Accreditation Decisions

All accreditation decisions are the responsibility of the Board of Trustees (BoT). While the Site Visit Team (SVT) recommends actions to the Standing Committee on Accreditation (SCA); and the SCA makes its recommendations to the BoT, only the BoT makes the final determination.

In addition, communication of the recommendations to the program must occur at each step in the process and any responses by the program to the recommendations must be included in the record, including the final acceptance (or rejection) of the BoT decisions by the program.

The following recommendations/decisions may be made:

1. Full accreditation: Seven years
2. Provisional accreditation: One to two years to correct problems noted by the Board of Trustees. Once corrected, the program continues its accreditation for the full seven years.
3. Conditional Accreditation: Program would have to correct the problem that led to conditional over one to three years. Failure to correct problems in a timely manner may lead to revocation of accreditation. Once corrected, the Board of Trustees would review and grant Full Accreditation for the duration of seven years post the original review.
4. Defer: Program is not ready to be reviewed and needs time to re-submit its application.
5. Denial or Revocation of accreditation.

To be clear, a program is accredited for seven years, regardless of it being Full, Provisional, or Conditional. Failure to correct problems leading to Provisional or Conditional may lead to further action, including revocation of accreditation.

Provisional accreditation is not public since the problems noted do not affect the quality of the education. Provisional status is not noted on our website.

Conditional accreditation is public since the problems noted do affect the quality of the education. As a result, the program must inform its candidates of the programs status as Conditional, and its status will be noted on our website.

Continuing as an ACPEinc member depends on:

1. Payment of the annual sustaining fee.
2. Completion of Maintenance of Accreditation Survey.
3. Timely completion of Substantive Change Request if indicated.