

Academic Program Review (APR)



Continuous Quality Improvement

Institutional accreditation validates the quality of an institution's academic programs at all degree levels, whether delivered on-site, online or otherwise.

1.A. Mission Alignment

The institution's **educational programs**, enrollment profile and scope of operations **align with its publicly articulated mission**.

3.A. Educational Programs

The institution maintains learning goals and outcomes that reflect a **level of rigor** commensurate with college-level work, including by program level and the content of each of its educational programs.

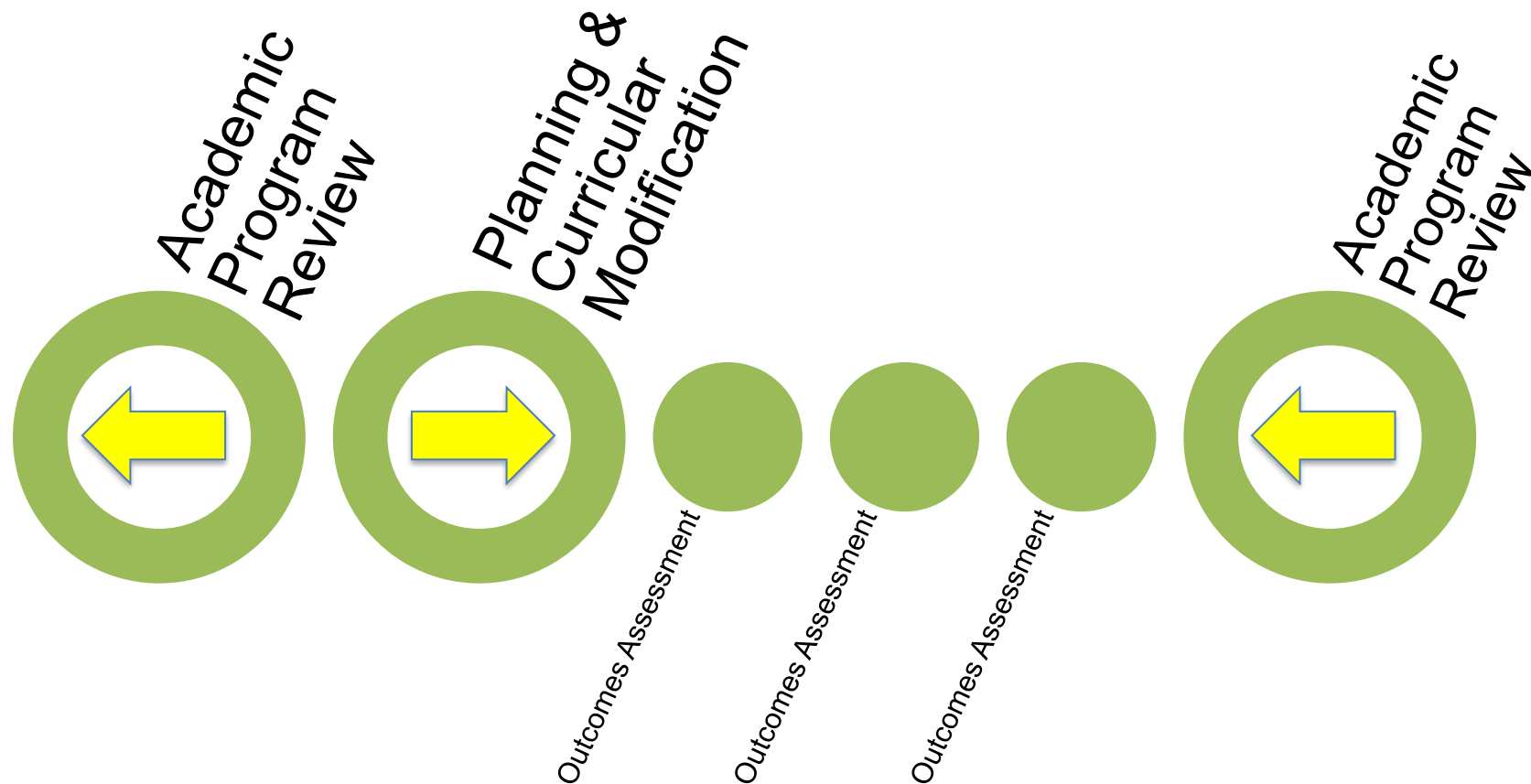
3.F. Program Review

The institution **improves its curriculum based on periodic program review**.

<https://www.hlcommission.org/Policies/2025-criteria.html>

Continuous Improvement Cycle

Academic Programs



Year One – Academic Program Review

- April 2025
 - Introductory meetings with department/college and program leadership and any others assigned
- September, December, February
 - Quarterly check-ins while program completes the self-study
- March 1, 2026
 - Self-study due to the Assurance of Learning committee for review by a subgroup
- March 30, 2026
 - Assurance of Learning committee submits their review to the Office of the Provost and copy the program leadership

Year Two – Assessment Planning & Curricular Modification

- Submit any identified curricular modifications to be included in Fall 2027 catalog
 - Curricular modifications can begin at any point and do not have to wait until Year 2
 - February 1, 2027, deadline for any registration changes (pre-req, co-req, etc.) that impact registration opening in early March
 - April 1, 2027, deadline for all other curricular approvals
- Develop a three-year outcomes assessment plan
- Document strategic plan, if created
- Identify and request, with a data-informed argument, needed resources

Years Three to Five – Annual Outcomes Assessment

- Implement the assessment plan established in Year Two
- Annually assess student learning outcomes by September 30 (for the previous academic year)
- Programs in Years 1 or 2 of the cycle do NOT submit annual outcomes assessment reports

2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
CHEH	BSOM	Co-Curricular	CHEH	BSOM
- Social Work	- PPH	COSM	- Health & Exercise Sciences	- Medicine
COLA	- Pharm Tox	- Chemistry	- Leadership Studies	COSM
- SoFPA	CHEH	GSHP	- SOPP	- BMB
COSM	- Nursing		- Teacher Education	
- All except BIO, BMB, CHM	- Human Services		CECS	
Lake	- Athletic Training, APE		- All programs	
- All associate programs and independent bachelor's programs	COLA		Lake	
RSCOB	- All except SoFPA		- Teacher Education	
- All except MIS-BSB	Lake		- Engineering	
	- Certificate programs		COSM	
	- Bachelor's degrees with COLA		- Biological Sciences	
	- General Studies		RSCOB	
			- MIS BSB	

Locate or Create Supporting Documents

- Create Curriculum Map
- Create Outcomes Map (program outcomes to ILOs)
- Complete 2024-25 Annual Outcomes Assessment by September 30
- Review GPS and/or POS (if separate document)