# Charting the Cycle for the Open Pathway Model of Accreditation

This chart outlines the cycle for the major components of the Open Pathway—the Assurance Process and the Improvement Process. The chart does not reflect any reports or focused visits that may be required by any component of the Assurance Process, by Commission policy, or by institutional change requests.

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**Assurance Process**

- Institution may contribute documents to Evidence File
- Assurance Argument
- Assurance Review w/o Visit

**Improvement Process**

- Quality Initiative Proposal (window of opportunity to submit)
- Quality Initiative Launch w/ Visit
- Quality Initiative Report (window of opportunity to submit)
- Quality Initiative Report Review w/o Visit

**Commission Action**

- Action on AIDU Results as Needed
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- Action to Revisit Accreditation

**Key**

- AIDU - Annual Institutional Data Update

- DocumentsFiled Electronically by the Institution
- Review does not include a visit
- Review includes a visit
- Commission Actions

**Notes**

1. A visit may be requested by the team or the institution
2. The institution may elect a Commission-hosted group process in place of the visit
3. A visit may be requested by the institution
4. The chart applies to institutions eligible for the Open Pathway, institutions that are in the first ten years of receiving initial accreditation and institutions under sanction or show cause order are among those that are not eligible for the Open Pathway.