

ACGC 2019 Fee Updates

As part of the ongoing effort to facilitate genetic counseling graduate program growth, ACGC has not increased fees for the past 4 years despite rising costs for services required to support the process of accreditation. During this time, there has been a rapid expansion in number and size of programs, necessitating increased investment in support services, volunteer coordination, and Board time dedicated to maintaining program compliance with the Standards. To continue to meet our mission of fostering excellence in education for the future of genetic counseling, ACGC is announcing an updated fee structure effective January 1, 2019.

Aligned with ACGC's continuing commitment to keep accreditation fees at manageable levels for programs, annual fees for accredited programs in good standing and site visit fees will remain the same. Rather than raising all fees, ACGC has approved new fees that reflect accreditation requests/requirements beyond the scope of those services provided as part of annual fees. The ACGC Board of Directors and Finance Committee reviewed accreditation best practices and the fees charged by accrediting agencies for comparable healthcare professions to guide the creation of this fee structure. The updated fee structure is outlined below.

Accredited Program Fees

Type of Fee	Amount	Description
Annual Maintenance of Accreditation	\$4000 Accredited	Fee to maintain accreditation, includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of annual Report of Current Status, including determination. Review of Reaccreditation Application/Self Study and Site Visit Report at the time of reaccreditation, including determination. User account on Accreditation Management Software platform for online submission and tracking of all accreditation related documents and deadlines. Routine communication/requests to ACGC throughout the year, excluding requests for: substantive change, interpretive guidance, and petition for variance. Fees associated with these requests are outlined below. *Assessed annually, due on or before June 15th
	\$4500 Accredited New Program	
	\$6000 Probationary Accreditation	
Site Visit	\$4500 < 30 students	Fee for any site visit to the program (routine or additional/special): includes costs associated with preparation for site visit, travel to/from program, preparation of documents following the visit. *Due on or before June 15th for routine and at time of invoice for additional/special
	\$6000 ≥ 30 students	
Substantive Change	\$2000	Fee for review of Substantive Change Application: includes review of application and submitted documentation, and determination *Due at the time of submission
Interpretive Guidance	\$150	Fee for request for guidance regarding one Standard: includes review of request and documentation *Due at the time of submission
Petition for Variance	\$500	Fee for request of variance for one Standard, policy or rule: includes review of request and documentation, and determination *Due at the time of submission
Late	\$500	Penalty fee for late submission: includes review of any required/requested documentation that is submitted more than 7 calendar days beyond due date *Due at the time of submission
Documentation Review	\$150	Fee for review of additional documentation that must be submitted by the program to meet special requirements set forth by the Board (e.g., non-compliance): includes review and determination. Does not apply to programs holding Probationary Accreditation. *Due at the time of submission

Developing Program Fees

Type of Fee	Amount	Description
Application for Candidacy	\$2500	<p>Fee for review of Application for Candidacy: includes review of application and submitted documentation, and determination of Candidacy status</p> <p>*Due at the time of submission</p>
Annual Maintenance of Candidacy Status	\$2000	<p>Fee to maintain active Candidacy status, includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of required/requested documentation during period of Candidacy. • User account on Accreditation Management Software platform for online submission and tracking of all accreditation related documents and deadlines. • Routine communication/requests to ACGC throughout the year, excluding requests for: substantive change, interpretive guidance regarding one or more Standards, and petition for variance for a policy, Standard, or rule. Fees associated with these three requests are outlined below. <p>*Assessed every 12 months following achievement of Candidacy Status until a final determination is rendered about the New Program Application, due on or before June 15th</p>
New Program Application	\$4500	<p>Fee to review New Program Application: includes review of application and submitted documents, and determination</p> <p>*Due at the time of submission</p>
Interpretive Guidance	\$150	<p>Fee for request for guidance regarding one Standard: includes review of request and documentation, and determination</p> <p>*Due at the time of submission</p>
Substantive Change	\$2000	<p>Fee for review of Substantive Change Application: includes review of application and submitted documentation, and determination</p> <p>*Due at the time of submission</p>
Petition for Variance	\$500	<p>Fee for request of variance for one Standard, policy or rule: includes review of request and documentation</p> <p>*Due at the time of submission</p>
Late	\$500	<p>Penalty fee for late submission: includes review of any required/requested documentation that is submitted more than 7 calendar days beyond due date</p> <p>*Due at the time of submission</p>

***The ACGC Board has sole discretion and authority in determining and assessing fees.**

