

**Update notes for
Accreditation Process, Policies, and Procedures (AP3), fourth edition
November 2017**

At the COA Fall Meeting (November 16, 2017), the Committee on Accreditation (COA) approved the following policy adjustment to *Accreditation Process, Policies, and Procedures (AP3)*, fourth edition.

Section I.4.3(b) Accreditation actions: Inserted the following after the last sentence of the first paragraph: “Accreditation actions are based on the following:

- To grant Precandidacy status: Precandidacy application that meets all requirements as detailed in this document.
- To grant Candidacy status: Candidacy application that meets all requirements as detailed in this document and all the reports the program submitted since it was granted Precandidacy status.
- To grant Continued or Conditional status: Self-Study, External Review Panel Report, Program Response to External Review Panel Report (if submitted), all the reports the program submitted to the COA since the last comprehensive review, and the meeting with COA to close the comprehensive or progress review.
- To Withdraw accreditation:
 - If Withdrawal follows a comprehensive or progress review - Self-Study, External Review Panel Report, Program Response to External Review Report (if submitted), all the reports the program submitted to the COA since the last comprehensive review, and the meeting with COA to close the comprehensive or progress review.
 - If Withdrawal does not follow a comprehensive or progress review (see also AP3 I.14): All the reports the program submitted to the COA since the last comprehensive review.”

Rationale: Describe more fully in the published process on what accreditation decisions are based.