



Probation FAQ

If a program has been placed on probation, are students still eligible to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) exam?

Students enrolled in programs on probation are still eligible to sit for the BOC examination. The only scenario in which students enrolled in an accredited program would not be eligible to sit for the examination would be if the Commission moved to withdraw accreditation (not the same as the program voluntarily withdrawing of accreditation) AND the program is unable to submit an acceptable teach-out plan.

How does the CAATE view an aggregate pass rate of 50%?

An aggregate pass rate of 50% would be categorized in the “above” 50% grouping.

If a program’s accreditation is withdrawn, can a program re-apply for initial accreditation as a graduate program?

If the CAATE moves to withdraw accreditation, the program may not submit intent to start a new program while current students are in a teach-out plan.

If a program does not meet a 70% 3-year aggregate first time pass rate after 2 cohorts, what happens to the students enrolled in the program and if accreditation is withdrawn.

A plan for protecting the currently enrolled students, including either teach-out or transfer will be agreed upon by the institution and the Commission.

If a program accepts Probation, what is the length of time that the program will be on probation? Will probation be removed as soon as the 3-year aggregate first time pass rate is at or above 70%? Do programs have to wait until after submitting the 2015-2016 annual report to be removed from Probation?

Rather than examine interim exam performance that could change a program’s standing with each offering of the exam, the 3-year aggregate first time pass rate and resulting accreditation actions are only evaluated by the CAATE once each calendar year, after all BOC exams for the year have been completed. The CAATE will evaluate your program's 3-year aggregate first time pass rate again after the submission of your 2015-2016 Annual Report and after next year's Winter Meeting (February). Programs that were placed on Probation for Standard 11 (February 2016) and have a 3-year first time pass rate at 70% or above and demonstrate compliance in February 2017 will be removed from probation at that time. For additional information please see the official communication regarding review and actions related to professional Standard 11 please click here: <http://caate.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/CAATE-Professional-Standard-11-1.pdf>