

## **POLICY 303: Eligibility for Joint Initial and Joint Continuing Accreditation of Advanced Practice Providers Programs**

To be eligible for joint initial or joint continuing accreditation, the sponsoring organization and advanced practice provider program must demonstrate that they meet or continue to meet all the joint eligibility and continuing eligibility requirements of the ACEN and ARC-PA.

### **Sponsoring Organization Eligibility**

#### **A. Eligibility requirements for the sponsoring organization offering the advanced practice provider program seeking joint initial accreditation with the ACEN and ARC-PA**

- I. For advanced practice provider programs administered by a healthcare services organization, the sponsoring organization must:
  - a. be accredited or recognized by an agency recognized by the ACEN and ARC-PA before the ACEN Board of Commissioners and ARC-PA Commissioners makes its joint initial accreditation decision for the advanced practice provider program(s) seeking joint initial accreditation with the ACEN and ARC-PA; and
  - b. be legally authorized by an appropriate state agency, as applicable, to offer healthcare services.
2. The program administrator of the advanced practice provider program is responsible for immediately informing the ACEN Chief Executive Officer and ARC-PA Executive Director, in writing, of any change of status with any agency that accredits and/or authorizes/approves the sponsoring organization. The notification must occur before the ACEN Board of Commissioners and ARC-PA Commissioners make their joint initial accreditation decision.

#### **B. Continuing Eligibility requirements for the sponsoring organization offering the advanced practice provider program seeking joint continuing accreditation with the ACEN and ARC-PA**

- I. For advanced practice provider programs administered by a healthcare services organization, the sponsoring organization must:
  - a. be accredited or recognized by an agency recognized by the ACEN and ARC-PA; and
  - b. be legally authorized by an appropriate state agency, as applicable, to offer healthcare services.

2. The program administrator of the advanced practice provider program is responsible for immediately informing the ACEN Chief Executive Officer and ARC-PA Executive Director, in writing, of any change of status with any agency that accredits and/or authorizes/approves the sponsoring organization. The notification must occur before the ACEN Board of Commissioners and ARC-PA Commissioners make their joint continuing accreditation decision.

Policy 303 History

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