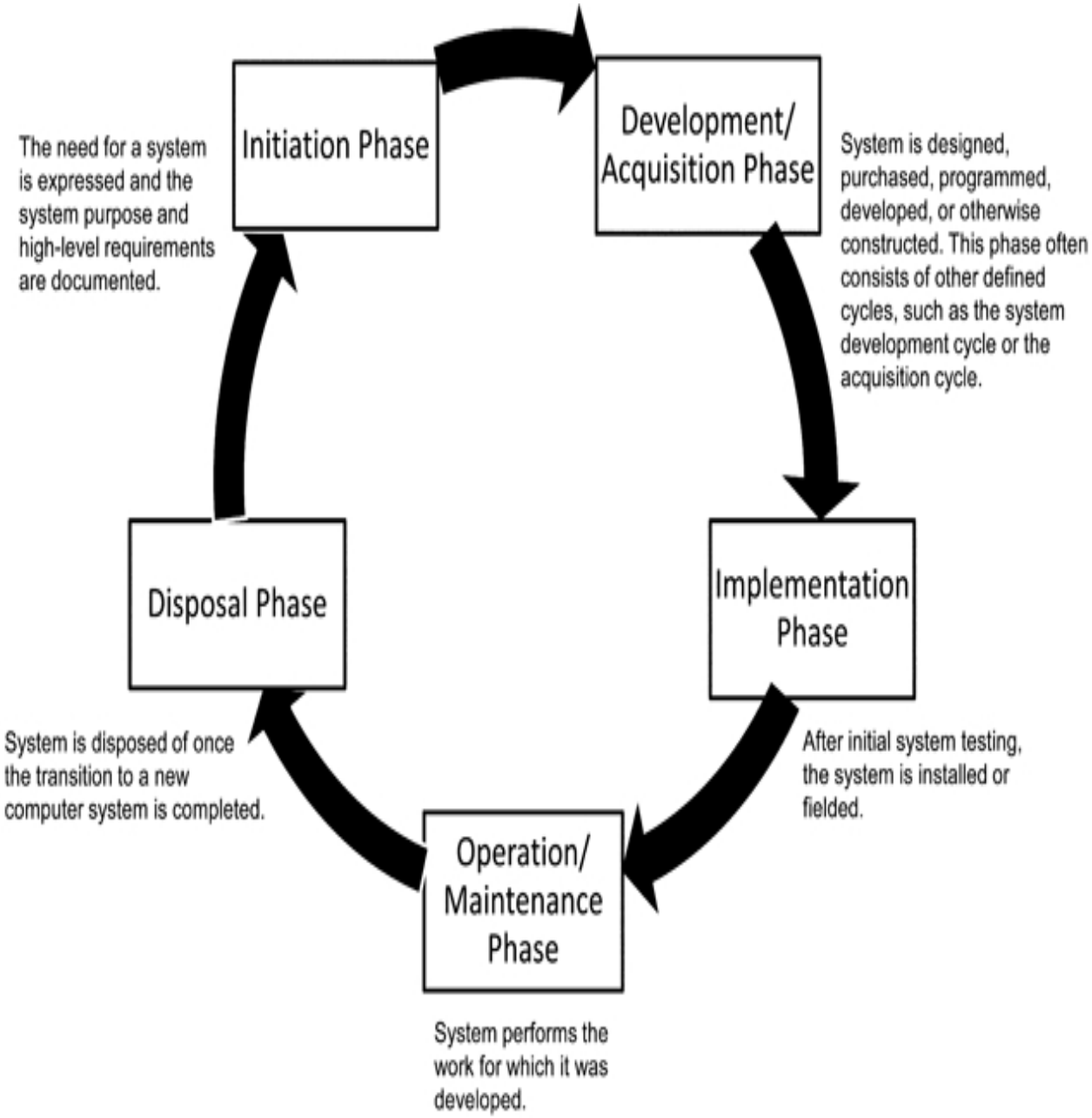
Initiation Phase
The need for a system is expressed and the system purpose and high-level requirements are documented.
Development/ Acquisition Phase
System is designed, purchased, programmed, developed, or otherwise constructed. This phase often consists of other defined cycles, such as the system development cycle or the acquisition cycle.
Implementation Phase
After initial system testing, the system is installed or fielded.
Operation/ Maintenance Phase
System performs the work for which it was developed.
Disposal Phase
System is disposed of once the transition to a new computer system is completed.