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SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION RECOGNITION

The Forensic Education Program Accreditation Commission (FEPAC Commission) promotes academic quality through the formal accreditation of forensic science programs in the United States and Canada. The FEPAC accreditation processes and policies employ rigorous, consensus standards assuring and advancing academic quality at accredited institutions.

1. FEPAC accredits forensic science education programs that lead to a bachelor's or master's degree in forensic science, or in a natural science with a forensic science concentration. FEPAC will also accredit bachelor's or master's degree programs with a digital evidence concentration.
2. An eligible forensic science program must be located in a regionally accredited institution of higher education that requires state, province, or equivalent approval.

EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION

Should a need arise for FEPAC to expand the scope of its accreditation authorization for forensic science educational programs and other forensic disciplines, FEPAC would first determine if there is sufficient demand among laboratories and programs to support the growth of the newly recognized educational discipline. Additionally, any proposed expansion of scope will likely require development of a new set of curricular and other Standards for Accreditation.

Prior to embarking on any expansion of its scope of accreditation recognition, FEPAC will first determine if there is a sufficient number of viable candidate education programs in the specialty area with interest in FEPAC program accreditation.

Once an area of probable expansion of accreditation is identified and determined to warrant expansion of the scope of accreditation, FEPAC will begin the process of creating new associated Standards for Accreditation consistent with its *Standards Review and Revision Policy*.

Revision History

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