

# 7 Practical Tips

## To Weave Assessment & Accreditation Together



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### Complete a Self-Assessment

Begin at the beginning:  
Where is your institution?  
Is there a process for data collection and report writing already?  
What gaps are there?  
What is the culture toward assessment and accreditation?

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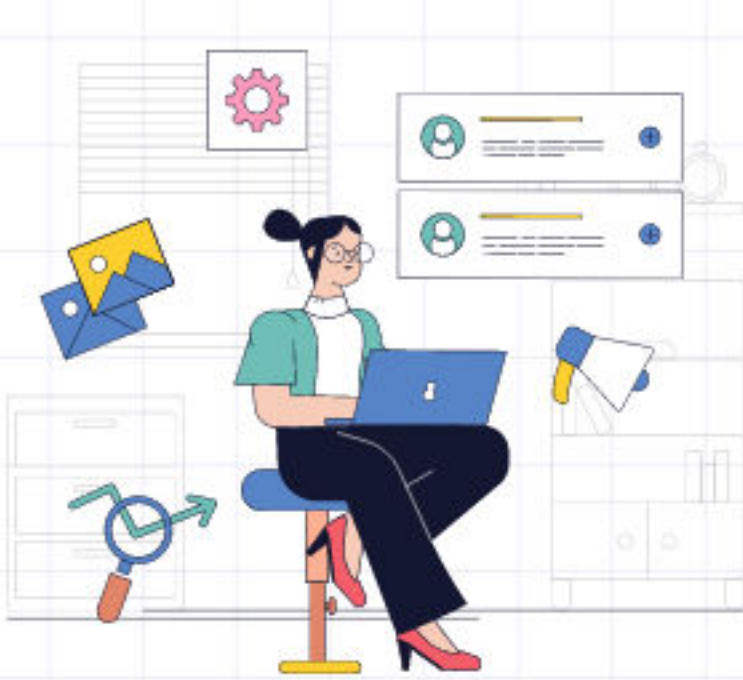
### Invest in Yourself

Set aside time and resources for your continuing education. It will save time and money (and ward off nervous breakdowns) in the long run!

Don't reinvent the wheel. Reach out to others doing this work and learn best practices.

**Tip:** Serve on a review team or observe with a review team at other campuses.

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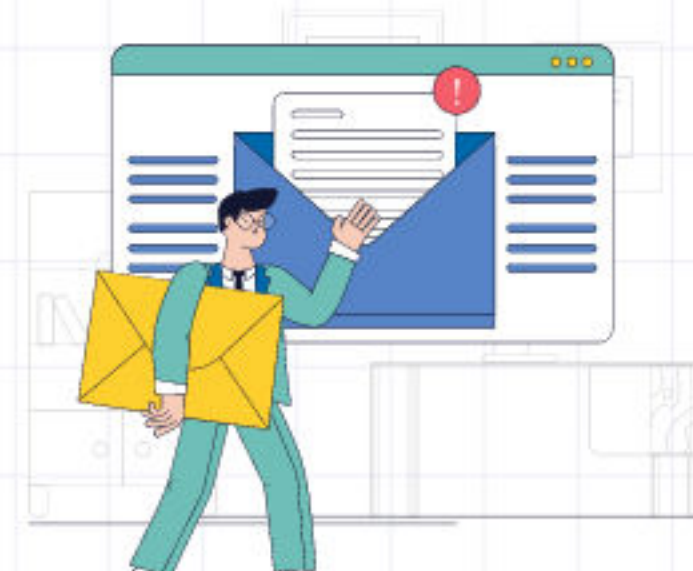
### Build Relationships Via Communication

**Tone:** Teamwork, Honesty, Positivity

Start at the very beginning  
Speak the same language  
Be consistent

**Tip:** Give valuable feedback!

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### Provide Resources

Use opportunities you already have to connect with faculty and staff  
Offer training and office hours  
Incentivize - outside speaker, food, recognition  
Use Technology to reduce the burden

**Tip:** Have some fun! Celebrate good work.

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### Promote Meaningful Assessment

Use a curriculum map  
Balance relevance with reality - keep it MEANINGFUL, MEASURABLE, and MANAGABLE

**Tip:** Encourage reflection.

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### Build a Culture of Continuous IE

**Starting early is decent advice, but even better - don't ever stop!**

Make a plan: Prioritize but prepare to be flexible

Share the plan

Make an outline of your entire report

Write, revise, and edit

Give the campus community a way to participate

Check all documentation and any links

**Celebrate!**

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### Watch Out for Challenges

There WILL be challenges, but you can be prepared.

Feeling overwhelmed

Falling Behind

Involve others, learn from colleagues, set realistic expectations

Break tasks into small parts, create generous timelines for cushion

Data issues

Choose relevant (not all) data, accept unfavorable data for transparency

### Accreditation in Higher Education is High-Stakes and Overwhelming.

#### There's a Better Way.

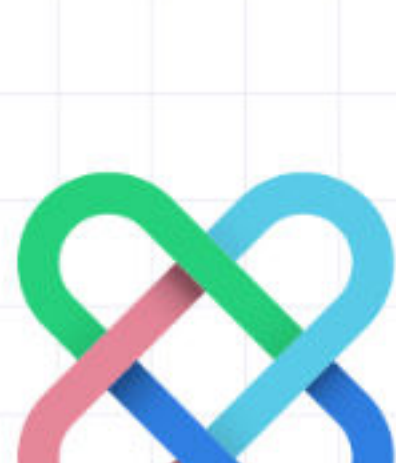
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