Arcadia University
Accreditation History

First accredited: April 1996
Next review: March 2028
Maximum class size: 105 (56 at Glenside, PA [MC] and 49 at Newark, DE [DC])
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June 2021
The commission acknowledged the report providing evidence of
• Update to changes in response to COVID-19. No further information requested.

March 2021
The commission acknowledged the report providing evidence of
• Changes in response to COVID-19. No further information requested.

June 2020
The commission acknowledged the report providing evidence of
• The proposed plan in response to COVID-19. No further information requested.

March 2020
Program Change: Change in class size (105 to 125, incremental increases through May 1, 2023). The commission does not approve the increase in maximum class size.

The commission accepted the report addressing 4th edition
• Standards C2.01b-f, modified Self-Study Report (provided evidence of a self-study report that documents b) results of critical analysis from the ongoing self-assessment, c) faculty evaluation of the curricular and administrative aspects of the program, d) modifications that occurred as a result of self-assessment, e) self-identified program strengths and areas in need of improvement and f) plans for addressing areas needing improvement). No further information requested.

September 2018
The commission accepted the report addressing 4th edition
• Standard A3.17f (provided evidence the program publishes and makes readily available to students upon admission policies and procedures for deceleration),
• Standard C4.01 (provided evidence the program defines, maintains and documents effective processes for the initial and ongoing evaluation of all sites and preceptors used for supervised clinical practice experiences to ensure that sites and preceptors meet program expectations for learning outcomes and performance evaluation measures) and
• Standard C4.02 (provided evidence the program documents that each clinical site provides the student access to patient populations necessary to fulfill program expectations of the clinical experience). No further information requested.

June 2018
The commission acknowledged the report providing evidence of
• The program updated its website. No further information requested.

March 2018
Accreditation-Continued; Next Comprehensive Evaluation: March 2028. The program’s maximum class size remains 105 (56 at the main campus in Glenside, PA and 49 at the distant campus in Newark, DE). Report due April 30, 2018
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- Update statement of accreditation status on website.
  Due May 15, 2018 (Standards, 4th edition) -
  - **Standard A3.17f** (lacked evidence the program publishes and makes readily available to students upon admission policies and procedures for deceleration),
  - **Standard C4.01** (lacked evidence the program defines, maintains and documents effective processes for the initial and ongoing evaluation of all sites and preceptors used for supervised clinical practice experiences to ensure that sites and preceptors meet program expectations for learning outcomes and performance evaluation measures) and
  - **Standard C4.02** (lacked evidence the program documents that each clinical site provides the student access to patient populations necessary to fulfill program expectations of the clinical experience).

  Due December 11, 2019 (Standards, 4th edition) -
  - **Standards C2.01b-f**, modified Self-Study Report (lacked evidence of a self-study report that documents b) results of critical analysis from the ongoing self-assessment, c) faculty evaluation of the curricular and administrative aspects of the program, d) modifications that occurred as a result of self-assessment, e) self-identified program strengths and areas in need of improvement and f) plans for addressing areas needing improvement).

*July 2017*
Program Change: Change in graduation requirements (clinical phase changed from 10 four weeks and 2 eight weeks SCPEs to 11 four-week rotations and a 4-credit clinical year course), effective August 28, 2017. The commission **acknowledged the proposed change**. No further information requested.

The program received an alert through the Program Management Portal that the number of students exceeded the maximum entering class size. The program submitted the required Exceeding Class Size report. The commission **accepted the report**. No further information requested.

*March 2014*
Program Change: Change in class size (93 to 105), effective May 22, 2014. The commission **approved the proposed change**. No further information requested.

*March 2011*
Accreditation-Continued; Next Comprehensive Evaluation: March 2018. The program is approved for up to 186 students. The commission noted zero areas of noncompliance with the Standards.

*September 2010*
Program Change: Change in class size. The commission **deferred action** as the application lacked specific data to substantiate the request. Program may resubmit its request no later than December 31, 2010.

*March 2007*
The commission **accepted the report** providing evidence of
  - CVs of associate medical director and faculty. No further information requested.
The commission **accepted the report** providing evidence of
- Documentation that all students have clinical experience in a long-term care facility. No further information requested.

**September 2006**
The commission **accepted the report** providing evidence of
- Student progress in the dual degree offering and comprehensive evaluation of student outcomes. No further information requested.

The commission **accepted the report** providing evidence of
- CVs of medical director and faculty, documentation of university support, schematics of new facility and plans to assess educational equivalency and communication at the distant campus in DE.
  Additional report (CVs of associate medical director and faculty) due January 12, 2007.

The commission **accepted the report** addressing 2nd edition
- **Standard B6.2** (provided some evidence clinical experience is provided in a long-term care setting).
  Additional report (documentation that all students have clinical experience in a long-term care facility) due January 12, 2007.

**March 2006**
Program Change: Expansion to distant campus in Christiana, DE in May 2007. The commission **acknowledged the proposed change**. Report (CVs of medical director and faculty, documentation of university support, schematics of new facility and plans to assess educational equivalency and communication) due July 14, 2006.

**September 2005**
Accreditation-Continued; Next Comprehensive Evaluation: September 2010. The program is approved for up to 115 students.
Report due July 14, 2006 (**Standards, 2nd edition**) -
- **Standard B6.2** (lacked evidence clinical experience is provided in a long-term care setting).

The commission **accepted the report** providing evidence of
- Student progress in the dual degree offering and comprehensive evaluation of student outcomes. Program reminded of report due July 15, 2006.

**March 2003**
Informational Item: Program requested two-year extension of July 2003 and 2004 deadlines. Executive director agreed to change the dates.
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September 2002
Program Change: Four changes effective with May 2003 entering class--initiating a three-year option; expanding the enrollment cap from 94 to 115 students; offering a dual degree option; and altering the name of degree awarded. The commission accepted the changes.
Reports (student progress in dual degree offering and comprehensive evaluation of student outcomes) due July 15, 2003 and 2004.

March 2002
The commission accepted the report addressing 2nd edition
- **Standard A5.3a** (provided evidence policies providing assured admission from pre-PA programs are readily available to prospective and enrolled students),
- **Standard A5.12c** (provided evidence student files include documentation of remediation and/or disciplinary actions),
- **Standards C2.2d and e** (provided evidence the self-study report includes critical analysis of d) student evaluations of individual didactic courses, clinical experiences, and faculty and e) and timely surveys of graduates evaluating curriculum and program effectiveness) and
- **Standard C4.1b** (provided evidence the self-study report documents outcome data analysis). No further information requested.

September – December 2001
Accreditation-Continued; Next Comprehensive Evaluation: September 2005. The program is approved for up to 94 students.
Report due February 1, 2002 (*Standards*, 2nd edition) -
- **Standard A5.3a** (lacked evidence policies providing assured admission from pre-PA programs are readily available to prospective and enrolled students),
- **Standard A5.12c** (lacked evidence student files include documentation of remediation and/or disciplinary actions),
- **Standards C2.2d and e** (lacked evidence the self-study report includes critical analysis of d) student evaluations of individual didactic courses, clinical experiences, and faculty and e) and timely surveys of graduates evaluating curriculum and program effectiveness) and
- **Standard C4.1b** (lacked evidence the self-study report documents outcome data analysis).

March 2001
Name Change: Effective July 16, 2001, Beaver College will become Arcadia University.

NOTE: The ARC-PA commission action information available begins in March 2001. Information from initial accreditation in 1996 by CAAHEP is not available.