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FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS

Setting the standard for postgraduate training

Navigating Accreditation: Expert Tips from a Site Visitor Panel

Accreditation Defined

External, independent review of a health care training program against nationally-accepted standards and its own policies, procedures, processes and outcomes (AAAH)

- ◆ Peer-reviewed, voluntary program evaluation
- ◆ Practice-based determination of adherence to National Standards
- ◆ Public recognition of excellence
- ◆ National acknowledgement of quality



A Site Visit Story

- ◆ Operationally well-maintained program with a superstar director. Entire program depends on this director.
- ◆ Solid support from leadership to staff
- ◆ Met every accreditation standard with some recommendations
- ◆ Beneath the surface:
 - Program director planned to move on to a different position. Organization is working on succession plan.
 - Site visit reveals director silently struggling to keep up with workload + lack of leadership development → structural issue that would not change regardless of who is director.

Benefits of Accreditation



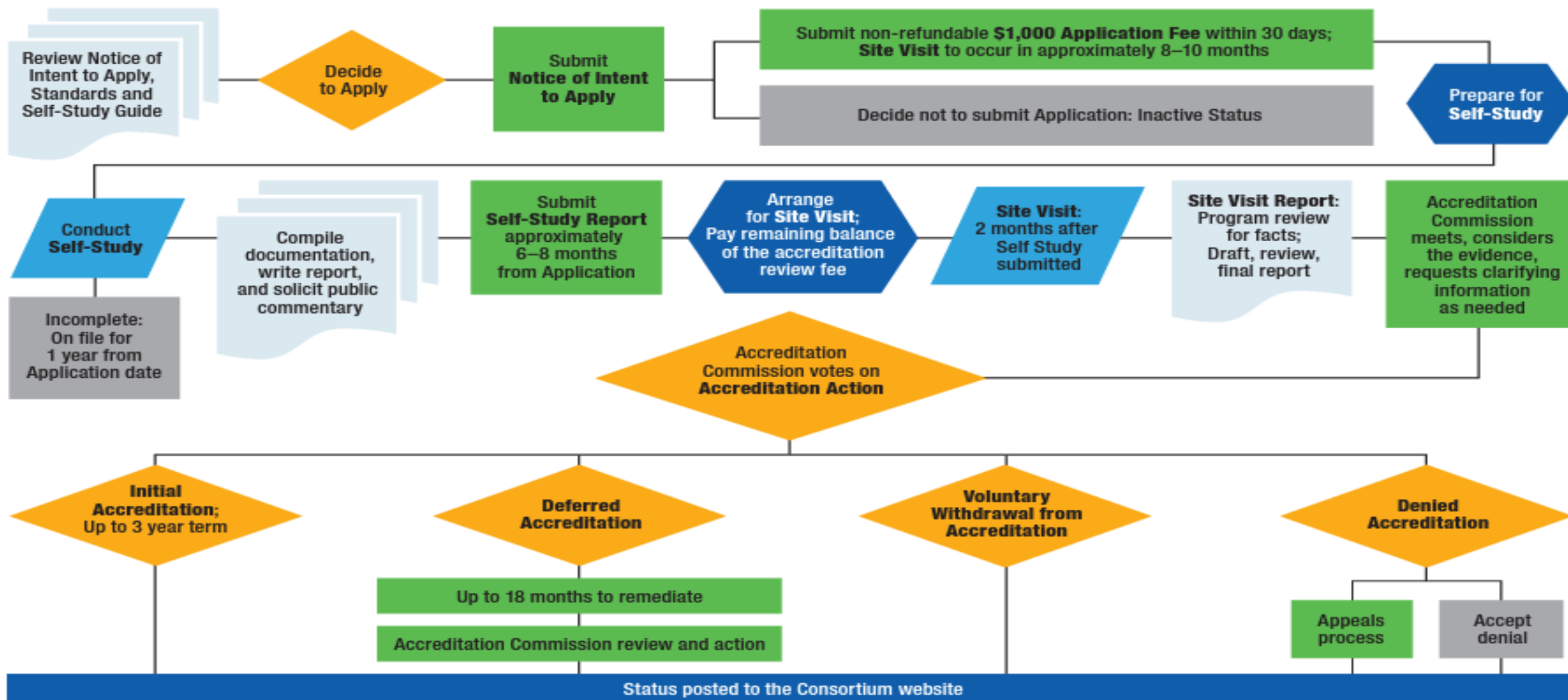
Consortium Standards Driving Excellence in Program Design

- Standard 1: Mission, Goals, Objectives
- Standard 2: Curriculum
- Standard 3: Evaluation
- Standard 4: Program Eligibility
- Standard 5: Administration
- Standard 6: Operations
- Standard 7: Staff
- Standard 8: Postgraduate Trainee Services





Initial Accreditation Process



Consortium Accreditation Sample Timeline

General Timeframe, Application to Decision (10-12 months)

- ◆ Intent to Apply
- ◆ Application
- ◆ Self Study: internal program evaluation
- ◆ 1.5 day On-site Visit: external program evaluation (completed by 2 trained site visitor peers (educator, administrator, clinician))
- ◆ Site Visit Report: reviewed by program, submitted to Accreditation Commission for accreditation consideration
- ◆ Decision: Accredited, Deferral, or Denial of Accreditation
- ◆ Posted to Consortium website
- ◆ Annual and Interim Reports

Extensive technical support available throughout the process

Consortium Accreditation Costs

Total Cost: \$11,000

- ◆ \$1,000 non-refundable application fee
- ◆ \$10,000 Initial accreditation review fee: due prior to the site visit
(discounted fee schedule for Federal Programs)
- ◆ For programs with multiple tracks:
 - \$11,000 plus \$6,500 for second track, \$2,500 for each additional track
(possible additional travel costs)

Site Visit Story

- ◆ Site visitor identified:
 - a need for increasing FTE for program leadership
 - Increasing faculty and leadership development
- ◆ Organization followed the recommendations
- ◆ Annual report at 1 year:
 - director stayed and program continues to thrive
 - Strong faculty development leading to an abundance of available preceptors
- ◆ Accreditation dives below the surface & can help established programs thrive & become sustainable

Accreditation Anchors Program Development & Sustainability





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