

Accreditation

Probation

Probation is an accreditation status that indicates critical weaknesses have been identified in an accredited program that require improvement in order for the program to maintain accreditation. Probation indicates that the Accreditation Commission, in its discretion, determined the quality of the accredited program is at risk due to critical weaknesses identified. Probation provides the program a specific period of time to improve areas of weakness in order to maintain accreditation.

Probation may be granted for a period of not more than two years at the discretion of the Accreditation Commission. The Commissioners will state in writing specific areas of weakness, which the program must improve within a specified time period. Probationary status may require the program to collect evidence and forward it to the Commission at the conclusion of a specified term, or this status may require a site visit by one or more CIDA representatives to review evidence on site and report to the Accreditation Commission. The Accreditation Commission will then determine whether improvements warranting continuation of accreditation have been made. If the Accreditation Commission determines that improvements warranting continuation of accreditation have not been made, accreditation will be denied.

Probationary status is a public action and is disclosed in CIDA's list of accredited interior design programs. Programs granted probationary status maintain all rights and responsibilities of an accredited program. A decision to place a program on probation may not be appealed under the Appeal Procedure.

A program will be notified of probationary status promptly following the Accreditation Commission meeting at which the decision is made.