

ROADMAP

to the HLC comprehensive evaluation
visit 3.31-4.1.2025



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Federal Compliance



Federal Compliance Review

Comprehensive evaluations for Reaffirmation of Accreditation, Candidacy, Initial Accreditation, Probation or Show-Cause

Institutions must submit a [Federal Compliance Filing](#) demonstrating that they are complying with the expectations of specific regulations set by the U.S. Department of Education. HLC is required to conduct this review as a federally recognized accrediting agency.



Student Opinion Survey



Student Opinion Survey

All comprehensive evaluations

HLC conducts an [online survey](#) of the institution's student body two months prior to the on-site peer review visit. The survey is intended to give students an opportunity to participate in the evaluation process, and to help identify questions for the peer reviewers to ask while on site.



Preparing the Campus

- HLC Comprehensive Website
- Blackboard Course Shell
- Email communications
- Visit with Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government, Chancellor's Council, UQC
- Criteria Presentation Sessions
- Prep session before visit in March
- Social Media Campaign

Assurance Argument

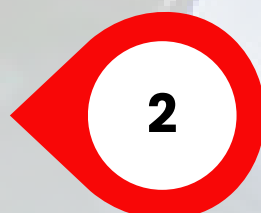


Assurance Review

All comprehensive evaluations

As part of the [Assurance Review](#), the institution submits an Assurance Argument, along with materials of evidence (called an Evidence File), to demonstrate that it is in compliance with HLC's [Criteria for Accreditation](#). The team of peer reviewers conducting the comprehensive evaluation reviews these materials in preparation for an on-site visit.

Institutions submit their Assurance Filings and peer reviewers conduct their evaluation using HLC's [Assurance System](#). See [Using the Assurance System](#) for training and support.



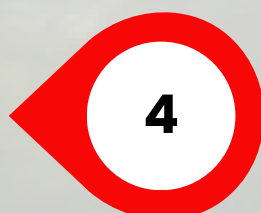
Assumed Practices



Compliance With the Assumed Practices

Comprehensive evaluations for Candidacy, Initial Accreditation and Show-Cause

Institutions submit the [Evidence of Compliance With the Assumed Practices Form](#) to demonstrate how they meet these HLC requirements.



On site Peer Review Visit



On-Site Peer Review Visit

All comprehensive evaluations

[On-site visits](#) occur after the peer review team has reviewed the institutional report and student survey results. The team works with the institution to create the agenda for the visit, which typically includes meetings with the institution's leadership and board, as well as open forums with faculty, staff and students. Visits typically last 1 1/2 days. The team will remain in the area for an additional day of deliberations after the visit.

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