Timeline for Fall 2028 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 2028 NEW PROGRAM Implementation

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EDC Meeting – March or April 2026
AAPI Meeting – March or April 2026
Cabinet Meeting – May or June 2026
Begin Entering in Courseleaf – August 2026
Begin working on ACHE and SACSCOC Prospectuses – August 2026
BOT Meeting – October 2026
University Curriculum Committee Approval by February 2027
ACHE Proposal Due – March 2027
ACHE Meeting – June 2027
SACSCOC Prospectus Due – July 1, 2027
SACSCOC Approval – December 31, 2027
Financial Aid Approval January/February 2028
Advising, Recruiting and Advertising begins Spring 2028
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Fall 2028 MINOR OR MICROCREDENTIAL Implementation

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2027-2028 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, AAPI, 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**