



Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

CAAHEP Fees

Frequently Asked Questions

CAAHEP policy regarding fees assessed to Accredited Programs is published in [CAAHEP Policies and Procedures](#) in Section 701.D., and the current fee schedule is on the CAAHEP website under About Us/Governing Documents.

Accredited Program Fee

1. When was the Accredited Program fee changed?

In March 2024, the CAAHEP Board of Directors, after careful consideration and review, approved a revision of Policy 701. This draft included a ten percent increase in Program Accreditation Fees beginning in 2026. Comments were invited on the draft policy revision during April 2024 via the CAAHEP website, and the Audit and Finance Committee and Board of Directors diligently reviewed and considered all comments received, ensuring a transparent and inclusive decision-making process.

The final approved revision of the Program Accreditation fee policy supports CAAHEP's role as an independent organization whose *mission is to advance quality health professions education*. The fee increases are planned to keep pace with the average rate of US inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), thereby ensuring the continued delivery of high-quality accreditation services.

In response to the questions received from members of CAAHEP's communities of interest during the open comment period, CAAHEP has provided the following background information about the fee policy changes.

2. Why was a rate of 10% chosen?

To ensure the continuity of our mission and operations, the board has decided on a three-year cyclical increase in the Program Accreditation Fee, aligned with average inflation rates in the United States. Over the past 20 years (2004-2024), the average Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate has been 2.4%, with a range of -0.3 % to 8% (<https://www.bls.gov/cpi/>).

3. Why was a three-year period chosen for the fee changes?

The board recognizes that institutional budgets are complex and require careful planning. To

facilitate this, the board has chosen to implement a longer cycle for changes, opting for a three-year 10% increase rather than a 3.3% increase in a single year.

4. What additional services and resources will CAAHEP provide for programs in consideration of these changes in Program Accreditation Fees?

- The CAAHEP Academy includes live and on-demand educational content.
- Expanded learning opportunities at the CAAHEP Accreditation Workshop.
- The formation of the CAAHEP Center for Accreditation Services for programs that use the CAAHEP Annual Report.
- Enhancements to the program listings and search capabilities in the *Find an Accredited Program* feature on the CAAHEP website.

5. What are the Program Accreditation Fees for 2026 and beyond?

CAAHEP Accredited Program Fee

Assessed annually in July according to the number of programs at a program sponsor location (campus), as outlined in the [CAAHEP Policies and Procedures](#), section 701.D.

Number of CAAHEP Accredited Programs at a Sponsor location	2026-2028	2029-2031
1	\$660	\$726
2	\$550	\$605
3	\$385	\$424
4	\$275	\$303
5 or more	\$220	\$242

Administrative Fees

Late Payment of Accredited Program Fee

CAAHEP assesses a \$200 administrative fee for Accredited Program Fee Invoices that are not fully paid by August 1. The administrative fee is added to the Accredited Program Fee invoice, and programs receive a notification after August 1 each year.

Request for Accreditation Services Verification Fee

Institutional sponsors request CAAHEP accreditation by submitting the Request for Accreditation Services (RAS). The RAS form collects information from the program sponsor regarding authorization of the allied health educational program.

1. What is the Request for Accreditation Services (RAS) Verification Fee?

Beginning **July 1, 2027**, CAAHEP will assess a **\$150 RAS verification fee** for each RAS submission. This fee supports the enhanced verification work needed to ensure documentation is complete, accurate, and compliant with CAAHEP Standards and policies.

2. What does “RAS verification” mean?

RAS verification refers to CAAHEP’s review and validation of the information and supporting materials provided with a RAS form. This includes steps to ensure key documentation elements are accurate and properly supported, using primary-source materials where required.

3. How will the fee revenue benefit programs?

The RAS verification fee allows CAAHEP to better serve its programs, such that CAAHEP is able to:

- Evaluate primary source information regarding the program sponsor authorization and program approval at the time of submission, reducing additional requests for resubmission or clarification.
- Improve data accuracy and record integrity.
- Prevent systemic errors (such as incorrect institutional names, sponsor classifications, or program award level) that may delay Board approval of accreditation recommendations.
- Increase operational efficiency and compliance.
- Support consistency in CAAHEP and CoA records in alignment with state agencies and institutional accreditors.
- Allow CoA more time to focus on program reviews rather than administrative record-keeping tasks.

4. How was the \$150 fee amount determined and approved?

CAAHEP set the \$150 fee level through an internal analysis that tracked the staff time and information technology resources required to perform verification for each RAS submission. The CAAHEP Audit and Finance Committee reviewed resource implications and provided a recommendation to the CAAHEP Board, which approved the fee structure in April 2026.

5. Who pays the fee?

The **fee is assessed per RAS submission** beginning **July 1, 2027**. (Program sponsors should ensure they have the appropriate internal processes to account for this assessment when submitting RAS requests.)

For more information, please visit our website, www.caahep.org/about/governing-documents, or contact us at mail@caahep.org.