ACCREDITATION 101 FOR FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES
Andrew Lootens-White, Higher Learning Commission
This presentation will provide first-time attendees with a basic overview of accreditation in higher education and HLC’s role in that landscape. The presentation also will include an overview of the Annual Conference itself and provide tips about how to make the most of the available opportunities. Please note: Participants in the Eligibility Workshop attending this session should transition afterward to Randolph 1, Concourse Level, East Tower, Hyatt for the Eligibility Workshop. Pathways: AQIP, Candidacy, Open, Standard

FROM INITIAL CONTACT TO INITIAL ACCREDITATION: AN OVERVIEW OF HLC PROCESSES
Marla Morgen and Lil Nakutis, Higher Learning Commission
This presentation will focus on each step of the process for seeking initial accreditation, from initial communication with HLC through initial accreditation. Presenters will help participants place the Eligibility Process within the greater context of the entire process of seeking accreditation. Pathway: Eligibility

UNDERSTANDING THE ELIGIBILITY PROCESS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Sue Darby, National American University (retired); H.O. Brownback, Southwestern Illinois College; Marla Morgen, Higher Learning Commission
Through presentation and discussion, participants will begin to understand selected Eligibility Requirements, HLC’s evidentiary expectations as institutions move through the process, and how certain Eligibility Requirements relate to the Criteria for Accreditation. Pathway: Eligibility

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Complimentary lunch

OVERVIEW OF CRITERIA AND ASSUMED PRACTICES
Marla Morgen, Higher Learning Commission
This presentation will provide a brief overview of HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation and Assumed practices, and will highlight key themes critical to the progress of institutions seeking HLC status. Pathway: Eligibility

THE ELIGIBILITY FILING: TIPS FOR SUCCESS
Sue Darby, National American University (retired); H.O. Brownback, Southwestern Illinois College; Marla Morgen, Higher Learning Commission (Moderator)
This panel will feature experienced Eligibility Reviewers from HLC’s peer corps who will provide their perspectives on reviewing the Eligibility Filing. Tips for success as well as pitfalls to avoid will be offered throughout this moderated panel discussion with attention to diverse institutional types. Questions from attendees will be encouraged. Pathway: Eligibility

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CLOSING SESSION: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Sue Darby, National American University (retired); H.O. Brownback, Southwestern Illinois College; Marla Morgen (Moderator) and Lil Nakutis, Higher Learning Commission
Participants will be encouraged to ask questions and seek clarification regarding any of the content provided through the workshop. Pathway: Eligibility