CANDIDACY IN BRIEF

The journey of program improvement and peer review begins with eligibility for Candidacy, continues with the achievement of Candidacy itself, and culminates with the initial accreditation process.

Eligibility

Eligibility affirms that a nursing program and its governing organization meet all ACEN requirements to be granted initial accreditation.

To begin the process, programs must submit a Candidacy Eligibility Application.

Candidacy

Once the program has been deemed eligible in accordance with ACEN policies, it will submit a Candidacy Presentation covering select Standards and Criteria for review by the ACEN.

If Candidacy status is achieved, the program will be required to host a site visit for initial accreditation within two years.

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