

Plan of Implementation for the Redeveloped Institutional Standards of Accreditation and Commission Procedures

Guidelines for Implementation

The redeveloped institutional standards and Commission procedures should be implemented in a way that provides sufficient time for institutions to adjust to the redeveloped standards. The plan of implementation provides for an interim period during which both the existing and redeveloped standards will be in force, allows schools time to address fully the redeveloped standards, and moves the Association toward functioning with a single set of standards as soon as possible.

July 1, 2010–June 1, 2011

1. Member schools receiving a comprehensive accreditation visit between July 1, 2010, and June 1, 2011, may choose either the current institutional standards or the redeveloped institutional standards as the criteria by which they would prefer to be evaluated. The current Standard 10, “Multiple Locations and Distance Education,” and the Degree Program Standards will remain in effect through June 2012. It is the responsibility of the school to inform Commission staff in writing of its preference.
2. Petitions for new degree programs, substantive changes in existing degree programs, or new extension sites submitted to the Commission on Accrediting for consideration beginning with the February 2011 meeting of the Board of Commissioners shall be based on the Commission Procedures adopted during the June 2010 Biennial Meeting.

After June 2, 2011

1. After June 2, 2011, all decisions of the Board of Commissioners will be based on the redeveloped institutional standards adopted at the June 2010 Biennial Meeting.
2. All institutional self-study reports and all accreditation-related visits conducted after June 2, 2011, must be based on the redeveloped institutional standards of accreditation.
3. However, schools receiving a comprehensive visit during the fall 2011 semester that have completed their institutional self-study reports prior to June 2, 2011, based on the pre-2010 Biennial Meeting institutional standards are expected to prepare an addendum to their self-studies that addresses the new accreditation standards on technology introduced in the 2010 redeveloped institutional standards. (See, for example, Standard 2, section 2.10, of the standard on integrity and Standard 9, section 9.8, of the standard on resources.)
4. The redeveloped Degree Program Standards, which will be voted on at the June 2012 Biennial Meeting, will be accompanied by a similar Plan of Implementation.