

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

- Core Objectives of CCNE
 - “serves the public interest by assessing and identifying programs that engage in effective educational practices”
- Recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency
- To obtain accreditation, a program must first obtain new applicant status
 - This status can be retained for up to 5 years
 - This is more of an affiliation status rather than accreditation
 - New application status documentation can be submitted at any time
- After new application status has been granted, the program has 2 years to complete a self-study document and host an on-site evaluation
- An evaluation team of peers is appointed by CCNE to review the applying program. The team creates a report and submits it to CCNE.
- The applying program is allowed to respond in written form to the evaluation report.
- The Accreditation Review Committee (ARC) reviews the self-study document, the evaluation report, and the response to the evaluation report. They provide a recommendation to CCNE
- CCNE then decides to grant or deny accreditation to the applicant program given ARC’s recommendation and other supporting documentation
 - If the applicant program is denied accreditation, they have the right to appeal the action
- CCNE will review accredited programs between on-site evaluations