



COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Board of Accreditation (BOA)

Department of Social Work Accreditation (DOSWA)

Baccalaureate, Master's, Practice Doctorate Social Work Program Accreditation

Candidacy Fees and Related Expenses

Below are the current costs associated with the candidacy process. Accreditation fees are subject to change by CSWE each fiscal year. Refer to the program's timetable to determine invoice and due dates.

1. Candidacy Eligibility Fee: \$12,500

The Candidacy eligibility fee covers staff time to work with the program in developing, reviewing, and approving the materials submitted to determine institutional eligibility. **This fee is initiated by the program, here is [how to pay the Candidacy Eligibility Fee](#).**

2. Candidacy Visit 1 Fee: \$7,000

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. **This fee is invoiced in accordance with the program's timetable.**

3. Candidacy Visit 2 Fee: \$7,000

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. **This fee is invoiced in accordance with the program's timetable.**

4. (If applicable) Additional Candidacy Visit Fee: \$3,500

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 (BOA) orders an additional year of candidacy, an 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 accreditation standards. **This fee is invoiced in accordance with the BOA's decision.**

5. Initial Accreditation Fee: \$7,000

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 accreditation standards. **This fee is invoiced in accordance with the program's timetable.**

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 prepay all travel expenses and hotel, and reimburse the visitor's out-of-pocket expenses, which may include, but is not limited to, ground transportation, and meals.