The provisional process includes 3 visits

**Visit 1: Initial Provisional Visit**
- This visit verifies an institution’s ability to begin a program in compliance with the Standards, and the program’s readiness to matriculate students
- Occurs 6 to 12 months prior to matriculation of students
- After commission review, the program is eligible to receive accreditation – provisional
- (If accreditation withheld, program may reapply from beginning of process)

**Visit 2: Provisional Monitoring Site Visit**
- This visit verifies the sponsoring institution’s and provisionally accredited program’s progress in delivering the program in compliance with the Standards and their ability to continue to do so.
- Scheduled within the 6 months prior to graduation of the first cohort of students
- After commission review, the program is eligible to continue as accreditation - provisional

**Visit 3: Final Provisional Site Visit**
- This visit verifies the institution’s and program’s demonstration of compliance with the Standards including their ability to incorporate and report the findings of a robust self-assessment process as required by the ARC-PA
- Occurs 18-24 months following the second provisional review by the commission
- After commission review, the program is eligible for an accreditation status of accreditation - continued

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1 The program director must meet the qualifications for the position as in the Standards. If the program director is not in place, the program is removed from the agenda to which it was assigned.

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Provisional Accreditation Process

Read the accreditation Standards and all Provisional sections of the ARC-PA website

Does the institution meet the eligibility requirements?
- Geographically located in the United States
- Single institution must be clearly defined as sponsor of the program
- Authorized under applicable law to provide a program of post-secondary education
- Accredited by and in good standing with a regional accrediting agency
- Authorized by this agency to confer a graduate degree

Contact the ARC-PA regarding interest in starting program

Senior institutional official submits a formal written request for entry into the process including:
- Confirmation of institutional eligibility

Program receives correspondence from the ARC-PA regarding dates of the site visit and confirming placement on ARC-PA meeting agenda
- Attend mandatory Provisional Pathway Conference
- Program proposes dates and pays required fees
- ARC-PA chooses and confirms site visit dates
- Program obtains application packet from ARC-PA

Submit completed application materials as received from ARC-PA
**Due Date:** 3 months before site visit

visited: 1

visited: 2

The program must update the personnel section of the Program Management Portal to reflect current program faculty
**Date Due:** 2 months before students begin

The program must update the SCPE tab of the Program Management Portal
**Date Due:** 3 months before students begin clinical rotations

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