

HLC Fact of the Week:
“Most Cited Core Components”
(April 11, 2017)

Last week’s “HLC Fact” noted that [each HLC Core Component](#) is judged by the peer review team to be “met”, “met with concerns”, or “not met.” In a review of 2015-16 team reports*, these were the seven most cited core components (they were either “met with concerns” or “not met”):

4B: Assessment/Improvement (31.5%**): *The institution demonstrates a commitment to educational achievement and improvement through ongoing assessment of student learning*

5A: Resource Base (22.0%): *The institution’s resource base supports its current educational programs and its plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future.*

4A: Program Quality (21.3%): *The institution demonstrates responsibility for the quality of its educational programs.*

5C: Planning (16.5%): *The institution engages in systematic and integrated planning.*

3C: Faculty (11.0%): *The institution has the faculty and staff needed for effective, high-quality programs and student services.*

4C: Persistence/Completion (9.5%): *The institution demonstrates a commitment to educational improvement through ongoing attention to retention, persistence, and completion rates in its degree and certificate programs.*

5D: Institutional Effectiveness (7.1%): *The institution works systematically to improve its performance.*

In our Assurance Argument to be submitted to HLC prior to our November site visit, we will be describing how Lindenwood meets each of these core components and we will be providing evidence in support of our claims.

*Key Insights: A Review of Core Components and the Comprehensive Evaluation” by Barbara Johnson, Ph.D., Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference, April 3, 2017, Chicago.

**Percentage of institutions for whom the core component was either “met with concerns” or “not met”

To learn more about accreditation and Lindenwood’s comprehensive evaluation and site visit scheduled for November 6-7, 2017, and to see the countdown clock to the visit, go to the HLC page on the Lindenwood website here: <http://www.lindenwood.edu/about/higher-learning-commission/>.

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