



SATELLITE CAMPUS POLICY

Definition and Operational Characteristics of a Satellite Campus/System

Satellites are off-campus location(s) that are advertised or otherwise made known to individuals outside the sponsor of an accredited program or program applicant. The sponsor of the primary (main) campus program is responsible for ensuring that each satellite campus complies with the current CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines. The satellite campus(es) must not be temporary.

The off-campus location(s) must offer all the professional didactic and laboratory content of the program. There is one common curriculum offered and in the same sequence. A satellite does not pertain to sites used by a completely on-line/distance education program for individual students.

Satellite(s) are included in the CAAHEP accreditation of the sponsor and function under the direction of the Key Personnel of the program.

For surgical technology and surgical assisting education, a satellite system will typically consist of a CAAHEP-accredited primary (main) campus program and satellite extensions campuses that serve outlying areas.

A satellite system consists of one program director designated by the primary (main) campus program which is responsible for instructors and the program at each satellite campus.
Note: the primary campus program director must be designated at the time of application.

The primary (main) campus program may deliver a portion of its curriculum to the satellite campus students through non-traditional alternate delivery systems that are defined as correspondence courses; use of audio, video, or computer technologies; two-way television interactive links, or other emerging delivery systems.

Satellite campuses may help the primary (main) campus provide human, physical, and financial resources, and a comprehensive range of academic and clinical resources necessary to maintain compliance with Standards.

In addition to didactic resources, the satellite campuses may utilize local hospitals for laboratory and clinical fulfillment of the curriculum. During didactic, laboratory, and clinical phases, the primary (main) campus program must demonstrate that the educational experience of the satellite campus students is equivalent to that of the primary (main) campus students' experience. Satellite campus students must have access to all equivalent human, physical, and financial resources.

Procedures for Satellite Campus/System Accreditation

1. The primary (main) campus and satellite campus(es) of the satellite system must maintain teaching and learning integrity as defined by the Standards.
2. Innovative and experimental approaches to teaching and learning are encouraged.
3. The primary (main) campus is required apply for accreditation of satellite campus(es) within the satellite system, in the same manner as any other sponsor.
4. The primary (main) campus is required to document the purpose and goals for development of the satellite campus program by means of a Self-Study application. The documentation must include a justification of, and needs assessment for the program including potential students, employers, the profession, and the other communities of interest identified in the CAAHEP Standards.
5. A site visit to the primary (main) campus and each satellite campus is required.

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