September 2026

Program Expansion to Distant Campus Eligibility & Process

Accreditation-Continued

Policy 11.1 Must have maintained **two consecutive years** of accreditation-continued without an adverse action at the time of submission

E1.09a The program must obtain ARC-PA approval at least **six months prior to matriculating** students into a distant campus.

Note
Policy 11.1 A program must have outcomes from the first cohort of students at any distant campus before applying to expand to another

Contact the ARC-PA by email to begin expansion process and secure placement on a future ARC-PA agenda

ARC-PA schedules and confirms site visit (In Person)

Concurrent visit planned to the main program **if visit deemed necessary by ARC-PA**

Program develops tentative agenda using ARC-PA template

12 weeks before the site visit submit to the ARC-PA:
- ❖ Completed application
- ❖ Required Fee

The agenda is confirmed with the Site Visit Team Chair

Visit to the proposed distant campus occurs

Concurrent visit to the main program **if deemed necessary by ARC-PA**

Written Observation Report of visit provided to Program Director

Optional response to Observation Report submitted by program

Commission Reviews:
- All application materials
- Site Visit Report
- Optional response from program
- Program accreditation history

ARC-PA renders an Expansion to Distant Campus decision

Yes, Approved for Expansion

No, Not Approved Apply Again

- Programs can only apply to expand to one campus, i.e. a program cannot expand to more than one location at a time.
- A program must have outcomes from the first cohort of students at any distant campus before applying to expand to another distant campus.