

## Overview of Candidacy

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Candidacy is the first step toward NLNAC Accreditation. Nursing education units considering accreditation who contact NLNAC are assigned a member of the professional staff as their mentor after eligibility requirements have been met. The mentor service is provided to facilitate program faculty self-review and planning.

### Candidacy Status

Candidacy is granted after a staff review of a nursing education program's potential to achieve NLNAC accreditation.

- The areas of staff review are the: Faculty; Curriculum; and Resources.

Once a program has been granted Candidacy it must seek full accreditation within 2 years.

A program Candidate may indicate the following to potential students and interested members of the public:

- This nursing education program is a candidate for accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

Candidacy status does not guarantee that a program will achieve full accreditation, which is granted by the Commission after a full accreditation review including a visit by a team of trained site visitors.

### Mentor Service

The role of the NLNAC Mentor is to provide the nursing program with a specific contact person who will be available to them to address any questions about the process or the interpretation of any NLNAC requirements. The Mentor is also available to review drafts of Candidacy materials and offer advice/assistance when needed.

### Fee Schedule

The Candidacy Fee is \$2,500.00. The fee is invoiced when the program has submitted their Candidacy Information Form and been assigned a Mentor. The fee includes the mentor service and the processing of the Candidacy materials.