

# Preparing for the QAPA

BC Quality Assurance Process Audit Experience:  
Context and Initial Lessons

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# 1. Organizing / Planning the QAPA

- Lead: Office of Academic Planning and Quality Assurance (APQA)
- Created Steering Committee
- Mapped out dates
- Mapped out participants
- Mapped out communication plan

## 2. Resources

- Part of APQA mandate
- No extra resources needed
- Reprioritization

QAPA became priority #1!

### 3. Biggest Challenge(s) & Solution(s)

Challenge #1: Dates – finding, securing, and holding

Solution: broad engagement re purpose & value

Challenge #2: Change in people/roles

Solution: depends – invite original participants or prepare new ones

Challenge #3: Logistics

Solution: experienced coordinator

## 4. Pleasant Surprises

- Everyone contributed willingly
- Appreciation for APQA lead
- Opportunity to self-reflect
- Institution report – value beyond QAPA
- Time well spent

## 5. Was it worthwhile?

YES

But it's a lot of work (don't underestimate)

Need to be well prepared

Benefits include:

- Continuous improvement at institute level
- Broader awareness of educational quality
- Opportunity to engage senior leaders on educational quality
- ...

## 6. Best Nugget

### Start early

- Start earlier than you think you need to
- There will be revisions (!)
- Build broad awareness
- Develop sense of shared ownership
- Prepare participants
- And the logistics

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# THANK YOU