CAAHEP EMS and Paramedic Program Accreditation Consulting

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What to have ready

- Your copy of the CAAHEP EMS Standards and Guidelines, the edition approved March 17, 2023 and effective January 1, 2024 (CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines [https://www.caahep.org/program-directors/standards-and-guidelines]).
- Proof that your program director attended the CoAEMSP Fundamentals of Accreditation Workshop in the 15 months before the LoR application is submitted (CoAEMSP FAQ [https://coaemsp.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/FAQ-LoR-Process-2026.06.pdf]).
- A target date for the LoR application, with the two-year limit for achieving the LoR counted from application or fee submission (CoAEMSP FAQ [https://coaemsp.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/FAQ-LoR-Process-2026.06.pdf]).
- A first-cohort start date set after the expected LoR, since students who finish ahead of it lose NREMT exam eligibility (CoAEMSP FAQ [https://coaemsp.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/FAQ-LoR-Process-2026.06.pdf]).
- An ISSR plan: it is due six months after the first class enrolled after the LoR graduates, and the CoAEMSP Letter of Review page says an evaluation fee and a flat site visit fee go with it (CoAEMSP Letter of Review [https://coaemsp.org/letter-of-review/]).
- A Self-Study Report outline, the second stage in CAAHEP's process; CAAHEP lists the RAS first but says it is submitted after the self-study report (CAAHEP Accreditation Process [https://www.caahep.org/program-directors/accreditation-process]).
- A plan to file the RAS form within 30 days after the self-study report is submitted (CAAHEP Accreditation Process [https://www.caahep.org/program-directors/accreditation-process]).
- Staff and site availability for the CoA site visit, and time to prepare the program's answer to the visit findings (CAAHEP Accreditation Process [https://www.caahep.org/program-directors/accreditation-process]).
- A budget line for CAAHEP's Accredited Program Fee and, from July 1, 2027, the RAS fee (CAAHEP Governing Documents [https://www.caahep.org/about/governing-documents]).
- If you are an accredited paramedic program adding AEMT, a note of the abbreviated LoR route (CoAEMSP FAQ [https://coaemsp.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/FAQ-LoR-Process-2026.06.pdf]).