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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 throughAY 2027-2028 (years 1-3) | **Prepare Mid-Cycle Assurance Argument** |
|  Establish Assurance Argument TeamGather evidence for continued compliance with Criteria for Accreditation and Obligations of MembershipSpecial focus on documenting progress in areas suggested by 2025 Peer Review TeamDraft 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 incorporatedAssurance 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 TeamSelect Quality Initiative ProjectWrite and Submit Quality Initiative Proposal by 6/1/30 | Peer Review of Proposal | HLC notifies institution of panel’s decision |
| AY 2030-2031 throughAY 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 throughAY 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.