



Accreditation Review Commission on Education
for the Physician Assistant, Inc.

Standards, 4th edition, Timeline for Implementation Implication for Currently Accredited Programs and Emerging Programs

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The ARC-PA approved the *Standards*, 4th edition, at its March 2010 meeting.

The effective implementation date for these *Standards* is September 1, 2010.

All new programs applying for provisional accreditation and being reviewed on the ARC-PA September 2010 agenda must demonstrate compliance with the 3rd edition of the *Standards*. Programs that are awarded provisional accreditation at the September 2010 ARC-PA meeting will be asked to file a report with their plans to comply with any new standards that are specific to the 4th edition, including Section D of the 4th edition.

All new programs applying for provisional accreditation and being reviewed on the ARC-PA March 2011 agenda must demonstrate compliance with the 4th edition of the *Standards*. These programs will receive new application materials.

Currently accredited programs being reviewed on the ARC-PA September 2010 agenda must demonstrate compliance with the 3rd edition of the *Standards*.

Currently accredited programs being reviewed on the ARC-PA March 2011 agenda must demonstrate compliance with the 3rd edition of the *Standards* and will need to complete a supplemental application document requiring them to answer questions about their plans to comply with any new items that are specific to the 4th edition.

All programs being reviewed at the September 1, 2011, and beyond are expected to demonstrate compliance with the 4th edition of the *Standards* and will be using new application materials.