



*Accreditation Review Commission on Education
for the Physician Assistant, Inc.*

The policy below was changed at the September 2015 commission meeting to allow programs to request an incremental class size increase. The parts in red font are the changed areas.

10.2 Eligibility for submission of application for increase in class size

A program with the status of accreditation – probation is not eligible to request an increase in the maximum entering class size.

Programs must hold the status of accreditation-continued to be eligible to request an increase, as indicated below.

A program holding the status of accreditation – continued

- Must maintain five consecutive years of accreditation – continued status before the ARC-PA will consider a request for an increase in maximum entering class size.
- Must maintain four consecutive years of accreditation-continued status from the date of the last approved class size increase before the ARC-PA will consider a request for an increase in maximum entering class size.
- Must maintain two years of accreditation-continued status after completing the provisional pathway, without an approved incremental class size increase while holding accreditation-provisional status, before the ARC-PA will consider a request for an increase in maximum entering class size.
- Must maintain five years of accreditation-continued status after completing the provisional pathway, if the program was approved for incremental class size increases while holding accreditation provisional-status, before the ARC-PA will consider a request for an increase in maximum entering class size.

If eligible to apply for an increase, a program may request consideration for an incremental increase in maximum entering class size to span up to a four year period of entering classes. If such a request is approved by the Commission, the Commission will not consider an application to increase class size or expand to a distant campus for four years after the most recent increase, and unless the program has maintained accreditation-continued status without an adverse accreditation action throughout the entire period.