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| **University of Kansas: Open Pathway Timeline for HLC Reaffirmation of Accreditation (AY 2026 through AY 2035)** | | | |
| **Timing1,2** | **University of Kansas Responsibilities** | **HLC Review** | **HLC Decision Making** |
| AY 2025-2026 through  AY 2027-2028 (years 1-3) | **Prepare Mid-Cycle Assurance Argument** | | |
| Establish Assurance Argument Team  Gather evidence for continued compliance with Criteria for Accreditation and Obligations of Membership  Special focus on documenting progress in areas suggested by 2025 Peer Review Team  Draft Assurance Argument |  |  |
| AY 2027-2028  (year 3) | **Prepare Multi Location Report and Host Site Visit** |  |  |
| Establish Multi-Location Team  Prepare and submit Multi-Location Report  Host Multi-Location Site Visit | Peer Review of Report & Site Visit | HLC notifies institution of reviewer’s decision or forwards to Institutional Actions Council |
| AY 2028-2029  (year 4) | **Submit Mid-Cycle Assurance Argument (no site visit)** | | |
| Consultant reviews Assurance Argument and suggestions incorporated  Assurance Argument submitted to HLC | Peer Review of Argument | Determine outcome for reaffirmation of accreditation |
| AY 2029-2030  (year 5) | **Quality Initiative Proposal** | | |
| Establish Quality Initiative Team  Select Quality Initiative Project  Write and Submit Quality Initiative Proposal by 6/1/30 | Peer Review of Proposal | HLC notifies institution of panel’s decision |
| AY 2030-2031 through  AY 2022-2034  (years 6-9) | **Complete Quality Initiative and Submit Report** | | |
| Complete Quality Initiative  Submit Quality Initiative Report by 6/1/34 | Peer Review of Report | HLC notifies institution of panel’s decision |
| AY 2031-2032 through  AY 2033-2034  (years 7-9) | **Prepare Assurance Argument and Federal Compliance Report; Prep for Site Visits** | | |
| Establish Assurance Argument Team  Gather evidence to support continued compliance with Criteria for Accreditation, Obligations of Membership and Federal Compliance  Draft Assurance Argument and Federal Compliance Report |  |  |
| AY 2032-2033  (year 8) | **Prepare Multi Location Report and Host Site Visit** |  |  |
| Establish Multi-Location Team  Prepare and submit Multi-Location Report  Host Multi-Location Site Visit | Peer Review of Report & Site Visit | HLC notifies institution of reviewer’s decision or forwards to Institutional Actions Council |
| AY 2034-2035 (year 10) | **Finalize & Submit Assurance Argument and Federal Compliance Report; Host Visits** | | |
| Host Mock Site Visit and incorporate suggested changes  Submit comprehensive evaluation materials to HLC and host Peer Review Site Visit | Peer Review of Report & Site Visit | Determine outcome for reaffirmation of accreditation |

1. HLC [Institutional Update](https://www.hlcommission.org/accreditation/cycles-and-processes/institutional-update/) submitted annually in March/April in Years 1-10.
2. HLC [Student Success Indicators](https://download.hlcommission.org/StudentSuccessIndicators_PRC.pdf) released annually in Jan/Feb in Years 1-10. Improvement plans required for institutions whose benchmarks fall below established ranges.