College of Lake County
AQIP Pathway Transition Map

YEARS 1–3
PREPARE ASSURANCE FILING 2018–21
Institution: May contribute documents to Evidence File and begin writing Assurance Argument for Year 4 Assurance Review.

YEAR 4
ASSURANCE REVIEW 2021–22
Institution: Submit Assurance Filing (Assurance Argument and Evidence File).
Peer Review: Conduct Assurance Review (no visit).
HLC Decision Making: Acceptance of or action on Assurance Review.

YEARS 5–7
QUALITY INITIATIVE PROPOSAL 2022–25
Institution: Submit Quality Initiative Proposal no later than August 31 of Year 7. May also begin preparing Assurance Filing for Year 10 comprehensive evaluation.
Peer Review: Review Quality Initiative Proposal.

YEARS 7–9
QUALITY INITIATIVE REPORT 2024–27
Institution: Submit Quality Initiative Report no later than August 31 of Year 9. May also continue preparing Assuring Filing for Year 10 comprehensive evaluation.

YEAR 10
COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION 2027–28
Institution: Submit comprehensive evaluation materials.
Peer Review: Conduct comprehensive evaluation (with visit).
HLC Decision Making: Take action on comprehensive evaluation and Reaffirmation of Accreditation.

NOTES
Institutions that completed their Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2017–18 and opted to remain on the AQIP Pathway will transition to Year 1 of the Open Pathway as of September 1, 2018.