

**POLICY 204:**

**Types of Commission Actions for Initial and Continuing Accreditation for Transition-to-Practice Programs**

A transition-to-practice program is considered for initial or continuing accreditation by the ACEN Board of Commissioners when it demonstrates compliance with the Transition-to-Practice Standards and Criteria.

**INITIAL ACCREDITATION**

Granted

Initial accreditation of a transition-to-practice program is granted when the transition-to-practice program demonstrates compliance with all Accreditation Standards. Next review shall be in four years.

Granted With Contingency

Initial accreditation with contingency of a transition-to-practice program is granted when the ACEN Board of Commissioners finds a transition-to-practice program demonstrates compliance with all but one Accreditation Standard. Next review shall be a review of written documentation regarding the Accreditation Standard with which the program has been found non-compliant within one calendar year.

1. If the written documentation is accepted the next comprehensive review shall be in three years.
2. If the written documentation is not accepted the accreditation is denied. This is an appealable action.

Denied

Initial accreditation of a transition-to-practice program is denied when the ACEN Board of Commissioners finds a program does not demonstrate compliance with two or more Accreditation Standards. This is an appealable action.

The transition-to-practice program may restart the Candidacy process at any time after the denial of initial accreditation.

**CONTINUING ACCREDITATION**

Granted

Continuing accreditation of a transition-to-practice program is granted when the ACEN Board of Commissioners finds a transition-to-practice program demonstrates compliance with all Accreditation Standards. Next review shall be in four years.

Granted With Contingency

Continuing accreditation with contingency of a transition-to-practice program is granted when the ACEN Board of Commissioners finds a transition-to-practice program demonstrates compliance with all but one or two Accreditation Standards. Next review shall be a review of

written documentation regarding the Accreditation Standard(s) with which the program has been found non-compliant within one calendar year.

1. If the written documentation is accepted, the next comprehensive review shall be in three years.
2. If the written documentation is not accepted, the next review shall be a review of written documentation regarding the Accreditation Standard(s) with which the program has been found to be in continued non-compliance within one calendar year.

Upon review of the written documentation:

- a. If the written documentation is accepted, the next comprehensive review shall be in two years.
- b. If the written documentation is not accepted by the ACEN Board of Commissioners, accreditation is denied. This is an appealable action.

#### Denied

Continuing accreditation of a transition-to-practice program is denied when the ACEN Board of Commissioners finds a program does not demonstrate compliance with three or more Accreditation Standards. A transition-to-practice program denied continuing accreditation will be removed from the list of ACEN accredited transition-to-practice programs. Denial of continuing accreditation is an appealable action.

The transition-to-practice program may start the Candidacy process at any time after the denial of continuing accreditation and removal from the list of accredited transition-to-practice programs.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

##### **1. Initial Accreditation**

- a. Upon granting initial accreditation by the ACEN Board of Commissioners, the effective date of initial accreditation is the date on which the transition-to-practice program was approved by the ACEN as a Candidate program that concluded in the ACEN Board of Commissioners granting initial accreditation.
- b. Upon denying initial accreditation by the ACEN Board of Commissioners, the effective date of denying initial accreditation will be the date on the Board of Commissioners decision letter.

##### **2. Continuing Accreditation**

- a. Upon granting continuing accreditation by the ACEN Board of Commissioners, the effective date of granting continuing accreditation will be the date on the Board of Commissioners decision letter.
- b. Upon denying continuing accreditation by the ACEN Board of Commissioners, the effective date of denying continuing accreditation will be the date on the Board of Commissioners decision letter.

Policy 204 History

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