# ARC-PA Physician Assistant Program Accreditation Consulting

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## What to have ready

This is the list we would ask for first. Each item ties to ARC-PA's published text.

- One identified sponsor. ARC-PA's Developing Programs page calls for a single institution to be named as the program's sponsor (ARC-PA, Developing Programs [https://www.arc-pa.org/entry-level-program/developing-programs/], page opened October 3, 2026).
- Evidence of the sponsor's good standing with a regional accreditor and of that accreditor's approval to confer a graduate degree on the program's graduates (ARC-PA, Developing Programs [https://www.arc-pa.org/entry-level-program/developing-programs/], page opened October 3, 2026).
- Evidence that the sponsor is legally authorized to offer post-secondary education (ARC-PA, Developing Programs [https://www.arc-pa.org/entry-level-program/developing-programs/], page opened October 3, 2026).
- A first-class enrollment date set after a provisional decision, since ARC-PA advises against enrolling students before provisional accreditation is granted. The same page says a program in this position must tell inquirers and applicants in writing that it is not yet accredited (ARC-PA, Developing Programs [https://www.arc-pa.org/entry-level-program/developing-programs/], page opened October 3, 2026).
- Program plans and resource commitments detailed enough to show how the program would meet the Standards once carried out as planned (ARC-PA, Accreditation Types and Review Cycle [https://www.arc-pa.org/entry-level-program/entry-level-accreditation-types-and-review-cycle/], page opened October 3, 2026).
- Signed agreements with every institution involved in academic or clinical education, per Standard A1.01 of the Sixth Edition (ARC-PA Standards, 6th ed. [https://www.arc-pa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Standards-6e-10-03-25-Pub-10-09-25.pdf]).
- A clinical site plan that covers the emergency department, inpatient, outpatient and operating room settings named in Standard B3.04 (ARC-PA Standards, 6th ed. [https://www.arc-pa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Standards-6e-10-03-25-Pub-10-09-25.pdf]).
- The current Standards file with its 10/03/25 change notification, so your crosswalk reflects the revised C1.02 and the rescinded C1.03 (ARC-PA Standards, 6th ed. [https://www.arc-pa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Standards-6e-10-03-25-Pub-10-09-25.pdf]).
- A budget for ARC-PA's published fees, starting with the $2,000 eligibility fee and the $65,000 provisional application fee (ARC-PA, Fees [https://www.arc-pa.org/entry-level-program/entry-level-accreditation-fees/], page opened October 3, 2026). Verify current fees with ARC-PA.
- Room in the plan for the wait after a commission meeting, since ARC-PA says it usually communicates its actions to programs four to six weeks later (ARC-PA, Developing Programs [https://www.arc-pa.org/entry-level-program/developing-programs/], page opened October 3, 2026).