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## UNO AQIP Status (Sept. 2014)

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September 2014 -- Neal Topp-Accreditation Liaison Officer [ntopp@unomaha.edu]

### Importance of Accreditation to UNO

- Accredited degree programs require institutional accreditation
- Most institutions require accreditation for incoming transfer of credits
- Graduate programs require a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Federal student financial assistance programs require institutional accreditation
- Accreditation provides our students assurance of a high quality experience

### UNO Accreditation

- Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
  - 5 Criteria (Mission, Integrity, Teaching/Learning, Evaluation, Resources/Planning/Effectiveness)
- Use the AQIP (Academic Quality Improvement Program) Pathway
  - 6 Categories (Helping Students Learn, Meeting Student and Other Key Stakeholder Needs, Valuing Employees, Planning and Leading, Knowledge Management and Resource Stewardship, Quality Overview)
- UNO has been accredited since 1939 and has been using AQIP Pathway since 2004
- Last Reaffirmation of Accreditation -- 2011
- Next Reaffirmation of Accreditation -- 2018

### Requirements for Accreditation

#### **On-Going**

- Annual Updates – Due October
- AQIP Action Projects – 3 Each Year (listed below)
- Additional Locations UNO must request approval for additional locations for instruction in advance. Please send requests to ntopp@unomaha.edu.
- Institutional Changes – as needed

#### **4 Year Cycle Actions**

- Systems Portfolio -- 120 page report (last -Nov. 2012, next due date–Nov. 2016)
- Systems Appraisal – HLC's response to our Systems Portfolio – (last-April 2013)
- Systems Appraisal Response – Our response to the Systems Appraisal (last-May 2013)
- Strategy Forum – (last-May 2014)

#### **8 Year Cycle Actions**

- Document package for Quality Checkup Visit (Spring 2017)
  - Systems Appraisal Follow-Up
  - Organization Quality Commitment
  - Accreditation Issues Follow-Up
  - Commission Relations Review
  - Federal Compliance Review
- Quality Checkup Visit – Fall 2017 (HCL team on campus for 2-3 days)
- Reaffirmation of Accreditation – 2018