

Initial EHAC Accreditation Process for Degree Programs

STEP 1.

Contact the EHAC Office with exploratory accreditation questions - 206-522-5272 or executive.director@nehspac.org.
EHAC Website: www.nehspac.org

Items to consider PRIOR to Step 1: Contacting the EHAC Office

1. EHAC Policy requires that at least one student must graduate from the Degree Program in question PRIOR to application for accreditation.
2. Use EHAC's Accreditation Readiness Questionnaire to compare your degree program to EHAC Undergraduate Requirements - the Table 2 Course Comparison Spreadsheet is helpful in identifying the status of your degree program related to EHAC Requirements.

Has the Degree Program graduated a student(s)?

No

Yes

Pre-accreditation Option -

This option is available for degree programs that may not currently meet requirements but may be able to meet requirements for accreditation within two years of this designation. The application process for pre-accreditation involves the steps outlined below. (Refer to EHAC UG Requirements (Art. V) for more information - www.nehspac.org)

Step 2.

Readiness Questionnaire and Table 2 have been reviewed and completed and you determine that you would like to move forward with developing a new or revising an existing degree program to meet EHAC criteria, an EHAC Mentor will be assigned. Together, you and your EHAC Mentor will review your degree program curriculum and your Mentor will provide guidance during the application process. (Note: Mentor guidance does not ensure accreditation approval by the EHAC Council. See mentorship flow chart.)

Degree Program is Ready to Submit their Application for Initial Accreditation

Step 3.

EHAC Mentor presents degree program to the EHAC Vice Chair for Undergraduate Programs for consideration. If the degree program is deemed sufficiently prepared to apply for accreditation, the EHAC Office will invite the degree program to submit their Application for Initial Accreditation and associated application fee.

Note: Applications for Accreditation are only received once a year on October 1.

Step 4.

Degree program submits Application for Initial Accreditation and fee by October 1.

Step 5.

Degree program submits a detailed Self-study by December 1.

Step 6.

EHAC Council Members conduct a Site Visit between January and April and submit a draft Site Visit Report for review and comment by degree program.

Step 7.

EHAC Council reviews degree program's accreditation application and makes an accreditation decision at their July Annual Council Meeting.