

International Agency for Chiropractic Evaluation



Guiding principles for the IACE Standards and procedures revalidation process

Mission: The IACE exists to advance the availability of high quality vertebral subluxation-centered service to people.

In performing a revalidation study the Commission should ask itself if the processes used by IACE are consistent with the mission of IACE and the following basic accreditation tenets.

- Affirm that the mission of member programs is consistent with that of the IACE.
- The academic outcomes reflect student achievement, knowledge and competence consistent with the institution's mission, goals, objectives, and contexts.
- Evaluate educational quality in an unbiased manner
- Assure that institutions and programs provide clear, accessible information to the public about student achievement that is pertinent to their communities of interest.

Integrity of process:

- Maintain autonomy and integrity in governance and operations through appropriate relationships, practices and avoidance of conflict of interest.
- Create, document and implement policies, and procedures to ensure fair and consistent application standards and objective decision making that includes attention to due process, confidentiality, and expedient response to appeals and complaints.
- Develop, review and revise standards and accreditation procedures with the participation of communities of interest.

- Maintain sufficient resources for effective operations, while ensuring efficient and cost-effective accreditation processes for institutions and programs.
- Cooperate with other accrediting organizations wherever appropriate to avoid conflicting standards and to minimize duplication of effort by member institutions.
- Provide thoughtful analyses to assist institutions and programs in developing their own approaches and solutions, making a clear distinction between accreditation requirements and suggestions for improvement.
- Provide accurate, clear, and timely information to communities of interest about accreditation standards and procedures and the accreditation status of institutions and programs.
- Maintain a thorough and effective orientation, training, and professional development program for all accreditation personnel.
- Ensure that site evaluation teams have the appropriate expertise and experience for each specific review.
- Include periodic self-evaluations of the accreditation process that incorporate input from accredited institutions and programs.

Respects institutional autonomy:

- Encourage institutional independence and academic freedom.
- Promote the rights of institutions and programs to determine: missions and goals; educational and assessment methodologies; scholarship, research, policies, curriculum, and staffing.
- Encourage innovation.