CAAHEP Surgical, Anesthesia and Perfusion Program Accreditation Consulting

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What to have ready

This is the list we would ask for first. Each item ties to CAAHEP's published text or your profession's standards.

- The current Standards and Guidelines for your profession, at the version shown in the table above (CAAHEP, Standards and Guidelines [https://www.caahep.org/program-directors/standards-and-guidelines]).
- Records showing your sponsor fits one of the sponsor categories in your profession's standards, such as institutional accreditation recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or healthcare accreditation recognized by HHS (CAAHEP Surgical Technology Standards [https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/5f466098572bfe97f28d59df/67a10dcfea191396b6f4012f_STStandardsApproved6-15-23_Update1-16-25.pdf]; confirm in your own profession's standards).
- Proof of your sponsor's institutional accreditation and its legal authority to offer the program, which CAAHEP checks through the RAS (CAAHEP, Accreditation Process [https://www.caahep.org/program-directors/accreditation-process]).
- The self-study template your CoA issues for your discipline (CAAHEP, Accreditation Process [https://www.caahep.org/program-directors/accreditation-process]).
- A calendar entry to file the RAS form online through the CAAHEP website within 30 days after the self-study goes to the CoA (CAAHEP, Accreditation Process [https://www.caahep.org/program-directors/accreditation-process]).
- A description of the graduate's role that matches your profession's standards; the perfusion standards, for example, center it on running the heart-lung machine as part of an open-heart surgical team (Perfusion Standards [https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/5f466098572bfe97f28d59df/67a10d12761446f1db5dd263_PEStandardsApproved11-15-19_update1-16-25.pdf]).
- A site visit plan that works whether the visit is on-site, virtual or hybrid (CAAHEP, Accreditation Process [https://www.caahep.org/program-directors/accreditation-process]).
- A timeline that allows 12 to 24 months after self-study submission and lines up with the CAAHEP Board's six meetings a year (CAAHEP, Program Director FAQs [https://www.caahep.org/program-directors/program-director-faqs]; CAAHEP, Accreditation Process [https://www.caahep.org/program-directors/accreditation-process]).
- A budget for CAAHEP's annual per-program fee and the separate CoA program fee (CAAHEP, Governing Documents & Fees [https://www.caahep.org/about/governing-documents]).