



2008 Standards & Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Surgical Assisting

Timeline for Standards Compliance

Purpose: To provide CAAHEP, ARC/STSA* site visitors and Surgical Assisting Programs the appropriate timeline for implementation of revised SA Standards as approved.

Implementation:

<i>Program Accreditation Status</i>	<i>Implementation Date</i>
<u>New Applications</u> Initial applications received <i>on or after</i> August 1, 2008.	<i>August 1, 2008</i>
<u>Current Applications</u> Initial applications received <i>before</i> August 1, 2008.	<i>Same as Currently Accredited</i>

Currently Accredited Programs

Accredited programs must meet or exceed all *Standards* on **August 1, 2008** except as follows:

- **Standard I A 1** Institutional Accreditation *August 1, 2010*
Mandatory demonstration of institutional accreditation (national or regional).
- **Standard III C** Resources – Curriculum *August 1, 2010*
Mandatory demonstration of compliance with Core Curriculum for SA, 2nd Ed.
- **Standard IV B** Student Evaluation – Outcomes Assessment *August 1, 2009*
 - Implement outcomes assessment beginning with academic year 8/1/09 – 7/31/10
 - Core Indicators = Graduate Satisfaction, Employer Satisfaction, retention, placement and program assessment examination (= CFA or CSA exam)
 - Program initial annual reporting of outcomes will begin with the 2011 Annual Report

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