

A Quick Guide to K-State's Continuance of Accreditation Visit with the Higher Learning Commission

April 11-13, 2022

FAQs

What is accreditation?

- Assuring and advancing the quality of higher education.
- Required to be eligible for federal student financial aid.
- Required to provide educational programs for any military students.
- Validates K-State's standing in any requests for public or private support.

Who is K-State's accreditor?

- The Higher Learning Commission or the HLC.
- K-State has been accredited since 1916.
- K-State last received 10-year continuance of accreditation in 2012.

When is K-State's visit with the HLC?

- The team will be in Manhattan April 10-13
- The team will conduct interviews with K-State communities April 11-12.

What will occur during the HLC visit?

- Seven HLC peer reviewers will conduct interviews with full range of K-State communities, including the president and provost, cabinet members, deans and department heads, faculty and students, staff, and many offices.
- Team members will seek to validate the evidence that we have presented in K-State's self-study (assurance argument) and several special reports, provided to the team in March.
- The self-study addresses the HLC's five criteria for accreditation.
- Based on their review of multiple reports and documents K-State has submitted and their interviews on campuses, the team members will be determining whether K-State meets the standards for reaccreditation.
- On April 11th and 12th, there will be focused meetings with small groups and open meetings corresponding to accreditation criteria.

What am I expected to know in order to prepare for the HLC visit?

- Everyone should know about [K-State 2025](#), the vision that K-State strives to be among the top fifty public research universities by 2025.
- Everyone should be aware of what the HLC is and the purpose for their visit.
- Know what you do and how it connects with K-State's mission.

What should I do if I am in a meeting with the HLC or asked a question by a team member?

- Provide your honest answer to the question.
- If you do not know the answer, there is no need to make up an answer or to guess. It is OK to say "I don't know."