2024 Report of Current Status - New Program

Instructions



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The following survey comprises the Report of Current Status form. The deadline for submission is June 15, 2024.

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1. RCS - Variance

Q-1 Variance question

Has the Program submitted a variance since the last RCS or last self-study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

2. Section A: Administration - Sponsorship and Program Personnel and Faculty

The administration of a genetic counseling program involves collaboration between the faculty and administrative staff of the program and the graduate degree-granting institution, known as the sponsoring institution. As such, the sponsoring institution is explicitly committed to the success of the program. The program provides an environment that fosters intellectual challenge and a spirit of inquiry. Well-defined policies reflect the missions and goals of the program and sponsoring institution.

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A1 Sponsorship



A1.1

Institutional Responsibilities

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A1.1.1

The program must reside in a graduate degree-granting institution in the United States or Canada. This institution assumes primary responsibility for the program, although it can partner with other institutions that are responsible

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Q-2	
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability	
to comply with Standard A1.1.1 since the last RCS or last self-	
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?	
A1.1.2	
The mission, goals, and expected outcomes of the program are aligned with those of the sponsoring institution, reflect	
professional standards and guidelines, and consider the needs and expectations of the community of interest. Policies	
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Q-3	
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability	
to comply with Standard A1.1.2 since the last RCS or last self-	
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)? ?	
A1.1.3	
Programs must maintain affiliation agreements in accordance with institutional requirements. Affiliation agreements	
are strongly encouraged when other institutions contribute to the program.	
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Q-4	
Is the Program following the Institution's policy regarding	
affiliation and MOU (Member of Understanding) agreements	
for fieldwork placements?	

A1.1.4

Resources are allocated to support continuing professional development of the program leadership, staff and principal faculty, including the development of leadership, clinical, teaching, scholarly, and administrative skills needed



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Q-5

Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard A1.1.4 since the last RCS or last selfstudy (if accredited/reaccredited last year)??

A1.2

A1.2 Institutional Resources

A1.2.1

Financial Resources

There must be financial resources to operate the educational program in order to fulfill obligations to matriculating

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A1.2.2

Program Income

a. Tuition recovery;

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In-Kind Contributions

a. Staff/faculty;

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A1.2.4

Program Expenses

a. Salaries;

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Q-6	
Does the Program have sufficient financial resources to	
fulfill obligations to matriculating and enrolled students?	
A1.3	
A1.3 Physical and Learning Resources	
The program has physical facilities and learning resources needed to successfully operate the educational program	
and to fulfill obligations to matriculating and enrolled students.	
A1.3.1	
Facilities	
Physical facilities relate to office, classroom and/or other educational spaces that are necessary for student learning.	
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A1.3.2	
Learning Resources	
Academic resources include instructional materials, medical information and current literature, other reference	
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Q-7	
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability	
to comply with Standard A1.3 since the last RCS or last self-	
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?	
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Program Personnel and Faculty

The program staff and faculty must possess the educational and experiential qualifications to perform their assigned

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A2.1

Program Leadership

Individuals in program leadership positions are expected to have academic appointments and privileges comparable

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A2.1.1 Program leadership responsibilities include the following:

- Maintaining program compliance with the standards;
- Developing, reviewing, and revising the program's strategic plan, which may include mission, vision, goals, and/or philosophy;
- Long-term planning to ensure the program's fiscal stability;
- Communicating with the ACGC about significant staffing, administrative, financial, and/or fieldwork training changes;
- Developing, reviewing, and overseeing the program admissions process;
- Developing, implementing, and continuously evaluating the program, including all curricular requirements outlined in Section B;
- · Coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating all personnel in activities that directly relate to the program;
- Providing academic advising, as well as monitoring, evaluating, and remediating student performance;
- Maintaining and collaborating with the program advisory board and implementing appropriate recommendations.

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Q-8

Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard A2.1 since the last RCS or last self-study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

A2.2

A2.2 Program Leadership Positions

Program Director or Co-Directors

a. Programs may have no more than two (2) co-directors, and both must meet the qualifications delineated below;

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A2.2.2

Qualifications

Program directors of currently accredited programs, developing programs and programs holding Accredited New

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A2.2.3

Responsibilities

At a minimum, the program director/co-director is responsible for the following:

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Q-9

Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard A2.2 since the last RCS or last selfstudy (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

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Additional Leadership Positions

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At least one other additional program leadership position must be filled to complement the role of the program

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A2.3.1

Qualifications

Individuals fulfilling additional program leadership positions may have a complementary professional background

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A2.3.2

Responsibilities

The other program leadership positions are responsible for working in collaboration with the program director(s) to

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Q-10
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability
to comply with Standard A2.3 since the last RCS or last self-
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?
3. Section A: Administration - Program Leadership Policies
A2.4
A2.4 Program Leadership Policies
A2.4.1
Program Leadership Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Requirements
a. There is a required minimum ratio of paid FTE dedicated to program leadership per total student enrollment (full
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Q-11
What is the total program leadership FTE?
Q-12
How many total students were enrolled during the past academic year?
Q-13
How many total students were enrolled at the time of the Program's most recent accreditation or reaccreditation decision (new

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program approval or site visit)?

Compared to the most recent accreditation or reaccreditation decision (e.g., new program approval or site visit), has the Program's enrollment increased by more than 10% or 4 total students (whichever is smaller) or more since the last RCS or last self-study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

A2.4.2

Program Leadership Personnel Change Policy	
The program has a responsibility to promptly communicate to the ACGC all personnel changes involving program	
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Q-15	
Has the Program leadership changed since the last RCS or last	
self-study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?	
A2.4.3	
Interim Program Director or Co-Director	
a. During interim leadership, the program must submit quarterly reports to the ACGC that include the composition	
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Q-16

Does the Program have an interim program director or codirector?

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Program Leadership Leave of Absence

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a. A leave of absence is defined as being absent from a program leadership position for 30 or more consecutive

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Q-18

Has anyone in program leadership taken a leave of absence since the last RCS or last self study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

Q-20

Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard A2.4.4 since the last RCS or last selfstudy (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

A2.5

A2.5 Instructional Faculty/Staff

A2.5.1

Qualifications

The individuals on the instructional faculty/staff must be qualified through academic preparation and/or experience to

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A2.5.2

Requirements

The program is required to:

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A2.5.3

Responsibilities

The members of the instructional faculty/staff must establish an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. The

FINDINGS Q-21 Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard A2.5 since the last RCS or last self-

Q-22

Do you have any new primary instructional faculty/course directors to report whose information has not been previously submitted to ACGC since the last RCS or last self-study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

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Fieldwork Supervisors

A2.6.1

Qualifications

a. Current genetic counselor certification by the ABGC, the Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors (CAGC), or

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A2.6.2

Responsibilities

The fieldwork supervisors are responsible for student supervision and performance assessment in fieldwork training

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Q-23	
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability	
to comply with Standard A2.6 since the last RCS or last self-	
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?	
A2.7	
Administrative Support Staff	
At a minimum, the program must have 0.5 FTE of administrative support staff time. The personnel assigned to provide	
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Q-24	
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability	
to comply with Standard A2.7 since the last RCS or last self-	
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?	
4. Section A: Administration - Operational Policies and Procedures	
A3	
Operational Policies and Procedures	
A3.1	
A3.1 Sponsoring Institution	
A3.1.1	
The sponsoring institution is required to publish information about the program. All announcements and advertising	
must accurately reflect the program offered.	
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Q-25	
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability	
to comply with Standard A3.1 since the last RCS or last self-	
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?	
A3.2	
A3.2 Graduate Program	
A3.2.1	
Program policies apply to all students, principal faculty, staff and program leadership regardless of location, unless	
otherwise noted by institutional, state, or provincial requirements.	
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Q-26	
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability	
to comply with Standard A3.2.1 since the last RCS or last self-	
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?	
A3.2.2	
Admissions	
a. Admission of students must be made in accordance with clearly defined and published practices of the	
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Does the Program's website reflect current information as required by Standard 3.2.2?

Q-28

Please provide a link to the specific program webpage that contains corresponding information.

Accreditation status	
Mission and objectives	
Required prior education (including prerequisite courses), work, and volunteer experiences	
Required academic standards for enrollment	
Degree requirements	
Estimation of all costs (tuition, fees, etc.) related to the program	
Cumulative board examination pass rates (first-time test takers) for the three most recent classes. For new programs, the first time this posting would be expected is within one year of graduating their third class.	
Attrition rate for the past three years	
Job placement rate in a genetic counseling or related position for the past three years	

A3.2.3

Mission Statement and Objectives

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A program's mission and objectives must be consistent with both the institution's mission and with the National

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Q-29

Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard A3.2.3 since the last RCS or last selfstudy (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

A3.2.4

Student Handbook

The program must provide students with a student handbook or equivalent that contains the following information:

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FINDINGS Q-30 Does the Program provide each student with a handbook or equivalent containing the information required in Standard A3.2.4? A3.2.5 **Length of Training** All graduate programs in genetic counseling are required to provide training over a minimum of 21 months or two academic years. **FINDINGS** Q-31 Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard A3.2.5 since the last RCS or last selfstudy (if accredited/reaccredited last year)? 5. Section B: Curriculum and Instruction - Instructional Plan Section B: Curriculum and Instruction An entry-level genetic counselor must demonstrate attainment of the ACGC Practice Based Competencies (PBCs). Therefore, the program's curriculum must support the development of these competencies, which are categorized into the following domains: **Show More B1**

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B1 Instructional Plan

Instruction must follow a plan that documents and assesses appropriate learning experiences and curriculum sequence to develop the PBCs necessary for graduation. A variety of methods and materials can be used, including

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B1.3

The program is expected to work collaboratively with faculty in designing and implementing courses with appropriate learning outcomes and student assessment tools that reflect the learning outcomes expected of students.

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Q-32		
Have there been any changes to the Program's instructional		

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plan since the last RCS or last self-study (if

accredited/reaccredited last year)?

The program must demonstrate educational adequacy and equivalency of course content and/or fieldwork experiences when instruction is:

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Have there been any permanent changes to the delivery method of didactic coursework and/or fieldwork experiences as delineated in B1.4 since the last accreditation or reaccreditation decision (new program or site visit)?

B3

Fieldwork Training

B3.1

B3.1 General Description Fieldwork Training: Participatory Cases



B3.1.1

Refers to participatory encounters (cases) with a client that support the development of the PBCs. "Client" can refer to individuals seen in a clinic setting; as standardized patients; or in certain research participant encounters.

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B3.1.2

Must include a minimum of 50 required participatory cases. At least 40 of the 50 required participatory cases must be with individuals being evaluated for risk of or affected by diverse genetic conditions across the lifespan (i.e., patients;

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Q-35

Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard B3.1.1 – 3.1.2 since the last RCS or last self-study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

B3.1.3

The 50 required participatory cases described above must be supervised by an experienced ABGC/ABMGG/CAGC certified genetic counselor.



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lave there been any changes that affect the Program's ability	
o comply with Standard B3.1.3 since the last RCS or last self-	
tudy (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?	
3.1.4	
rograms must demonstrate that participatory cases and other field experiences are conducted (1) across multiple	
pecialties, including prenatal, pediatric, cancer, and other adult; (2) in a variety of diverse settings that may include	
linical, laboratory, research, industry, and/or other environments; and (3) using more than one service delivery mo	ode,
uch as telephone, group, in-person, and/or telemedicine.	
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Q-37	
lave there been any changes that affect the Program's ability	
o comply with Standard B3.1.4 since the last RCS or last self-	
tudy (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?	
Section B: Curriculum and Instruction - Participatory Encounters	
33.1.5	
rograms must provide sufficient opportunities such that students are prepared to practice in each of the main	
pecialties and settings. All participatory encounters (not just the minimum 50 required participatory cases) must b	e
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Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard B3.1.5 since the last RCS or last selfstudy (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

Q-39

Please complete the table below for the Program's most recent graduating cohort of students with respect to all participatory encounters (not just the 50 minimum required cases). Include a unique student identifier and the number of encounters per area of practice for each student. It is not necessary to have cases in each of the three below main categories.

	Clinical			Standardized				Research				
Student ID	Peds	Prenatal	Adult	Cancer	Peds	Prenatal	Adult	Cancer	Peds	Prenatal	Adult	Cancer

Q-40

If there are significant differences in the case distribution across specialties per student (Standard B3.1.4) or between students (Standard B3.3), please provide additional information.

7. Section B: Curriculum and Instruction - Fieldwork Training

B3.2

B3.2 General Description Fieldwork Training: Fieldwork Supervision

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B3.2.1

Programs must use a flexible and graduated supervision plan where the level of supervision is commensurate with each student's documented skills and competencies. A student in the early part of their training must be directly

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B3.2.2

Programs must ensure that the number of fieldwork supervisors enables equitable and comparable supervision experiences for all enrolled students.

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to comply with Standard B3.2 since the last RCS or last self-	
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?	
B3.3	
Programs must ensure that the number and variety of fieldwork opportunities offer all enrolled students equitable	
and comparable fieldwork training experiences that provide exposure to the full range of practice settings and full	
range of PBCs.	
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Q-42	
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability	
to comply with Standard B3.3 since the last RCS or last self-	
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?	
B4	
Supplemental Fieldwork Experiences	
Supplemental Fieldwork Experiences	
B4.1	
In order to enhance a student's acquisition of the PBCs, programs must ensure that fieldwork training for students is	
augmented with supplemental experiences such as, but not limited to:	
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Q-43	
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability	
to comply with Standard B4.1 since the last RCS or last self-	

Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability

study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

B4.2 Documentation B4.2.1 Programs must document the credentials and qualifications of those who will be supervising the students in supplemental fieldwork experiences. **Show More** B4.2.2 Programs must develop clear objectives and outcome measures for student experiences and monitor student activities during the supplemental fieldwork placements. **Show More FINDINGS** Q-44 Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard B4.2 since the last RCS or last selfstudy (if accredited/reaccredited last year)? **B5 Additional Requirements** B5.1 **B5.1 Student Teaching Experience** B5.1.1 Programs are required to include teaching opportunities for their students. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways, including but not limited to the following: **Show More FINDINGS**

Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard B5.1 since the last RCS or last self-study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

B5.2

Research and Scholarly Endeavors Programs must require that students perform research and other scholarly activities. Show More FINDINGS

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Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard B5.2 since the last RCS or last selfstudy (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

8. Section C: Evaluation - Advisory Board

SECTION C: EVALUATION

To ensure that competencies specified by the educational program and the ACGC are maintained, program and student evaluation must be a continual process. This includes internal and external curriculum validation in consultation with employers,

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C1 Advisory Board

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C1.1

Programs are required to establish and maintain an Advisory Board that is familiar with the genetic counseling profession, the clients served by genetic counselors, and the requirements for accreditation.

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C1.2

Q-48	
10. Section C: Evaluation - Personnel, Course, Fieldwork, and Student Evaluations	
C2.3	
C2.3	
Personnel Evaluations	
Programs must define a process for evaluating the performance of key program personnel, including program	
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C2.3.1	
Program Leadership	
a. Evaluations must include input from multiple stakeholders, such as students, primary faculty, fieldwork	
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Q-49	
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability	
to comply with Standard C2.3.1 since the last RCS or last self-	
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?	
C2.3.2	
Primary Instructional Faculty/Course Directors	
a. Program leadership must have a mechanism to review the performance of primary instructional faculty/course	
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Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard C2.3.2 since the last RCS or last selfstudy (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

Q-51

Have there been any concerns about primary instructional faculty or course directors identified on performance/course evaluations since the last RCS or last self-study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

C2.4

C2.4 Course Evaluations

C2.4.1

Course evaluations must be completed for each course taught within the genetic counseling program. The evaluations must be reviewed by both the program leadership and the primary instructional faculty/course directors involved.

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Q-52

Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard C2.4.1 since the last RCS or last selfstudy (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

Q-53

Have there been concerns raised in any of the Program's course evaluations since the last RCS or last self-study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

C2.4.2

The program leadership must obtain copies or summaries of evaluations for required courses that students take						
through other schools or departments. Alternatively, the program may conduct internal assessments of these external						
courses to ensure they are meeting the expectations of the students and program.						
FINDINGS						
Q-54						
Does the Program require courses in other schools or						
departments?						
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C2.5						
Evaluation of Fieldwork Experience						
The program must define, maintain, and document effective processes for the initial and ongoing evaluation of all						
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C2.5.1						
Fieldwork sites						
a. The program must document that each fieldwork site provides the student access to physical facilities, client						
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Q-56						
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability						
to comply with Standard C2.5.1 since the last RCS or last self-						
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?						
C2.5.2						

Fieldwork supervision

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Q-57
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability
to comply with Standard C2.5.2 since the last RCS or last self-
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?
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Student Evaluation
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C3.1 Student Notification
Each matriculating student must be provided in writing, at the beginning of his or her training, with the following:
C3.1.1
The criteria for successful completion of the program and for graduation;
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C3.1.2
The evaluation methods that will be employed during his or her training;
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C3.1.3
The program's remediation policy;
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C3.1.4
Policies regarding academic probation or dismissal.
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Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability to comply with Standard C3.1 since the last RCS or last selfstudy (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

C3.2

C3.2 Guidelines for Student Evaluation

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C3.2.1

The constellation of student evaluations employed must encompass the program's stated objectives.

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C3.2.2

The evaluations must include measures for assessing the acquisition of the PBCs. The evaluations must reflect the student's ability to meet defined learning objectives in all components of the program.

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C3.2.3

Each student must receive specific and timely feedback at regular intervals on the acquisition of PBCs from supervisors and/or instructors, as well as formal summative evaluations at the end of each program component. For Show More

C3.2.4

Formal evaluations must be (1) documented in writing, with evidence of direct input by the appropriate faculty/supervisor; (2) reviewed by the program leadership; and (3) maintained in the student's record.

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C3.2.5

There must be a formal mechanism by which the program leadership regularly communicates with each student about his/her overall progress, individual educational needs, and goals (minimum of twice per year). This

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C3.2.6

Program leadership must conduct a formal evaluation of each student's readiness for graduation at least three months prior to program completion. Program leadership is expected to meet with each student to communicate

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C3.2.7

When remediation is necessary, there must be documentation of deficiencies identified, the remediation plan that is
agreed upon, and outcome of the remediation.
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C3.2.8
Documentation must be maintained for all students who withdraw or are dismissed from the program, including
reasons, retention efforts, and/or dismissal procedures followed.
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Q-59
Have there been any changes that affect the Program's ability
to comply with Standard C3.2 since the last RCS or last self-
study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?
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Have any students required remediation since the last RCS or
last self-study (if accredited/reaccredited last year)?

Additional Documentation

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