



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

Accreditation Timeline

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