



# Accreditation Submission Timeline

## Currently Accredited Programs

In order to avoid a lapse in NAEYC Accreditation, currently accredited programs must meet submission deadlines established by the NAEYC Academy<sup>1</sup>. This timeline assists currently accredited programs in planning official submissions to NAEYC throughout the four-step reaccreditation process. Refer to [www.naeyc.org/academy](http://www.naeyc.org/academy) for more information about pursuing reaccreditation and the completion of each of the four steps.

Reaccreditation submission deadlines are determined by your program's NAEYC Accreditation Expiration Date, and are published in the chart below. Currently accredited programs must submit Candidacy (step 3) on or before the established Candidacy Due Date. In order to secure the established Candidacy Due Date, an Application (step 2) must be submitted within the date range indicated and the appropriate Candidacy Due Date must be chosen within the Application.

<b>NAEYC Accreditation Expiration Date</b>	<b>Enrollment (Step 1)</b>	<b>Application (Step 2)</b>	<b>Candidacy Due Date (Step 3)</b>
December 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010	Enrollment Form must be submitted prior to the submission of the Application.	<i>July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009</i>	<b>September 30, 2009</b>
April 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010	Enrollment Form must be submitted prior to the submission of the Application.	<i>November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009</i>	<b>January 31, 2010</b>
August 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010	Enrollment Form must be submitted prior to the submission of the Application.	<i>March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010</i>	<b>May 31, 2010</b>
December 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011	Enrollment Form must be submitted prior to the submission of the Application.	<i>July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010</i>	<b>September 30, 2010</b>
April 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011	Enrollment Form must be submitted prior to the submission of the Application.	<i>November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010</i>	<b>January 31, 2011</b>
August 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011	Enrollment Form must be submitted prior to the submission of the Application.	<i>March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011</i>	<b>May 31, 2011</b>

<sup>1</sup> Programs may require additional time to complete a thorough and meaningful Self-Study and Self-Assessment. If a program chooses to submit the Application and/or Candidacy Materials after the established submission deadlines, the program's NAEYC Accreditation will lapse beginning immediately after the program's NAEYC Accreditation Expiration Date.



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The Candidacy Due Date that is selected within the Application determines the six-month Site Visit Window during which the site visit will occur if your program is accepted as a Candidate. Note the Site Visit Window that corresponds to your program's established Candidacy Due Date<sup>2</sup>.

<b>Candidacy Due Date</b> <i>(established in above chart; selected in Application)</i>	<b>Site Visit Window</b>	<b>Site Visit Decisions are rendered within 3 months of the site visit.</b>
September 30, 2009	October 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010	
January 31, 2010	February 1, 2010 – July 31, 2010	
May 31, 2010	June 1, 2010 – November 30, 2010	
September 30, 2010	October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011	
January 31, 2011	February 1, 2011 – July 31, 2011	
May 31, 2011	June 1, 2011 – November 30, 2011	

Programs that meet these submission deadlines will receive an automatic extension on their current accreditation until a Site Visit Decision is rendered. Extensions are void once a new accreditation decision is made, or if the program is notified of any change in its NAEYC Accreditation status, such as a failure to submit Candidacy materials or being denied Candidacy after a second review.

<sup>2</sup> If your program wishes to secure a different Site Visit Window, an earlier Candidacy Due Date may be chosen. Programs that submit Candidacy Materials prior to their assigned Candidacy Due Date will receive a new five-year accreditation term based on the date of their new Accreditation decision.