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PLANNING AND INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE (PIEC)

7-year ACCJC Framework

Building a Sustainable and Shared Approach to Accreditation

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Our 2025 ACCJC Response: The Lesson

What Worked Well

People-System-Accountability



Focused collective effort
One shared goal
Defined timeline
Clear Accountability

What Was Not Sustainable



Great urgency
Heroic Effort

Clarity and Focus Change Behavior At Scale

***How do we create that same clarity and focus,
without relying on urgency or heroic effort?***

Designing for Clarity, Focus, and Follow-Through

- *Continuous accreditation* mode: every year
- Clear roles and shared responsibility across the institution
- Visible timelines, checkpoints, and follow-through



Framework Structure

- Purpose
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Institutional Support for Accreditation Capacity
- 7-year Cycle Overview
- Year-by-Year Implementation Plan

→ **a system**



7-Year Cycle, with Immediate Action

- 2026 to 2027: Midterm process (launch, draft, complete)
- 2028: Submit midterm
- 2029 to 2031: ISER cycle
 - **Fall 2026:** Midterm process launches



Accreditation Is an Institutional Responsibility

- Institutional leadership ensures accreditation processes are supported and completed
- ALO coordinates and monitors progress
- Operational leadership ensures execution within their areas
- Governance bodies review and ensure alignment with expectations

- **All areas responds to requests on time**



Direction and Shared Commitment

- Confirm the proposed framework direction
- Affirm shared institutional responsibility
- Support timely participation and follow-through



Document Review

