



National Indigenous Accreditation Board

Constellations of Accreditation

When a place of learning enters into the NIAB program accreditation process, the Social Work Education Circle (SWEC) considers self-reflection documents and other materials that have been prepared by the applicant program. After reviewing these submissions, the SWEC provide a set of recommendations to the NIAB Board of Directors regarding the nature of program accreditation. Upon considering the SWEC offerings, board members provide confirmation that the program is eligible to join one of the following accreditation constellations



Candidacy

Programs within this constellation have demonstrated readiness for program delivery. Upon graduation of their first cohort, the program submits an updated Self-Reflections package and a campus visit is scheduled. Candidacy periods can range from two years for programs offering After Degree/University Transfer routes and four years for a four-year undergraduate social work degree. Programs within the candidacy constellation provide the SWEC with annual program summaries.



Full accreditation

This constellation features programs that have demonstrated comprehensive alignment with the NIAB *Wisdom-Based Practices and Program Responsibilities*. Programs with full accreditation designation remain with this constellation for a period of 8 years. Programs within this constellation provide the SWEC with annual program summaries.



Accreditation with Alignment Protocols

Programs within this constellation are provided with SWEC Offerings designed to support the program's ability to move toward closer alignment with specific NIAB *Wisdom-Based Practices and Program Responsibilities*. Depending upon the nature of the program alignment journey, programs may remain within this constellation for a period of two to four years. During this time, the program community may meet regularly with NIAB Program Alignment Teams.



Re-accreditation

Twelve to fourteen months before the conclusion of their full accreditation period, programs submit an Expression of Interest in Program Reaccreditation accompanied by an updated Self-Reflections package. A campus visit is scheduled with the SWEC Visiting Team and team members share their Team Offerings with the NIAB Board of Directors.



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