



ACCREDITATION FEES 2027

January 1 – December 31, 2027

Pre-Accreditation Candidacy Application Fees

One-time fee submitted when a program applies for pre-accreditation candidacy; a new fee is required for any subsequent re-application.

Number of Programs	2027 Fee
One program	\$3,700
Two programs	\$5,540
Three programs	\$7,400
Four programs	\$8,450
Five or more programs	\$8,875
Programmatic system, one program*	\$9,475
Programmatic system, two programs*	\$9,625
Programmatic system, three programs*	\$9,755
Programmatic system, four programs*	\$9,910
Programmatic system, five or more programs*	\$10,050

Accreditation Fees — Initial or Continuing Accreditation

Flat fee paid to NLN CNEA when pursuing initial or continuing accreditation, covering the site evaluation team's travel and related accreditation processing expenses. Invoiced after receiving site visit request.

Number of Programs	2027 Fee
One program	\$8,400
Two programs	\$8,935
Three programs	\$9,465
Four programs	\$10,100
Five or more programs	\$10,700
Programmatic system, level 1**	\$11,455
Programmatic system, level 2**	\$12,600
Programmatic system, level 3**	\$13,635
Programmatic system, level 4**	\$14,654

Focused Site Visit Fee†	\$3,950
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Annual Fees

Yearly fee to maintain accreditation. Invoiced annually and payable no later than February 15; timely payment is required to maintain accreditation status.

Number of Programs	2027 Fee
One accredited program	\$3,230
Two accredited programs	\$3,970
Three accredited programs	\$4,650
Four accredited programs	\$5,020
Five or more accredited programs	\$5,400
Programmatic system, one program*	\$5,500
Programmatic system, two programs*	\$5,800
Programmatic system, three programs*	\$6,085
Programmatic system, four programs*	\$6,400
Programmatic system, five or more programs*	\$6,700

Additional Fees

Fee to begin the application process for adding an additional program to an already-accredited program.

Additional new program fee (per program added to an already-accredited institution)	\$2,000
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Cost to file an appeal for an adverse action.

Fee for appealing adverse actions	\$20,000
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Notes

*Programmatic System

A programmatic system is a certificate- and/or degree-granting nursing program at a higher education institution that offers the nursing curriculum at multiple campus locations geographically distant from the program's main or primary location. This does not include programs offered via distance education or "off-site" outreach programs or branch campuses. The system holds the authority to legally operate at the distant location(s), and its domestic programs hold institutional accreditation. Contact NLN CNEA staff before completing an application to verify the fee structure for your programmatic system nursing unit. For pre-accreditation and annual fees, a system's fee is based on the number of programs it contains, as shown above.

**Programmatic System Levels (Accreditation Fees)

For accreditation fees (initial or continuing accreditation), programmatic systems are further classified into levels 1–4, determined by the number, type, and location of the system's programs — not simply the program count used for pre-accreditation and annual fees. Depending on program complexity and number of locations, additional site visitors may be required, and the program is responsible for the associated additional costs. Contact NLN CNEA for a determination of your system's level.

†Focused Site Visit Fee

This fee includes travel expenses; however, NLN CNEA reserves the right to charge an additional fee if site visit travel expenses exceed \$1,000.

International Programs

Programs located outside the United States should contact NLN CNEA for international fee structures, which may differ from the fees published above.

Additional Information

- "Program" is defined as a postsecondary program leading to an academic degree, diploma, or certificate.
- NLN membership is NOT required for CNEA accreditation.
- The NLN CNEA Board of Commissioners reserves the right to deny accreditation status, withdraw accreditation status, or cancel on-site program evaluation visits for programs that have not submitted payment in accordance with invoices sent to the program.
- Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.