

## The Open Pathway for Reaffirmation of Accreditation

Moving to Open Pathway, we are on a 10-year schedule of reaccreditation as opposed to the seven-year AQIP schedule. Barton will be on year one of the Open Pathway and will go through reaccreditation in 2022-2023.

Two Assurance Reviews:

Year 4 – August 2017-August 2018 - Assurance Review – no visit

Year 10 - Assurance Review and Comprehensive Evaluation with Visit

The Assurance Reviews are a web based system where Barton presents Assurance Argument and Evidence file.

The Assurance Argument is organized by the Criteria and their Core Components maximum limit of 35,000 words

The Evidence File section 1 contains recent comprehensive evaluation and interim reports.

Section 2 of the Evidence File contains:

- Mission Statement
- Budget documents
- Assessment and Curriculum reports
- Minutes from governing Board meetings and other committees
- Materials submitted to and received from specialized accreditation organizations and state agencies

The Quality Initiative takes place between year 5 and 9.

Can take one of three forms.

- The institution designs and proposes its own quality initiative to suit its present concerns or aspirations
- The institution chooses an initiative from a menu of topics
- The institution chooses to participate in a Commission-facilitated program.

Yearly Overview

- Years 1 through 3 to build Evidence File
- Year 4 Assurance Filing – Assurance Review – no visit
- Years 5 through 9 build Evidence File
- Year 10 Assurance Review and Comprehensive Evaluation with Visit