Postgraduate Accreditation Process

Provisional Accreditation

Applicant Program Information Form

Informs ARC-PA of institution's intent to apply for accreditation.

Placement on Subcommission Agenda

ARC-PA places program on subcommission agenda identifying dates for application completion.

Application sent to program.

Program submits Initial Accreditation Applicatio

Includes information related to how program will be compliant with standards, program's curricular design and review, and plan for self-assessment

Site Visit

Limited to 1 1/2 day*

Virtual review of facilities, documents and interviews with key individuals associated with the program

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

If accepted, program is awarded provisional accreditation

Program reviewed by Subcommission

If not accepted, program must repeat process.

^{* 1} ½- 2 days site visits may be required of single institutions seeking accreditation for multiple clinical postgraduate programs.

Continued Accreditation Process

Programs awarded Initial Accreditation will be placed on subcommission agenda three years after initial subcommission review.

Continued Accreditation Application & Self Study Report

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

Self Study Report documents the program's selfassessment process

Site Visit

Limited to 11/2 day*

Focus on SSR, discussions with institutional officials, faculty & students

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

Program reviewed by Subcommission

Subcommission decides on Continued Accreditation (with or without citations), or Accreditation - Probation or Accreditation-Withdrawn.

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

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