

Timeline for Fall 2026 Implementation

This document should be used as a guide for planning purposes and contains guidance on timing for implementation of the most common types of proposals. Proposal-specific deadlines will be provided after the AAPI meeting.

For planning guidance on timing for other types of proposals, please call or email Kim Presson, Executive Director of Accreditation during the informal discussion phase of program planning.

Fall 2026 **NEW PROGRAM** Implementation

Requiring SACSCOC Approval

There is not an adequate window of time for Fall 2026 implementation for those that require SACSCOC approval. **Begin the process for Fall 2027 implementation now. See process below for Fall 2027 implementation now.**

Requiring SACSCOC Notification

| Track 1 |
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| EDC Meeting – August 2025 |
| AAPI Meeting – August 2025 |
| Begin Entering in Courseleaf in August |
| Cabinet Meeting – September 2025 |
| BOT Meeting – October 2025 |
| University Curriculum Committee Approval – November 2025 |
| ACHE Proposal Due – December 2025 |
| ACHE Meeting – March 2026 |
| SACSCOC Notification Due – April 2026 |
| Advising, Recruiting and Advertising begins Spring 2026 |
| Implement Fall 2026 |

Fall 2026 NEW CERTIFICATE OR CONCENTRATION Implementation

Requiring SACSCOC Approval

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Requiring SACSCOC Notification

| Track 1 | Track 2 | Track 3 |
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| EDC Meeting August 2025 | Begin Entering in Courseleaf August 2025 | Begin Entering in Courseleaf August 2025 |
| AAPI Meeting August 2025 | EDC Meeting September 2025 | EDC Meeting October 2025 |
| Begin Entering in Courseleaf August 2025 | AAPI Meeting September 2025 | AAPI Meeting October 2025 |
| Cabinet Meeting September 2025 | Cabinet Meeting October 2025 | Cabinet Meeting November 2025 |
| BOT Meeting October 2025 | University Curriculum Committee Approval December 2025 | University Curriculum Committee Approval December 2025 |
| University Curriculum Committee Approval November 2025 | BOT Meeting January 2026 | BOT Meeting January 2026 |
| ACHE Proposal Due January 2026 | ACHE Proposal Due January 2026 | ACHE Proposal Due January 2026 |
| ACHE Meeting March 2026 | ACHE Meeting March 2026 | ACHE Meeting March 2026 |
| SACSCOC Proposal Due | SACSCOC Proposal Due | SACSCOC Proposal Due |

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| April 2026 | April 2026 | April 2026 |
| Advising, Recruiting and Advertising begins Spring 2026 | Advising, Recruiting and Advertising begins Spring 2026 | Advising, Recruiting and Advertising begins Spring 2026 |
| Implement Fall 2026 | Implement Fall 2026 | Implement Fall 2026 |

Fall 2026 **NEW MINOR OR MICROCREDENTIAL** Implementation

| Track 1 | Track 2 | Track 3 |
|---|---|---|
| EDC Meeting August 2025 | EDC Meeting September 2025 | EDC Meeting October 2025 |
| AAPL Meeting August 2025 | AAPL Meeting September 2025 | AAPL Meeting October 2025 |
| Begin Entering in Courseleaf | Begin Entering in Courseleaf | Begin Entering in Courseleaf |
| Cabinet Meeting September 2025 | Cabinet Meeting October 2025 | Cabinet Meeting (Notification) November 2025 |
| BOT Meeting October 2025 | University Curriculum Committee Approval | University Curriculum Committee Approval |
| University Curriculum Committee Approval | BOT Meeting January 2026 | BOT Meeting January 2026 |
| Advising, Recruiting and Advertising begins Spring 2026 | Advising, Recruiting and Advertising begins Spring 2026 | Advising, Recruiting and Advertising begins Spring 2026 |
| Implement Fall 2026 | Implement Fall 2026 | Implement Fall 2026 |

2025-2026 Establishing a New Center or Institute

Since each center proposal and structure is different, the timeline will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

All new centers must be acknowledged at an ACHE meeting before implementation.

Before submission to ACHE, the proposal must be addressed through EDC, AAPL, Cabinet and Board

If the center will require additional resources to implement, the budget timelines and deadlines will factor into the implementation date.

If the center is part of a grant, that may add additional notification and/or approvals.

Further information can be found in **Policy I:01:18 Centers or Institutes for Research, Teaching and Service**