Master Chart of the Open Pathway Ten-Year Cycle

This chart outlines the cycle for the major components of the Open Pathway—Assurance and Improvement. The chart does not reflect any monitoring that may be required by some component of the Assurance Review, by Commission policy, or by institutional change requests. To create a chart for a specific institution, enter the date of the institution's next reaffirmation of accreditation in the Year 10 column, then enter each preceding year in the previous columns. Use academic years. Institutions that have already transitioned to the Open Pathway may have a modified timeline to accommodate the transition. Maps for specific years are available on the Commission website at hlcommission.org.

Dates below are *earliest* possible due dates

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Enter Years	09/2013	09/2014	09/2015	06-2017 Lock Date	09-2017	09-2018	09/2019	09-2020	09-2021	09-2022
Assurance Process	Institution may contribute documents to Evidence File			Assurance Filing (Assurance Argument and Evidence File)[1] Assurance Review (no visit[2])	Institution may contribute documents to Evidence File					Assurance Filing (Assurance Argument and Evidence File); Federal Compliance Requirements[1] Assurance Review and Comprehensive Evaluation (with visit)
Improvement: The Quality Initiative					Quality Initiative Proposal Filed (window of opportunity to submit) Quality Initiative Proposal Reviewed					
							Quality Initiative Report Filed Quality Initiative Report Reviewed			
Commission Decision-Making				Action to Accept Assurance Review[3]						Action on Comprehensive Evaluation and Reaffirmation of Accreditation[4]
Other Monitoring	The Commission 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.									

[1] Some institutions will also file materials for multi-campus review

[2] Team may require a visit to explore uncertainties in evidence that cannot be resolved at a distance

[3] Certain team recommendations may require IAC action

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