

5-Step Accreditation Roadmap

Getting accredited takes approximately 12-16 months. The process begins with your application, an orientation visit, and a self-study. After completing these steps, we guide you through the remainder of the process.



Self-Study

During the self-study period, you receive our standards and tools and work through the materials independently, with access to a support coordinator, webinars, and ongoing support as needed.



Pre-Site Meeting

Before our visit, the review team holds a conference call to go over the self-study findings and prepare a Pre-Site Report for you. Our support coordinators will then help you get ready for on-site interviews and answer any questions you may have.



On-Site Visit

The visit lasts between 2 to 5 days and is conducted in person. During this time, we interview your team, review relevant documents, and observe programs to gain a comprehensive understanding of your organization.



On-Site Report

While on-site, reviewers will compile a report on your practices and programs, which we will send to you within 10 business days. This report highlights your strengths and identifies areas for improvement in accordance with best practice and CAC standards.



Accreditation Panel

An independent panel determines the accreditation award you receive. Successful organizations can achieve an accreditation award for a term of up to four years and enjoy the benefits of their new status



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