

POLICY #22
PROGRAM ACCREDITATION STATUS IN RELATION
TO STATE AND OTHER ACCREDITING AGENCY ACTIONS

1. The ACEN accredits only those nursing programs in institutions that are legally authorized under applicable state law to provide a program of education beyond the secondary level and have institutional accreditation.
2. The ACEN does not grant initial accreditation status to a nursing program when the governing organization in which the program resides:
 - a. Has been denied accreditation, been placed on probationary status or equivalent, or had its accreditation revoked by a recognized accrediting agency.
 - b. Has had its legal authority to provide postsecondary education suspended, revoked, or terminated by a state agency.
3. The ACEN may not grant continuing accreditation status to a nursing program when the governing organization is:
 - a. Subject to an adverse action by a recognized institutional accrediting agency that may result in the suspension, revocation, or termination of its accreditation.
 - b. Subject to an adverse action by a state agency that may result in the suspension, revocation, or termination of the governing organization's legal authority to provide postsecondary education.
 - c. Threatened by loss of accreditation, and due process procedures required by the action have not been completed.
 - d. Threatened by suspension, revocation, or termination by a state agency of the governing organization's legal authority to provide postsecondary education, and due process procedures required by the action have not been completed.
4. When a nursing program is being reviewed for continuing accreditation during a period when the governing organization is subject to an adverse action by an institutional accrediting agency or state agency, the Board of Commissioners will determine what action should be taken.
5. The ACEN may not grant initial or continuing accreditation status to a nursing program during a period in which the nursing education unit:
 - a. Is the subject of an adverse action by a state agency that may result in the suspension, revocation, or termination of approval.

- b. ~~Has been notified of a threatened loss of approval, and due process procedures required by the action have not been completed.~~
 - c. ~~Has been denied approval, placed on public probationary status or equivalent, or had its approval revoked by a state agency.~~
 - d. ~~Had its legal authority to provide nursing education suspended, revoked, or terminated by a state agency.~~
6. ~~When a nursing program is being reviewed for initial or continuing accreditation status during a period when the nursing education unit is subject to an adverse action by a state agency, the Board of Commissioners will determine what action should be taken. See ACEN Policy #19.~~
7. ~~If the ACEN grants initial or continuing accreditation to a nursing program notwithstanding the actions of a recognized institutional accrediting agency or a state agency, the ACEN will provide within 30 calendar days of the decision an explanation to the Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education as to why it granted accreditation and why the action of the other agency does not preclude the ACEN's granting of accreditation.~~
8. If the ACEN is notified that the **accreditation status of the** governing organization of an ACEN-accredited nursing program **has received an adverse action or been placed on probationary status or equivalent** **was changed** by a recognized **its** institutional accrediting agency **or state agency**, the ACEN will promptly review the program to determine what action should be taken. See ACEN Policy #19.
9. **If the ACEN is notified that the approval status of the governing organization of an ACEN-accredited nursing program was changed by a state agency, the ACEN will promptly review the program to determine what action should be taken. See ACEN Policy #19.**
10. If the ACEN is notified that **the status** an ACEN-accredited nursing program **has received an adverse action or been placed on probationary status or equivalent** **was changed** by a state agency, the ACEN will promptly review the program to determine what action should be taken. See ACEN Policy #19.

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