



2021 SCHEDULE OF ACCREDITATION FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

All fees are in U.S. Funds

INTERNATIONAL CANDIDACY FEE

Candidacy is the beginning process for an international nursing program seeking accreditation with the ACEN.

Fee for Each International Nursing Program _____ **\$ 3,500.00**

A one-time fee per international program, after the submission of the required Application. The Candidacy Eligibility Application will not be processed until the fee is paid. The fee covers the entire candidacy mentoring program and the entire candidacy period.

Consultation Visit Fee _____ **\$ 1,000.00**

International nursing education programs determined to be eligible for International Candidacy will be scheduled for a mandatory onsite consultation visit. Programs are billed for any expenses incurred prior to the visit (e.g., visa processing, flights, etc.) and then billed for any remaining expenses after the visit. International programs should expect two (2) ACEN representatives. The total number of days for the visit will be determined by the ACEN Staff.

per representative, per day, plus all direct expenses related to visit*

INTERNATIONAL INITIAL ACCREDITATION FEES

Initial accreditation is the first review process for an international candidate nursing program seeking accreditation with the ACEN.

Initial Accreditation Fees

Charged only when service is performed.

Initial Accreditation Fee _____ **\$ 3,500.00**

A one-time fee per international program, charged after the submission of the required [Information Form](#).

Site Visit Fee (per peer evaluator, per day) _____ **\$ 1,000.00**

Charged upon approval and scheduling of the initial accreditation site visit. International programs should expect a minimum of three (3) peer evaluators (additional peer evaluators may be needed depending on the complexity of the nursing program). The total number of days for the visit will be determined by the ACEN Staff.

plus all direct expenses related to the visit*

Accreditation Fee

Prorated, as appropriate, based on date initial accreditation is granted.

Accreditation Fee for First/Only Nursing Program (within the same nursing education unit) _____ **\$ 3,000.00**

= x% of \$3,000 for that calendar year only.

Fee for Each Additional Program (within the same nursing education unit) _____ **\$ 1,250.00**

= x% of \$1,250 for that calendar year only.

* Refundable business class fares; ACEN will book flights for all representatives/peer evaluators.



INTERNATIONAL CONTINUING ACCREDITATION FEES

Once an international program has been granted initial accreditation, continuing accreditation is the cyclical review process for an accredited nursing program to maintain accreditation with the ACEN.

Accreditation Fee

Accreditation Fee for First/Only International Nursing Program (within the same nursing education unit) _____ Charged on an annual basis for first/only international program.	\$ 3,000.00 per calendar year
Fee for Each Additional Program (within the same nursing education unit) _____ Charged on an annual basis for each additional program.	\$ 1,250.00 per calendar year

Periodic Fees

Continuing Accreditation Review Fee _____ A one-time fee per international program, charged one (1) year in advance of the continuing accreditation site visit.	\$ 3,500.00
Site Visit Fee (per peer evaluator, per day) _____ Charged upon approval and scheduling of the continuing accreditation site visit. International programs should expect a minimum of three (3) peer evaluators (additional peer evaluators may be needed depending on the complexity of the nursing program. The total number of days per visit is determined by the ACEN Staff.	\$ 1,000.00 plus all direct expenses related to the visit*

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY REVIEW FEE

An Advisory Review is an **optional** service for an ACEN-accredited program to receive feedback from an ACEN professional staff member regarding draft accreditation documents as the program prepares for continuing accreditation. **Charged only if and when a service is performed.** Not applicable to all programs.

Advisory Review Fee (video/tele-conference) _____ Fee for each additional program (within the same nursing education unit) _____	\$ 1,500.00 \$ 750.00 plus all direct expenses
Advisory Review Fee ♦ (on site) _____ Fee for each additional program (within the same nursing education unit) _____	\$ 4,000.00 \$ 750.00 plus all direct expenses related to the visit*

* Refundable business class fares; ACEN will book flights for all representatives/peer evaluators.

♦ Fees include the assigned professional staff member's preparation time required to necessitate the Advisory Review. Fees do not include travel expenses (e.g., travel, food, lodging, etc.), which will be invoiced separately. The total number of days per visit is determined by the ACEN Staff.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE FEES

Additional service fees which may be incurred during initial accreditation or continuing accreditation processes. **Charged only if and when a service is performed.** Not applicable to all international programs.

Focused Visit Fee _____ **\$ 3,500.00**
 A focused visit is a site visit authorized by the ACEN Board of Commissioners to review significant accreditation-related information disclosed about an internationally accredited nursing program as a result of one (1) or more program changes.* plus all direct expenses related to visit*

Follow-Up Visit
 A follow-up visit is a site visit authorized by the ACEN Board of Commissioners to review an internationally accredited nursing program when the program is granted one of the following: (a) Continuing Accreditation with Warning, (b) Continuing Accreditation for Good Cause, and in selected cases (c) Continuing Accreditation with Conditions.

Continuing Accreditation Review Fee _____ **\$ 3,500.00**
 A one-time fee per international program, charged in advance of the follow-up visit; invoice date TBA.

Site Visit Fee (per peer evaluator per day) _____ **\$ 1,000.00**
 The total number of days for the visit will be determined by the ACEN Staff. plus all direct expenses related to the visit*

Reprocessing/Rescheduling Site Visit Fee _____ **\$ 1,500.00**
 Fee is charged for rescheduling any already scheduled site visit – initial accreditation visit, continuing accreditation visit, focused visit, or follow-up visit.

Appeal Fee
 The Appeal Fee applies only to an international program denied initial accreditation or continuing accreditation by the ACEN Board of Commissioners and the program chooses to appeal the Board's decision.

Notice of Intent to Appeal Fee (per program) _____ **\$ 10,000.00**
Appeal Process Fee (per program) _____ **\$ 20,000.00**
Administrative Appeal Fee _____ **\$ 5,000.00**

Binding Arbitration Fee
 The Binding Arbitration Fee applies only to an international program denied initial accreditation or continuing accreditation by the ACEN Board of Commissioners that have been fully and finally determined by a written decision of the Appeal Committee and the program chooses to appeal the Board's decision.

Binding Arbitration Fee (per program) _____ **\$ 35,000.00**

* Refundable business class fares; ACEN will book flights for all representatives/peer evaluators.

* (a) A substantive change; (b) Information revealed about a program between periods of scheduled review; (c) Information received from the governing organization's accrediting body related to an adverse action; (d) Information received from the program's state regulatory agency for nursing related to a change in its status; (e) Information revealed by a program during the Evaluation Review Panel process; (f) Information received from the U.S. Department of Education regarding a program's compliance responsibilities under Title IV of the Higher Education Act such as information related to a program's most recent student loan default rates, the results of financial or compliance audits, program reviews, and any other information that may be provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

Payment of fees to the ACEN is an obligation for recognition as a candidate program. Payment of fees to the ACEN is an obligation for recognition as an accredited program.

The ACEN invoices programs for all review processes and an annual accreditation fee. If a candidate or accredited program withdraws from a review process, the program is responsible for any expenses the ACEN incurred related to the review process.



Per Policy #7 Voluntary Withdrawal from ACEN Accreditation, the ACEN will deem as a voluntary withdrawal from accreditation any refusal or failure of an accredited program to pay its fees and expenses when due.

Membership with another organization (i.e. NLN, OADN, etc.) is NOT required to be accredited by the ACEN.