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Accreditation Review Council On Education
In Surgical Technology And Surgical Assisting

2027 Changes to the Continuing Accreditation Comprehensive Review



Commission on Accreditation
of Allied Health Education Programs

CAAHEP definition of a comprehensive program review (Policy 206):

A comprehensive review is a quality assurance evaluation of a program's compliance with the Standards. A comprehensive review includes the submission of a self-study and a general site visit.



New Criteria for Continuing Accreditation Site Evaluations effective for programs due for a site evaluation visit in 2027

Beginning 2027, ARC/STSA will be initiating a self-study for all continuing accreditation reviews to meet the updated CAAHEP definition.



Notification process for site evaluations due in 2027

- Programs due for a visit in 2027, will be contacted by ARC/STSA staff by **July 1, 2026**.
 - Scheduling link
 - Procedure document and timeline
 - Continuing Accreditation Self-Study document
- Tentative evaluation schedule will be developed by ARC/STSA staff.



Notification process for site evaluations due in 2027

- Programs will receive a follow up email in September 2026.
 - Due date for SS
 - Tentative Site Visit dates
- Programs will receive further information regarding the site visit once it is confirmed 12 weeks prior to the visit.

****Continuing Site Evaluations with Self Studies will begin April 2027**





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Questions?

Contact info@arcstsa.org

Thank you!

