



Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

CAAHEP Fee Changes 2026

CAAHEP's current policy regarding Accredited Program Fees is published in [CAAHEP Policies and Procedures](#) in Section 701.D., and the current fee schedule is [published here](#) on the CAAHEP website.

In March 2024, the CAAHEP Board of Directors, after careful consideration and review, approved a revision of Policy 701. This draft included a ten percent increase in Program Accreditation Fees beginning in 2026. Comments were invited on the draft policy revision during April 2024 via the CAAHEP website, and the Audit and Finance Committee and Board of Directors diligently reviewed and considered all comments received, ensuring a transparent and inclusive decision-making process.

The final approved revision of the Program Accreditation fee policy supports CAAHEP's role as an independent organization whose *mission is to provide value to stakeholders by setting standards for quality assurance in health professions education*. The fee increases are planned to keep pace with the average rate of US inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), thereby ensuring the continued delivery of high-quality accreditation services.

In response to the questions received from members of CAAHEP's communities of interest during the open comment period, CAAHEP has provided the following background information about the fee policy changes.

1. Why was a rate of 10% chosen?

To ensure the continuity of our mission and operations, the board has decided on a three-year cyclical Program Accreditation Fee increase, aligning with the average rates of inflation in the United States. Over the past 20 years (2004-2024), the average Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate of inflation has been 2.4%, with a range from -0.3 % to 8% (<https://www.bls.gov/cpi/>).

2. Why was a three-year period chosen for the fee changes?

The board recognizes that institutional budgets are complex and require careful planning. To facilitate this, the board has chosen to implement a longer cycle for changes, opting for a three-year 10% increase rather than a 3.3% increase in a single year.

3. Why did CAAHEP approve a fee change now?

Following the restructuring of CAAHEP fees in 2022, we received valuable feedback from our stakeholders. Many of the comments indicated that institutions needed a longer notification period when fee changes are made. In response, the board decided to implement this fee policy change in 2024, providing program sponsors with a two-year notice before the change takes effect.

4. What additional services and resources will CAAHEP provide for programs in consideration of these changes in Program Accreditation Fees?

- **New** CAAHEP Learning Center with live webinars and on-demand content designed to meet educator needs, scheduled for 2025.
- Expanded content and learning opportunities at the **CAAHEP Accreditation Workshop**.
- Improved annual reporting center for programs that use the CAAHEP Annual report.
- Enhancements to the program listings and search capabilities in the *Find an Accredited Program* feature on the CAAHEP website.

5. What are the Program Accreditation Fees for 2026 and beyond based on the fee change?

CAAHEP Accredited Program Fee <i>Assessed annually in July according to the number of programs outlined in the CAAHEP Policies and Procedures, section 701.D.</i>			
Number of CAAHEP Accredited Programs at a Sponsor location	2024 & 2025	2026-2028	2029-2031
1	\$600	\$660	\$726
2	\$500	\$550	\$605
3	\$350	\$385	\$424
4	\$250	\$275	\$303
5 or more	\$200	\$220	\$242

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