

POLICY 206

DELAY/ADVANCEMENT OF CONTINUING ACCREDITATION VISIT FOR TRANSITION-TO-PRACTICE PROGRAMS

The nurse administrator may formally request a delay or **rescheduling** **advancement** of a visit for continuing accreditation. The ACEN Chief Executive Officer makes the decision to grant or deny the request based on the reason(s) provided. **Denial of a delay or advancement of a site visit for continuing accreditation is not appealable.**

The ACEN Chief Executive Officer may also initiate the delay or advancement of a site visit for continuing accreditation.

Delay of a Site Visit for Continuing Accreditation

The timeframe considered for a visit delay is up to six months. Delays are granted only when circumstances beyond the control of the transition-to-practice program occur; typically, these involve a major disruption (e.g., natural disaster, catastrophic fire) that interrupts the transition-to-practice program for current nurse residents. A change in the nurse administrator or implementation of a substantive change are not considered beyond the control of the transition-to-practice program.

Delays are not granted to transition-to-practice programs:

1. Already granted a delay.
2. With a current status of accreditation with contingency
3. Having outstanding written documentation requested by the ACEN¹.
4. Due for review following the granting of initial accreditation by the ACEN.

¹If a transition-to-practice program does not submit the written documentation by the date requested, the transition-to-practice program will be presented for action to the ACEN Board of Commissioners at the next ACEN Board of Commissioners' meeting. **The ACEN will deem as a voluntary withdrawal from accreditation any refusal or failure of an accredited program to submit to a required Follow-Up Report. See ACEN Policy #207 Voluntary Withdrawal from ACEN Accreditation of a Transition-to-Practice Program.**

A transition-to-practice program that is granted a delay will be returned to its original visit schedule for the next accreditation visit.

Advancement of a Site Visit for Continuing Accreditation

Advancements are granted when circumstances facilitate the review of two or more transition-to-practice programs offered by a sponsoring organization. For the transition-to-practice (s) seeking advancement, the request for an advancement must be made no later than 18 months prior to the next comprehensive continuing accreditation site visit for the transition-to-practice program(s) that the transition-to-practice program(s) seeking advancement desires to synchronize with. A transition-to-practice program that is granted an advancement of a comprehensive continuing accreditation site visit will not be returned to its original

comprehensive continuing accreditation site visit cycle; instead, the comprehensive continuing accreditation site visit cycle for the advanced transition-to-practice program will be reset per ACEN Policy #204 Types of Commission Actions for Initial and Continuing Accreditation.

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