

## **POLICY 318: Staff Relationship to the ACEN Board of Commissioners and ARC-PA Commissioners for Advanced Practice Provider Programs**

ACEN and ARC-PA staff members are expected to advise and inform the ACEN Board of Commissioners and ARC-PA Commissioners on matters relative to an advanced practice provider program. They should offer advice or provide information at their own initiative or at the request of the Commissioners. Such advice and information do not supplant the peer review process, but rather provide additional insight in reaching an informed judgment.

### **Procedural Guidelines**

1. To maintain the strength and consistency of the process, staff members provide information and advice as appropriate when assisting the Commissioners in making a decision on the accreditation status of a program. Particularly germane is historical information on similarly situated advanced practice provider programs and procedural and substantive advice on how the advanced practice provider policies and Advanced Practice Provider Standards and Criteria have been interpreted and could be applied to a program's case, including possible action and follow-up. This information may be presented orally during the Commissioner's discussion.
2. The staff role in the deliberations is an active role. Staff members provide information and advice, which may include evidence and evidence-based professional opinions on an advanced practice provider program's patterns, progress, and suggested action.
3. The staff's role in the process will not supplant the peer review and decision process.

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