycle

Institutions on the Standard Pathway undergo the following reviews in addition to the regular monitoring that occurs through HLC's Institutional Update, substantive change requests, interim monitoring and other processes. To determine where an institution is in the 10-year cycle, find the date of its next reaffirmation in the institution's Statement of Accreditation Status. This date is Year 10, and the preceding academic years correspond to the previous years in the cycle.



Years 1–3

Prepare Assurance Filing

Institution

May contribute documents to Evidence File and begin writing Assurance Argument for Year 4 **comprehensive evaluation**.



Year 4

Comprehensive Evaluation

Institution

Submit **comprehensive evaluation** materials.

Peer Review

Conduct comprehensive evaluation (with **visit**).

HLC Decision Making

Take action on comprehensive evaluation.



Years 5–9

Prepare Assurance Filing

Institution

May contribute documents to Evidence File and begin writing Assurance Argument for Year 10 **comprehensive evaluation**.



Year 10

Comprehensive Evaluation for Reaffirmation

Institution

Submit **comprehensive evaluation** materials.

Peer Review

Conduct comprehensive evaluation (with **visit**).

HLC Decision Making

Take action on comprehensive evaluation and Reaffirmation of Accreditation.

