PATHWAYS

The Commission's New Model for Accreditation

Goals

- ■Enhance value and flexibility
- ■Reduce current (and future) burden
- ■Sustain rigor
- Integrate other HLC processes and data requirements
- Make as cost efficient as possible
- Increase credibility, value, transparency, information to public

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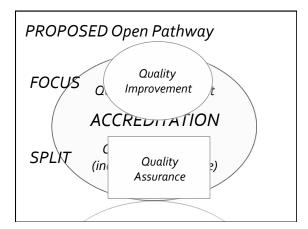
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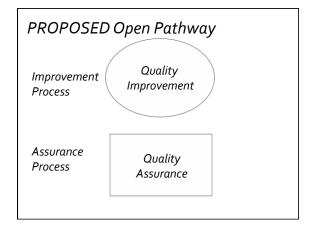
- Candidacy Pathway
- ■Foundational Pathway
- Open Pathway
- ■AQIP Pathway

Foundational Pathway (pp. 10-11)

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- 1. Shortened cycle guided by individualized plan.
- 2. Allows intensive focus and intervention.





Open PathwayAssurance Process

- Evidence File (uploaded materials)
- Assurance Argument (the narrative)
- ■Peer Review Process
- HLC's Technology System "contains" all of it

How will this work?

- Web-based technology developed and maintained by Commission— (think course management system)
- System allows for ongoing storage of information and timed access for:
 - **≻**Commission
 - **≻**Institution
 - ➤ Peer Reviewers

Open Pathway: Evidence File

Institutional Documents

Accumulate & Update Evidence

- 1. Institution uploads electronic documents materials; tags to Criteria, Core Components, Federal Compliance requirements.
- 2. Only evidence related to Assurance Argument allowed; evidence accumulated over time.

Open Pathway: Evidence File

Institutional Documents

Accumulate &
Update Evidence

Commission
Documents
Supplement
to Review

- 1. AIDU information, public comments received.
- 2. Previous accreditation documents (team reports, appraisals, etc.)
- 3. Official communications, actions, etc.

Open Pathway: Evidence File

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Assurance Argument Write, Update

- 1. Provides brief but thorough analysis of evidence.
- 2. Makes case institution meets Criteria and complies with federal requirements.
- 3. Links to selected materials in Evidence File.

Guide to Identifying Evidence & Writing Assurance Argument

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			D. Criterion summary statement

Assurance Argument

- Approximately 25,000 words, no more than 35,000 ("legal brief")
- Organized by Criteria and Core Components
- Not what you remember as self-study or self-study process
- Highly structured format
- Maintained online (updated versus redone) in HLC's technology system

Assurance Argument

- ■For each criterion, institution offers:
 - >Criterion introduction
 - > <u>An articulation</u> of how each Core Component within each Criterion is met: (how and why it is met, room for improvement, constraints, threats to maintain it, opportunities, future plans)
 - ><u>Links</u> to evidence in materials in Evidence File
 - ➤ A Criterion Summary

Assurance Process Peer Review

- 1. Individual Peer Review
 - Assurance Analysis
 - Assurance Recommendation
- 2. Consensus Development
- 3. Team as a Whole
 - Assurance Analysis
 - Assurance Recommendation

Reminders on Evidence

- Assurance Argument follows Criteria and Core Components; evidence expected to as well
- Guide is illustrative, not exhaustive, allows flexibility
- Upload evidence once, cross-reference multiple times
- Everything uploaded must be used, tagged, actual evidence, or it is not wanted

Assurance Process (p. 8)

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- 1. AIDU filed annually by all institutions. Results reviewed; action as needed.
- 2.Institution uploads evidence throughout, links it to Criteria and Federal requirements.

Assurance Process (p. 8) 3. Institution analyzes evidence; writes or updates

- Assurance Argument.
- 4. Two Assurance Reviews: Year 4 (w/o visit) to identify issues proactively, Year 10 (w/visit).

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- 5. Both reviews require fewer reviewers and shorter timeframe in most cases.
- 6. Reviewers submit report.
- 7. Commission will disclose (abbreviated form) results of assurance reviews in standard format.

Diminishing Burden

- Accumulated evidence in Commissionhosted Evidence File
- Periodic updating by institution
- Assurance Argument that is brief, thorough, sustained across cycles
- Other HLC processes integrated
- Proactive review with time to address issues

Consider the alignment...

Revised Criteria

- ✓ Clearer, more explicit language
- ✓ Core components have individual, separate ideas
- ✓ Inclusive of all requirements (concepts in position statements, policies integrated)

Improvement Process Quality Improvement Assurance Process Quality Assurance Assurance

■Open Pathway: Improvement Process (Flexible Timeframe, p. 8)

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- 1. Consists of a Quality Initiative with appropriate scope, significance, clear outcomes, evidence of commitment and capacity, realistic timeline
- 2.Conducted anytime between years 5 and 9, may draw on Year 4 Assurance Review

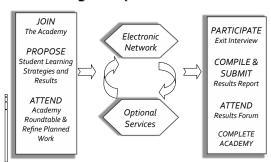
Improvement Process

Quality Initiative Proposal/

Three variations

- 1. Institution designs and proposes own (5-10 page document following a template)
- 2. Institution proposes from menu of topics and options (5-10 page document, using a template)3. Institution chooses Commission-facilitated program, such as the Academy

Academy for Assessment of Student Learning as Improvement Process



Possibilities

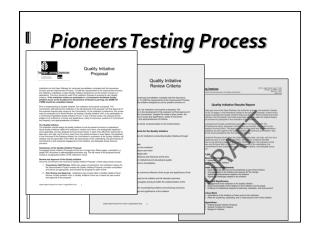
- ■Collaborative initiatives, shared topics
- ■Statewide or system endeavors
- Agency-linked ideas (AAC&U, CQIN, FYE)
- Optional electronic network, publishing and sharing information on initiatives
- Joint research, comparative data, postgraduation, longitudinal endeavors

Improvement Process Quality Peer Review & Approval Conduct Initiative 1. Quality Initiative Forum, visit, paper review 2. Final Quality Initiative Proposal or plan submitted and approved by same reviewers 3. Institution begins initiative, HLC program, etc.

Improvement Process (by year nine) Peer Review & Quality Quality Approval Initiative Initiative Conduct Proposal/ Report Initiative 1. Report matches proposal; captures results, learning, impact, next steps (25-30 pages, template) 2. Peer reviewers offer consultation; evaluate solely on good faith effort

Good Faith Effort

- ■Seriousness of undertaking
- Significance: scope and impact of work
- Genuine commitment and sustained engagement
- Actual resource provision



Goals

- ■Take risks
- ■Aim high
- ■Learn from success or failure
- ■Strive for significant impact
- ■Sincere, good faith effort
- Institutions may publicize results and learning; Commission will not

Reaffirmation of Accreditation									on	
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Timeline

- 2009-2011: Demonstration Project begun, cohorts launched
- 2009-2011: Internal reorganization, structuring, technology
- 2012-13: All in place and tested; cohort groups actually complete elements of model and technology

■ Timeline

- ■2012-13: Institutions begin transition into Pathways (more in a minute); Foundational Pathway launch
- ■2013: New Criteria effective; Evidence File open to institutions
- ■August 2015: PEAQ ends

Transition

- Begin Pathways in relationship to last or next PEAQ reaffirmation (AQIP appraisal & reaffirmation)
- Begin at different points (download new Pathways booklet after 4/15)
- No one other than Pioneer Institutions has Assurance Review until 2015-16.

■ Transition Calculator (p. 9)

Next PEAQ Reaffirmation Visit Scheduled	PEAQ Visit Actually Takes Place	Year the Institution Transitions to the Open Pathway	Place on Open Pathway Cycle at Transition
2009-10	2009-10	2012-13	Year 3*
2010-11	2010-11	2012-13	Year 2*
2011-12	2011-12	2012-13	Year 1
2012-13	2012-13	2013-14	Year 1
2013-14	2013-14	2014-15	Year 1
2014-15	2014-15	2015-16	Year 1
2015-16	n/a	2012-13	Year 7
2016-17	n/a	2012-13	Year 6
2017-18	n/a	2012-13	Year 5
2018-19	n/a	2012-13	Year 4*

QUESTIONS? IDEAS?

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