



COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Board of Accreditation (BOA)
Department of Social Work Accreditation (DOSWA)
Baccalaureate and Master's Social Work Program Accreditation

Candidacy Fees and Related Expenses

Below are the costs associated with the candidacy process. Accreditation fees are subject to change by CSWE each fiscal year. The fees below are effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Refer to the program's [timetable for candidacy](#) to determine invoice and due dates.

1. Letter of Intent and Candidacy Eligibility Fee: \$10,000

The letter of intent and candidacy eligibility fee covers staff time to work with the program in developing, reviewing, and approving the materials submitted to determine institutional eligibility.

2. Candidacy Visit 1 Fee: \$5,000

The Candidacy Visit 1 fee covers the work of the staff in processing and reviewing program documents and that of the Board of Accreditation in reaching a decision regarding the Benchmark 1 standards.

3. Candidacy Visit 2 Fee: \$5,000

The Candidacy Visit 2 fee covers the work of the staff in processing and reviewing program documents and that of the Board of Accreditation in reaching a decision regarding the Benchmark 2 standards.

4. (If applicable) Additional Candidacy Visit Fee: \$2,500

Typically, programs do not require more than three candidacy visits to complete their development and write their documents. However, if a program needs further development, the Board of Accreditation orders an additional year of candidacy, and additional visit will take place. The additional candidacy visit fee covers the work of the staff in processing and reviewing program documents and that of the Board of Accreditation in reaching a decision regarding the program's compliance with the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS).

5. Initial Accreditation Fee: \$5,000

The Initial Accreditation fee covers the work of the staff in processing and reviewing program documents and that of the Board of Accreditation in reaching a decision regarding the program's compliance with the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS).

6. Benchmark Document Costs

Benchmark costs will vary by program. Examples of expenses include faculty-assigned time, meeting expenses, and other administrative costs.

7. Candidacy Visit Expenses

All expenses related to the candidacy visit are borne by the program. Programs are to provide prepaid airline tickets and hotel. Programs will also reimburse site visitor's out-of-pocket expenses, which may include ground transportation and meals not taken at the hotel.