

Section E:

Fees

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Fees effective July 1, 2022. The fee schedule is reviewed annually and is subject to change.
There are no refunds allowed, except as noted.

Payments via check and postal mail must be postmarked by the due date listed. Payment via ACH is preferred.

Fees for Initial Accreditation and Reaccreditation

Interested applicant schools are required to complete the Prospective Applicant Accreditation Training prior to receiving the Part I Application. Contact amari@meacschools.org for more information. Cost of training - \$100.

Part I (due with Preliminary Application).....\$300

Part II (due with Self Evaluation Report).....see below

Base Rate for all accredited programs and institutions	\$1874
Fee per student (<i>programmatic accreditation</i>)	\$7
Fee per student (<i>institutional accreditation</i>)	\$13
Fee per student at an institution that offers <i>distance education</i>	\$8
Fee per student at a <i>degree-granting</i> institution	\$7
Fee per student in an institution that participates in <i>Title IV</i>	\$8

Part III (due 8 weeks in advance of site visit)..... see *Other Miscellaneous Fees* section for site visit fees

Annual Sustaining Fees

Sustaining fees are assessed every year, including the years in which reaccreditation fees are paid and the year initial accreditation is granted. Annual Sustaining Fees are calculated from a base fee with additional fees applied per enrolled student depending on the type of accreditation and services provided, such as degree granting and Title IV participation. The number of students used in the formula is based on the number enrolled* on December 31st of the previous calendar year. Sustaining fees are evaluated and adjusted for inflation annually.

**includes students taking a temporary leave of absence and part-time students.*

Base Rate for all accredited programs and institutions	\$3817
Fee per student (<i>programmatic accreditation</i>)	\$83
Fee per student (<i>institutional accreditation</i>)	\$141
Fee per student at an institution that offers <i>distance education</i>	\$24
Fee per student at a <i>degree-granting</i> institution	\$84
Fee per student in an institution that participates in <i>Title IV</i>	\$58

Example: An *institution* that is degree-granting and has 10 students enrolled as of December 31 of the previous year would pay **\$6067**. Note: this institution does not offer distance education or participate in Title IV programs and therefore does not have to add those fees to its calculation. The calculation looks like this:

$$\$3817 + 10(\$141) + 10(\$84) = \$ 6067$$

Annual Sustaining Fees are billed in July, cover the period of July 1, 2022 through June 31, 2023, and are due October 15, 2022 . Payment plans are available for an additional fee of \$50 per payment.

Note regarding newly preaccredited and accredited schools

Sustaining fees will be prorated for the remainder of the year that your school was initially accredited or preaccredited. For example, because sustaining fees cover one fiscal year from July 1 through June 30 each year, if your school is granted accreditation in March, you will be charged a prorated portion of sustaining fees from March through June of that year.

Note regarding Institution or Program Closure

Per MEAC policy, sustaining fees will be prorated for any institution/program closing, according to the final day the institution/program is open.

Substantive Change Fees

Change in Mission/Purpose	\$350
Change in Ownership, Legal Status or Form of Control (plus Site Visit fees)	\$1000
Changes in Curriculum:	
Addition or discontinuation of a program	\$0-1000*
<i>*Amount assessed will depend on scope and impact of change, includes addition of each direct assessment program.</i>	
Addition or discontinuation of a course or courses that results in:	
Significant departure in content.....	\$350
Significant departure in method of delivery (includes distance learning).....	\$1000
Addition of courses at a higher degree/credential level (includes change to degree granting status).....	\$1000
Change in the method for measuring student progress.....	\$500
Substantial increase or decrease in credit hours awarded	\$350
Substantial increase or decrease in length of program	\$350
Significant changes in capacity for clinical training	\$350
Change of Location.....	\$350
Addition of a New Branch Campus (plus Site Visit fees)	\$1000
Addition of an Additional Location providing at least 50% of program (plus Site Visit fees).....	\$350
Entering a contract with another institution to provide more than 25% of the program	\$1000
Acquisition of any other institution or program or location of another institution	\$1000
Addition of a permanent location or site at which a teach-out is conducted for another institution.....	\$1000
Decision to participate or cease participation in Title IV Programs	\$1000

Other Miscellaneous Fees

One-day staff consult.....	\$250
Site Visit Fees	
Full site visit.....	\$1,500 per site
visitor	
Partial site visit.....	\$1,500/day
Virtual site visit.....	\$250/day

30-Day Extension fee* \$150**

**available only for steps in the comprehensive review process*

***refund of \$100 is allowed if request for extension is denied*

Penalty for late submission of all MEAC required reports including, but not limited to Annual Reports, TRAC Reports, Monitoring Reports, accreditation process reports (Parts I-IV, e.g., SER)

 1 - 30 days late \$ 200

 31 - 60 days late \$ 500

No report may be submitted more than 60 days late. Accredited entities more than 60 days late will be subject to show cause policies.

No report may be submitted late without first exhausting extension options in advance of the due date.

No Compliance Reports will be accepted beyond the original due date. Accredited entities that do not submit Compliance Reports on time will be subject to immediate adverse action policies.

Due date means received via email or via Weave by 11:59 pm in the time zone of the institution/program’s main office as listed on the Part I application associated with their most recent initial or renewal of accreditation.

Penalty for late submission of Annual Sustaining Fees payments

 1- 30 days late \$ 200

 31 - 60 days late \$ 500

Accredited entities more than 60 days late will have their accreditation suspended for nonpayment.

Appeal Fee (plus Ad Hoc Committee Expenses) \$5000

Hearing Fee (plus Ad Hoc Committee Expenses) \$2000