

POLICY #8

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIRD-PARTY COMMENTS ON NURSING PROGRAMS SCHEDULED FOR INITIAL OR CONTINUING ACCREDITATION

As part of ongoing efforts to make the accreditation process responsive to a broad range of constituents, the ACEN invites third-party comments on nursing programs being reviewed for initial or continuing accreditation. The ACEN welcomes comments from interested individuals from the nursing community, students, and graduates as well as the public.

The Commission expects a sincere and thoughtful attempt by nursing programs undergoing initial or continuing accreditation to identify their constituents and invite comments on the program. The ACEN requires nursing programs to publish basic information about the visit in appropriate outlets (e.g., nursing program newsletter, governing organization publications, program website, local newspapers, local radio stations, and postings at clinical agencies used by the program). Guidelines for the solicitation of third-party comments will be provided to the nursing program.

During the accreditation site visit, a time is to be set aside for the peer evaluators on the site visit team to meet with interested members of the public. In addition, the constituents may submit comments in writing to the ACEN to be shared with the peer evaluators.

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