

# ACAHM Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine

**Policy Title:** Recognition of Graduates Policy

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**Related Commission Policies:** [Accreditation Procedures Policy](#); [Commission Actions Policy](#); [Notification of Change Policy](#)

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**Policy Summary:** This guidance outlines the recognition of graduates of programs that are in pursuit of Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (ACAHM or Commission) accreditation.

**A. Graduate qualification for programs seeking pre-accreditation (candidacy).**

Students in an eligible program seeking pre-accreditation shall be considered graduates of an ACAHM-pre-accredited program if they receive their degree after ACAHM pre-accreditation status is conferred, and if the program can verify that the student completed the relevant ACAHM program requirements.

**B. Graduate qualification for programs seeking initial accreditation of a new program within an institution that offers an ACAHM-accredited degree program.**

Students in an eligible program seeking initial accreditation shall be considered graduates of an ACAHM-accredited program if they receive their degree within twenty-four (24) months prior to when ACAHM accreditation status is conferred, and if the program can verify that the student completed the relevant ACAHM program requirements.

**C. Graduates of withdrawn, revoked, or terminated programs.**

Students in an ACAHM-pre-accredited program for which pre-accreditation is withdrawn, revoked, or terminated must graduate before, or in the academic term during which, pre-accreditation is withdrawn, revoked, or terminated to be recognized as graduates of an ACAHM-pre-accredited program.

Students in an ACAHM-accredited program for which accreditation is withdrawn, revoked, or terminated must graduate before, or in the academic term during which, accreditation is withdrawn, revoked, or terminated to be recognized as graduates of an ACAHM-accredited program.

**Revision History**

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