

Review Type

Comprehensive Review: The customary cycle of review for established accredited programs is eight years, when a comprehensive on-site evaluation visit is conducted. The customary review cycle for new programs achieving initial accreditation status is two years, also with a comprehensive on-site evaluation visit conducted.

Focused Review: Focused on-site evaluation visits are authorized when the Board requires additional on-site monitoring to evaluate various programmatic issues.

Interim Review: Programs may also be reviewed for purposes of accreditation in a cycle of less than eight years at the discretion of ACPE. Shorter review cycles are designed to monitor progress on specified issues and do not represent a diminished accreditation status. Such early reviews may be based upon a written report of progress from the institution or an on-site evaluation.

Substantive Change Review: ACPE's definition of substantive change includes, but is not limited to: any change in the established mission or goals of the institution; the addition or deletion of courses, pathways or programs that represent a significant departure in either content or method of delivery from those that were offered during the program's previous accreditation cycle (e.g., a non-traditional doctor of pharmacy program or development of a joint delivery of program agreement); a substantial change in enrollment; a substantial change in the number of clock or credit hours required for successful completion of the program; a significant change in the length of the program; the establishment of an additional geographic location at which the program is offered; and any other changes that the dean feels require notification to ACPE.