ACPE PharmD Program Accreditation Consulting

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What to have ready

This is the list we would ask for first, each item tied to what ACPE publishes.

- The current text of ACPE Standards 2025, effective July 1, 2025 (ACPE, PharmD Program Accreditation [https://www.acpe-accredit.org/program/pharmd-program-accreditation/]).
- ACPE's Crosswalk of Standards 2016 to 2025 and 2025 Rubric V1.0 (ACPE, PharmD Program Accreditation [https://www.acpe-accredit.org/program/pharmd-program-accreditation/], page opened October 3, 2026).
- A status target: Precandidate (no students enrolled) or Candidate (students enrolled, no graduating class) (ACPE, PharmD Resources and Tools [https://www.acpe-accredit.org/pharmd-program-accreditation-new-program/], page opened October 3, 2026).
- A planned first matriculation date, counted back about 18 months to the application (ACPE, Application Resources [https://www.acpe-accredit.org/pharmd-application-resources/]).
- A production plan that meets January 15 for the initial draft application (three hard copies) and fee, and April 1 for the final version (six copies plus a single PDF on a flash drive) (ACPE, Application Resources [https://www.acpe-accredit.org/pharmd-application-resources/], page opened October 3, 2026). ACPE accepts first-time applications only in the spring, about 18 months before the planned first matriculation. The page we read shows no date and describes hard-copy and flash-drive submission, so check the current submission format and cycle dates with ACPE before building the plan.
- Time set aside in the fall for an on-site evaluation if ACPE authorizes one, followed by Board consideration of the report at the next January meeting (ACPE, Application Resources [https://www.acpe-accredit.org/pharmd-application-resources/], page opened October 3, 2026).
- A record of your school's early consultation with ACPE staff, which ACPE's application page advises before an initial application (ACPE, Application Resources [https://www.acpe-accredit.org/pharmd-application-resources/], page opened October 3, 2026).
- A budget for the 2026 New School Application Fee, the on-site visit fee and the Annual Sustaining Fee (ACPE, 2026 Fees [https://www.acpe-accredit.org/wp-content/uploads/CSFees2026.pdf]).
- For an existing program, a calendar keyed to the customary eight-year comprehensive evaluation (ACPE, 2026 Fees [https://www.acpe-accredit.org/wp-content/uploads/CSFees2026.pdf]).