

At the June 2009, meeting of the ACPE Board of Directors, the Board approved the following changes to the process for applying for precandidate accreditation status for a new Doctor of Pharmacy program:

1. First-time submissions of new applications will **only** be accepted in the spring of a given year, approximately 18 months prior to the planned matriculation of the first students into a new program. The initial draft application (three copies) and the application fee are due by **January 15<sup>th</sup>**, and the final version (15 copies plus a single PDF version) is due by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**, in order to be considered by the Board at a June meeting. If authorized, an on-site evaluation will be conducted in the fall, and the report from the review would go to the Board for consideration at the following January Board meeting.
2. The application fee for new programs is now **\$25,000**. This includes coverage of the cost of an on-site staff consultation, which should occur between the time of initial submission of the application and the June meeting of the Board.
3. Additional guidance regarding the application process is provided in the ACPE Guidelines for Seeking Precandidate Accreditation Status, which is available on the ACPE web site ([www.acpe-accredit.org](http://www.acpe-accredit.org)) or by contacting the ACPE office (312-664-3575). Questions regarding the application process or requirements for a new program should be directed to the Director of Professional Degree Program Accreditation at ACPE.