

# Postgraduate Accreditation Process

## Initial Accreditation

Eligibility/Candidacy form.  
Informs ARC-PA of institution's intent to apply for accreditation.

Placement on PA Subcommittee agenda.  
Application sent to program.

Program submits Initial PA Accreditation Application.  
Includes information related to how program will be compliant with the standards, curricular design and plan for self-assessment.

Virtual Site Visit (1.5 days)  
Virtual review of facilities, documents, interviews with key individuals associated with the program.  
The program is provided the opportunity to respond to observations made by the site visit team in writing.

Program reviewed by PA Subcommittee.  
\* If accepted, the program is awarded initial accreditation  
\* If not accepted, program must repeat process.

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## Continued Accreditation Process

Programs awarded initial accreditation will be placed on subcommission agenda three (3) years after initial review.

### Continued Accreditation Application & Self Study Report.

Application identifies any change the program made since its initial review related to the standards.

Self Study Report documents the program's self-assessment process.

### Virtual Site Visit (1.5 days)

Focus on self-study (SSR), discussions with institutional officials, program educators and trainees.

Program is provided the opportunity to respond to observations by the site visit team in writing.

### Program reviewed by PA Subcommission.

Subcommission decides on Continued Accreditation (with or without citations) or another Accreditation Action.

\* If awarded Continued Accreditation, the program will be required to undergo accreditation review in 7 years, and every 7 years thereafter.