



CCNE Forum on Accreditation Standards

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CCNE Standards: Understanding the Revision Process

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SCOPE OF OPERATION

CCNE currently accredits 1,692 nursing programs at 786 institutions.

Education programs

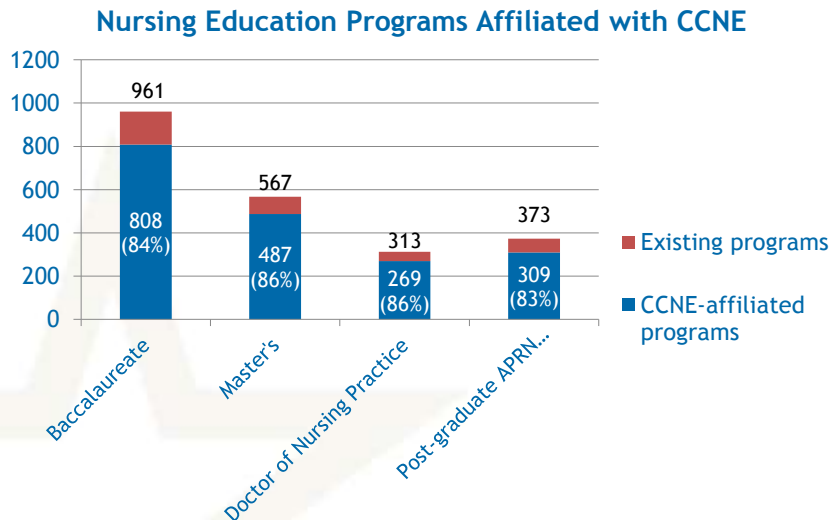
- 755 baccalaureate degree nursing programs
- 478 master's degree nursing programs
- 264 Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs
- 168 post-graduate APRN certificate programs

Residency programs

- 27 entry-to-practice nurse residency programs

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CCNE BY THE NUMBERS



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SCOPE OF OPERATION

New applicant status is currently held by 78 nursing education programs (53 baccalaureate, 9 master's, 5 DNP, and 5 post-graduate APRN certificate programs)

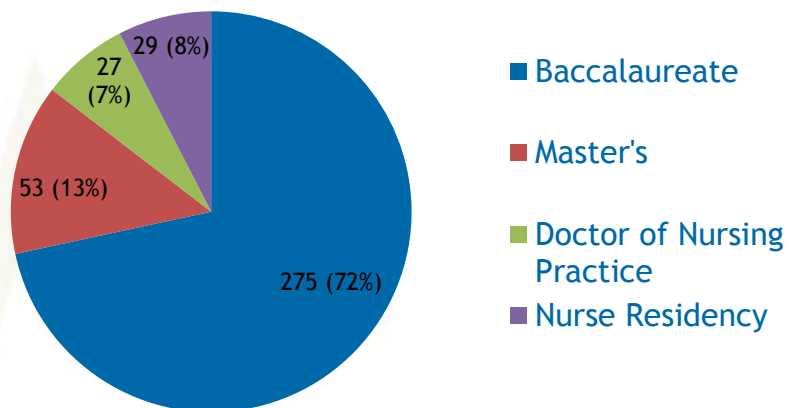
CCNE will conduct

- 75 on-site evaluations in Spring 2018
- 95 on-site evaluations in Fall 2018
- 78 on-site evaluations in Spring 2019

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CCNE BY THE NUMBERS

CCNE New Applicant Programs Since 2010



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CHARGE OF THE CCNE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

What?

- To design and implement a process to review the standards, key elements, elaboration statements, supporting documentation, and the glossary

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Who?

Appointed by the CCNE Board Chair

- Includes representation from
 - Institutional and program officials
 - Faculty
 - Practice
 - Public

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CCNE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2017

- Debra C. Davis, PhD, RN, Co-Chair
- Jane C. Voglewede, JD, Co-Chair
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- Nancy O. DeBasio, PhD, RN, FAAN
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- Christine M. Pacini, PhD, RN
- Susan D. Ruppert, PhD, FNP-C, ANP-BC, FCCM, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN
- William Michael Scott, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP
- Pamela B. Simmons, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC

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CURRENT CCNE STANDARDS

- Were adopted by the CCNE Board in 2013
- Went into effect January 1, 2014

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WHY A STANDARDS REVIEW?

Why?

- CCNE policy requires that the standards must undergo a formal review every five years or sooner
- U.S. Department of Education requirements for accreditors
- Response to the community of interest
- Changes in the nursing profession
- Changes to pertinent documents
 - Revised *Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Education Programs* (NTF, 2016)
- Continuous quality improvement

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PERIODIC REVIEW

How?

Focus is on practical, manageable, and consistent review

Major features:

- Notification/Solicitation of comments - constituents and others
 - Call for comment twice
- Broad-based surveys
- Periodic review
- Propose changes for consideration to the Board

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STANDARDS REVISION TIMELINE

When?

- CCNE anticipates a 12-18 month process for the review and revision of the accreditation standards.
- CCNE expects that the CCNE Board will approve the proposed standards by mid-2018.
- In the past, CCNE has provided programs with advance notice (about 6 months) before new standards go into effect.

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WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?

- Call for comments on current standards (2017)
- Survey results/data have been considered
- Key issues identified
- Big picture before details
- Determining whether changes are warranted
- Discussions with other health professions accreditors

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WHAT CHANGES CAN PROGRAMS EXPECT?

- Structure/organization
- Address key issues
- Clarification/simplification
- Unbundling/streamlining
- USDE requirements

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OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Before adopting any substantive changes to the standards:

- The systematic review of the standards ensures the opportunity for all interested parties to provide input.
- CCNE will provide notice to its constituents and other interested parties of the proposed changes.
- Constituents will be given at least 21 days to comment on the proposed revisions.
- Any comments submitted by constituents in a timely manner will be considered before the final action is taken with respect to the standards.

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WHAT CCNE WILL WANT TO KNOW FROM YOU...

When providing comments, think about:

- What you like about the proposed revisions?
- Do you support the proposed language?
- Are there any gaps? Is anything missing?
- What, if anything, needs to be clarified?
- What, if anything, needs to be improved? How could it be improved?
- Are there any inconsistencies?

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR PROGRAMS?

- If hosting a CCNE on-site evaluation in Spring 2018, or Fall 2018, the program will address the 2013 (current) Standards.
- If submitting a Continuous Improvement Progress Report (CIPR) or other type of report to CCNE during 2018, the program will address the 2013 (current) Standards.
- It's likely that revised standards will go into effect on January 1, 2019 and will apply to all programs hosting 2019 evaluations or submitting CIPRs in 2019.
- The effective date will depend, in part, on when the Board approves the standards and how substantive the changes are.

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FORMALIZING REVISIONS

- The CCNE Board will consider the Standards Committee's recommendations
- The CCNE Board is the final decision-making authority

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WHAT ASSISTANCE WILL CCNE OFFER PROGRAMS?

- Workshops on writing self-studies
- Webinars for program officials and faculty
- Evaluator retraining/retooling
- Forums at conferences
- Notices announcing implementation
- Consultation with staff

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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

To access the 2013 CCNE *Standards*:

<http://www.aacnnursing.org/Portals/42/CCNE/PDF/Standards-Amended-2013.pdf?ver=2017-06-28-141019-360>

Send comments regarding the standards to:
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