The provisional process includes **3 visits**

**NOTE:** A 1.0 FTE program director\(^1\) must be hired by the institution on a permanent basis at least 15 months prior to the date of the scheduled site visit.

**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 is withheld, the program may reapply from the beginning of the 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.