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Considerations in Integrating Self-Study and Strategic Planning

- Key Questions:
 - How can we best manage institutional energy?
 - How can we ensure the integration and alignment of key strategies?
 - Will the need to address the standards for accreditation limit creativity in planning?
 - Will previous experience with accreditation on our campus create a container that is too confining?

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Aligning the Elements of Planning with the Standards for Accreditation

Mission	Standards for Accreditation
Strategic Plan	
Implementation	

When is the work done?
What comes first – plan or self-study?

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Should We Undertake a "Special Emphasis" Self-Study?

- A special emphasis self-study is much harder to prepare.
- Consider the expectations of the evaluation team.

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Northeastern University Experience

- **Self-study 1996-1998**
 - Focus on planning
 - Thematic – crafted the university “aspiration”
 - Two volumes

- **Self-study 2006-2008**
 - Focus on planning
 - Revised mission statement, developed academic plan
 - Single volume