



**Forensic Science Education Program Accreditation Commission  
(FEPAC)**

**Accreditation Timeline**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Fee due, if any</b>
<b>1-Mar</b>	Submission of Application for Accreditation	<b>\$1,860, non-refundable</b>
<b>1-Mar to 15-Apr</b>	Review of applications by Commission and decision on eligibility	
<b>16-April</b>	Program notified of acceptance or rejection of application; begins work on Self-Study Report	
<b>July</b>	Commission selects on-site review teams	
<b>30-Jun</b>	Program submits first version of Self-Study Report to FEPAC	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>1-Jul to 1-Aug</b>	Two Commission members review each Self-Study	
<b>1-Aug</b>	Comments from Commission review returned to Program	
<b>15-Aug</b>	Program submits final version of Self-Study Report to FEPAC	
<b>1-Aug to 15-Aug</b>	Program works with FEPAC Accreditation & Outreach Manager and Site Team leader to schedule on-site visit	
<b>15-Sep to 15-Oct</b>	On-Site Evaluation visits	<b>*US programs \$2,950 + \$1,475</b>
<b>15-Oct to 14-Nov</b>	Each Self-Study, including on-site team comments, is reviewed by two Commission members	
<b>1-Nov</b>		
<i>Accredited Programs submit Annual Report</i>		
<b>15-Nov</b>	Program receives Self-Study with evaluation team comments and Commissioner comments	
<b>1-Dec</b>		
<i>Accredited Programs submit payment for Annual Maintenance Dues</i>		<b>\$2,225 (plus an additional \$500 for each additional FEPAC accredited concentration beyond the first concentration)</b>
<b>1-Dec</b>	Start date of new Application submissions for next calendar year	
<b>1-Dec</b>	Program responds to review comments	
<b>January</b>	Commission conference call to discuss reports and vote if no additional information is required	
<b>February</b>	Commission meets at AAFS Meeting to vote on accreditation or give final approval for January votes	
<b>February (post AAFS meeting)</b>	Program receives notification of voting result – 10 days after completion of AAFS Annual Meeting	

On-Site evaluations within the contiguous US are charged \$2,950. If the program has multiple



programs or concentrations being reviewed at the same time, an additional \$1,475 per on-site evaluator will be charged if additional reviewers are required. Programs outside the contiguous US will be charged actual expenses.

Date Revised	Summary of Revisions	Approved By
March 26, 2025	Site Visit fee and additional site visit evaluator fee increased. Annual Maintenance dues for additional accredited concentrations reduced. Date changes of application reviews, notification acceptance/rejection, self-study due dates. Date change of Annual Report due date. 'Institution' changed to 'Program' throughout document.	FEPAC
July 2, 2025	Per FEPAC P&P revision 5/29/25: Application Fee increased; Annual Maintenance Dues increased.	FEPAC Commission