



COMMISSION ON COLLEGIATE INTERPRETER EDUCATION

ACCREDITATION

PURPOSE OF ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is a system for recognizing educational institutions and professional programs for a level of performance, integrity, and quality that entitles them to the confidence of the educational community and the public audiences served. In the United States, unlike in most other countries, this recognition is extended primarily through nongovernmental, voluntary institutional or professional associations.

Accreditation serves a number of important functions, including encouraging maximum educational effectiveness. In brief, the goal of the accreditation process is for a program to objectively evaluate its educational activities, resources, and outcomes and for the accrediting body to then provide external, independent opinion to validate the program’s findings.

PROCESS AND TIME-LINE FOR ACCREDITATION

The process has four (4) main parts:

1. A directed self-study assessing the program’s success in achieving its stated mission;
2. Submission of a self-study report for peer review;
3. An onsite evaluation by peers; and
4. A judgment by the accreditation commission that the program has earned or been denied

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>RESPONSE FROM CCIE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Application	March 1	June 1	\$500	CCIE will advise a program that their application has been received, is complete, and that the program has achieved candidacy status
SSR Process begins	June 1 – begin the year-long SSR process		\$2,000	The program begins the self-study process. The Operations Manager of CCIE will be available to the program throughout the year to answer questions

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SSR Submitted	June 1 of the next calendar year	September 1	\$2,000	<p>The CCIE receives the SSR and forwards it to a team of reviewers. They determine whether the program is in substantial compliance with the National Standards and advise CCIE. CCIE informs the program of their decision to continue the process to a site visit or to ask for additional information in the SSR.</p> <p>If a site visit is recommended, it must be scheduled during the academic term following notification and must occur during that academic year.*</p>
Site Visit	*see above		\$3,000 plus expenses for the site-visit team (approximately \$3,000)	A team of reviewers will visit the program to complete the review process. They will submit a report of their findings to the CCIE
CCIE Decision on accreditation		60 days after receipt of the site-visit report		