

ACEN Accreditation Timeline: Practical Nursing Program

Timeline	Action Steps
January 2026	Review ACEN eligibility criteria and standards; designate project lead; register for ACEN orientation workshop.
February 2026	Conduct gap analysis; align curriculum with ACEN standards.
March 2026	Submit Candidacy Eligibility Application (CEA) to ACEN.
April 2026	Await response from ACEN on eligibility; begin Candidacy Presentation.
May – June 2026	Submit Candidacy Presentation; continue internal improvements.
July – September 2026	Receive Candidacy status; begin preparing for Self-Study Report.
October 2026 – January 2027	Develop Self-Study Report (SSR); faculty development; collect cohort data.
February – March 2027	Submit request for site visit; finalize and submit SSR.
April – June 2027	Host ACEN site visit; prepare documentation and interviews.
July – September 2027	Receive site visit report; submit follow-up report if needed; ERP reviews.
October – December 2027	ACEN Board decision on accreditation; receive Initial Accreditation if approved.