

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Accreditation History

First accredited: July 2026

Next review: TBD

Maximum class size: 25

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Accreditation-Provisional; Program has not yet enrolled students but plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, demonstrate the probability to meet the ARC-PA *Standards*. The commission noted nine areas of noncompliance with the *Standards* and one new observation by the commission. Next Comprehensive Evaluation: TBD (Provisional Monitoring). The program is approved for a maximum class size of 25.

Report due March 26, 2027 (*Standards*, 6th edition):

- **Standard A3.11c** (lacked evidence the program publishes and makes readily available to enrolled and prospective students current program information, including the current annual “NCCPA PANCE Exam Performance Summary Report Last 5 Years” listing pass rates at each distant campus individually provided by the NCCPA through its program portal, when complete or no later than April first (4/1) of each year)
- **Standard B1.03e** (lacked evidence that for each didactic and clinical course (including required and elective rotations), the program defines and publishes for students the course learning outcomes in measurable terms that are assessed and guide student acquisition of required competencies in syllabi or an appendix to the syllabi)
- **Standard B4.01a** (lacked evidence the program conducts frequent, objective, and documented evaluations of student performance to ensure students meet the program’s learning outcomes for both didactic and supervised clinical practice experience components and that align with what is expected and taught)
- **Standard B4.01b** (lacked evidence the program conducts frequent, objective, and documented evaluations of student performance to ensure students meet the program’s learning outcomes for both didactic and supervised clinical practice experience components and that allow the program to identify and address any student deficiencies in a timely manner)

No report due (program has provided evidence of compliance comparable to U.S. certification standards):

- **Standard A2.03** (lacked evidence the program has at least three (3.0) FTE principal faculty members, of which at least two (2.0) FTE principal faculty members are PAs who are currently NCCPA certified or emeritus)
- **Standard A2.16a** (lacked evidence the supervised clinical practice experience (SCPE) instructional faculty consists of PAs who hold or have held NCCPA certification)
- **Standard A2.16b** (lacked evidence the supervised clinical practice experience (SCPE) instructional faculty consists of physicians who hold or have held board certification)
- **Standard A2.16d** (lacked evidence the supervised clinical practice experience (SCPE) instructional faculty consists of no more than 10% other clinicians who are vetted by the program as qualified)
- **Standard D1.01c** (lacked evidence that based on the qualifications outlined in the Standards, the program has at least 2.0 FTE PA-C principal faculty hired by the institution and working on a permanent basis at least 9 months prior to the first day of the scheduled site visit)

Commission observation response due March 26, 2027 (*Standards*, 6th edition):

- **Standard A1.10b** (lacked evidence the sponsoring institution ensures that clinical sites and preceptors located outside of the United States are only used for elective rotations)