



Selecting and Declaring a Pathway for Reaffirmation of Accreditation

Upon Reaffirmation of Accreditation, some institutions are able to choose their pathway for their next reaffirmation cycle. Institutions may choose the Standard or Open Pathway. Both pathways focus on quality assurance and quality improvement. **Your institution may select its pathway.**

Choosing a Pathway

1. Review the information on the [Standard Pathway](#) and [Open Pathway](#). Choose the pathway that best fits your institution.
2. Complete the Declaration Form on page 2 and submit it as a PDF file at hlcommission.org/upload. Select “Pathways/Quality Initiatives” from the list of submission options to ensure the institution’s materials are sent to the correct HLC staff member. **The form is due within two weeks of the date on the letter accompanying this document.**

Please note: All currently required monitoring (reports and focused evaluations) will be reviewed in the context of the new chosen pathway.

The Pathways

Standard Pathway

In addition to comprehensive evaluations, institutions on the Standard Pathway address quality assurance and improvement through monitoring, as required.

Open Pathway

The Open Pathway’s improvement component gives institutions the independence to pursue improvement projects that are geared toward their present concerns or aspirations.

Questions?

Please contact the institution’s HLC staff liaison or email pathways@hlcommission.org with any questions.

