

**HLC Fact of the Week:**  
**“Federal Compliance Report”**  
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Lindenwood University is currently preparing for its comprehensive evaluation and site visit on November 6-7, 2017 by a peer review team representing the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). As part of the HLC evaluation, Lindenwood is writing a required [Federal Compliance Report](#). Areas covered by the report include:

1. Assignment of Credits, Program Length, and Tuition;
2. Institutional Records of Student Complaints;
3. Publication of Transfer Policies;
4. Practices for Verification of Student Identity;
5. Title IV\* Program Responsibilities;
6. Required Information for Students and the Public;
7. Advertising and Recruitment Materials and Other Public Information;
8. Review of Student Outcome Data;
9. Publication of Student Outcome Data;
10. Standing with State and Other Accrediting Agencies;
11. Public Notification of Opportunity to Comment; and
12. Competency-Based Programs Including Direct Assessment Programs / Faculty-Student Engagement

Here’s what HLC says about why such a report is required:

“As a federally recognized accrediting agency, HLC is required to assure that all its member institutions are meeting their Title IV program responsibilities as well as complying with the expectations of specific regulations accreditors must enforce as a part of their recognition by the U.S. Department of Education. Compliance with these requirements by both institutions and HLC is necessary to ensure that institutions accredited by HLC are eligible for federal financial aid.” (Higher Learning Commission, 2016 Resource Guide)

\*Title IV refers to the federal financial aid program.

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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