**ILLUSTRATION OF COST WITH TIMELINE**

For one nursing program within the same nursing education unit*

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### STEP 1: CANDIDACY

A nursing program seeks Candidacy in October 2016. The program pays the one-time **CANDIDACY FEE** after eligibility has been confirmed through the submission of the required **CANDIDACY ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION**. The fee covers the entire candidacy mentoring program and the entire candidacy period. Upon approval of the **CANDIDACY PRESENTATION** the program is granted Candidacy and is now able to seek initial accreditation within two (2) calendar years of being granted Candidacy (e.g., 10/17/16 to 10/17/18).

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### STEP 2: INITIAL ACCREDITATION

The candidate nursing program seeks initial accreditation, pays the one-time **INITIAL ACCREDITATION FEE** after submission of the required **INFORMATION FORM**. The Information Form is submitted by the required due date for a fall 2017 site visit.

- **The program hosts the initial accreditation site visit in fall 2017, which is composed of three (3) peer evaluators and scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (peers arrive Monday; depart Thursday).**

- **The ACEN Board of Commissioners grants initial accreditation for five (5) years at its March, 2018 meeting. The newly accredited program pays its first accreditation fee, which is billed in about mid-April.**

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### STEP 3: CONTINUING ACCREDITATION

The accredited nursing program pays its annual **ACCREDITATION FEE**, which covers January 1st to December 31st of each year.

- **2019 (Billed in summer 2018 and due by October 1, 2018 for 1/1/19 to 12/31/19)**
- **2020 (Billed in summer 2019 and due by October 1, 2019 for 1/1/20 to 12/31/20)**
- **2021 (Billed in summer 2020 and due by October 1, 2020 for 1/1/21 to 12/31/21)**
- **2022 (Billed in summer 2021 and due by October 1, 2021 for 1/1/22 to 12/31/22)**
- **2023 (Billed in summer 2022 and due by October 1, 2022 for 1/1/23 to 12/31/23)**

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2024 (Billed in summer 2023 and due by October 1, 2023 for 1/1/24 to 12/31/24) $2,875.00*
2025 (Billed in summer 2024 and due by October 1, 2024 for 1/1/25 to 12/31/25) $2,875.00*
2026 (Billed in summer 2025 and due by October 1, 2025 for 1/1/26 to 12/31/26) $2,875.00*
2027 (Billed in summer 2026 and due by October 1, 2026 for 1/1/27 to 12/31/27) $2,875.00*
2028 (Billed in summer 2027 and due by October 1, 2027 for 1/1/28 to 12/31/28) $2,875.00*
2029 (Billed in summer 2028 and due by October 1, 2028 for 1/1/29 to 12/31/29) $2,875.00*
2030 (Billed in summer 2029 and due by October 1, 2029 for 1/1/30 to 12/31/30) $2,875.00*
2031 (Billed in summer 2030 and due by October 1, 2030 for 1/1/31 to 12/31/31) $2,875.00*

*Based on 2018 Fee Schedule; Fee Schedule is subject to change.

Annual fee schedule available by August 1st each year. For example, 8/1/2018 for 2019.
Please note that this illustration is to be used as an example only and does not necessarily reflect exact timelines for your program to achieve Candidacy or Initial Accreditation.

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STEP 3: CONTINUING ACCREDITATION

...repeats with the accredited nursing program undergoing the cyclical continuing accreditation process every eight (8) years.