

ILLUSTRATION OF COST WITH TIMELINE

For one nursing program within the same nursing education unit*

STEP 1: CANDIDACY

A nursing program seeks Candidacy in October 2019. 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., 10/17/19 to 10/17/21).

\$2,500.00*

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 2020 site visit.

\$1,000.00*

The program hosts the initial accreditation site visit in fall 2020, which is composed of three (3) peer evaluators and scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (peers arrive Monday; depart Thursday).

\$7,425.00*
(3x \$825/peer evaluator per day)

The ACEN Board of Commissioners grants initial accreditation for five (5) years at its March, 2021 meeting. The newly accredited program pays its first accreditation fee, which is billed in about mid-April.

\$2,395.83*
(Mar 2021 - Dec 2021)

STEP 3: CONTINUING ACCREDITATION

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

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)
2024 (Billed in summer 2023 and due by October 1, 2023 for 1/1/24 to 12/31/24)
2025 (Billed in summer 2024 and due by October 1, 2024 for 1/1/25 to 12/31/25)
2026 (Billed in summer 2025 and due by October 1, 2025 for 1/1/26 to 12/31/26)

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The accredited nursing program seeks continuing accreditation, pays the one-time **CONTINUING ACCREDITATION FEE** which is billed one (1) year in advance of the site visit (e.g. Fall 2026 visit is billed in summer 2025). The **INFORMATION FORM** is submitted by the required due date for a fall 2026 site visit.

\$1,000.00*

The program hosts the continuing accreditation site visit in fall 2026, which is composed of three (3) peer evaluators and scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (peers arrive Monday; depart Thursday).

\$7,425.00*
(3x \$825/peer evaluator
per day)

The ACEN Board of Commissioners grants continuing accreditation for eight (8) years at its March, 2027 meeting.

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

2027 (Billed in summer 2026 and due by October 1, 2026 for 1/1/27 to 12/31/27)
 2028 (Billed in summer 2027 and due by October 1, 2027 for 1/1/28 to 12/31/28)
 2029 (Billed in summer 2028 and due by October 1, 2028 for 1/1/29 to 12/31/29)
 2030 (Billed in summer 2029 and due by October 1, 2029 for 1/1/30 to 12/31/30)
 2031 (Billed in summer 2030 and due by October 1, 2030 for 1/1/31 to 12/31/31)
 2032 (Billed in summer 2031 and due by October 1, 2031 for 1/1/32 to 12/31/32)
 2033 (Billed in summer 2032 and due by October 1, 2032 for 1/1/33 to 12/31/33)
 2034 (Billed in summer 2033 and due by October 1, 2033 for 1/1/34 to 12/31/34)

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STEP 3: CONTINUING ACCREDITATION

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

*Based on 2020 Fee Schedule; Fee Schedule is subject to change.

Annual fee schedule available by August 1st each year. For example, 8/1/2021 for 2022.

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. For more information, please visit www.acenursing.org or call the ACEN offices at +1 (404) 975-5000