



STANDARDS ROLLOUT FOR ADTA APPROVED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ON APPROVAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

ADTA Approval Policies and Procedures Governing the Period from

June 15, 2017 through December 31, 2024

REVISED 10/2022

I. Policies Governing Transitions to New Standards

1. *Use of New Standards are Encouraged:* Whenever the ADTA ratifies and implements new standards, ADTA approved programs are encouraged to immediately transition toward compliance with the revised standards for education and clinical training; however, for approval matters, the ADTA will hold programs accountable to meeting the current ADTA education standards for approval during the implementation period.
2. As intended, the standards are designed to be revised regularly. When preparing the annual maintenance report or self-study, ADTA approved programs should contact the Chair of the Education Committee at education@adta.org for the most current version of the *ADTA Standards for Education and Clinical Training*. While standards are in the process of being revised, prior to being ratified by the ADTA Board, programs will continue to be held in compliance with the pre-revised standards.

II. Policies Governing Maintenance of Approval Decisions during the Transition

1. Timeline of Implementation

- a. Within six (6) years, by July 15, 2023, all ADTA approved programs are to be in compliance with Section IA Input-based Standards of the *ADTA Standards for Education and Clinical Training*. By July 15, 2025, all programs will be in compliance with Section II Core Curriculum and Competencies of the *ADTA Standards for Education and Clinical Training*.
2. ADTA approved programs must continue to maintain compliance with current standards as most revised standards are more rigorous. Thus, moving into compliance with the revised, ratified standards does not jeopardize compliance with the current standards.
 - a. An exception is that internship standard 8.6 is more flexible in the revised standards, which would compromise compliance with the current standards. However, programs will not be penalized and will still be considered to be in compliance if they choose to implement this standard prior to July 15, 2023.
3. Programs can implement revised, ratified Section II Core Curriculum and Competencies standards within their own timeframe, recognizing that the competencies will change significantly prior to 2025. Programs will not be held in compliance with these Section II

competencies until 2025. All rollout plans and implementation of revised standards will be reported in the Annual Report to the Committee on Approval.

III. Annual Reports

1. The comprehensive annual maintenance reports are due July 15th of every year.
2. The report will capture compliance with current standards and cumulative progress towards bringing the program into compliance with new education and clinical training standards.
3. On July 15, 2023, all annual maintenance reports must show full compliance with Section IA Input based standards of the *ADTA Standards for Education and Clinical Training* through reporting on the Input Based Standards Matrix. Following that, reporting on full compliance with Section IA standards will only take place during the Self-study process. Per usual, significant changes in how a program meets the Section IA standards must be reported in the annual maintenance report.
4. On July 15, 2025, all annual maintenance reports must show full compliance with Section II Core Curriculum and Competencies of the *ADTA Standards for Education and Clinical Training* through reporting on the Outcome-based Standards Worksheet. Following that, reporting on full compliance with Section II standards will only take place during the Self-study process unless significant changes have occurred and must be reported in the annual maintenance report.
5. The year of the program's self-study report, no annual maintenance report is required.
Reporting on Section IA and Section II will take place in the context of the Self-study report.

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