Undergraduate Certification Timeline
2026-2027 Review Year

Color Coding Key
Dates Relevant to All Programs (Both for Candidacy and for Review)
Dates Relevant to Candidacy
Dates Relevant to Fall Round Programs Only
Dates Relevant to Spring Round Programs Only
Dates Relevant to Fall Round Review Teams
Dates Relevant to Spring Round Review Teams
Dates Relevant to Fall Round - All
Dates Relevant to Spring Round - All

Fall Round Date	Spring Round Date	Responsible Party	Activity
By January 5, 2026		AUPHA	AUPHA contacts interested Associate Undergraduate programs on intent to stand for candidacy and Full Undergraduate programs due for renewal on intent to stand for certification.
By January 19, 2026		All Programs	Associate Undergraduate programs notify AUPHA of intent to stand for candidacy. Full Undergraduate programs notify AUPHA of their intent to stand for certification or request an extension, if eligible.
January 26, 2026		AUPHA	AUPHA sends candidacy materials and invoice to programs intending to stand for candidacy. AUPHA sends application, self-study guide, review fee invoice, and eligibility survey to programs intending to stand for certification.
By March 19, 2026		Candidate Programs	Programs standing for candidacy status complete and submit candidacy materials.
By April 2, 2026		AUPHA	AUPHA notifies programs that have submitted all candidacy materials by the deadline of their assigned peer mentor.
April 2026 until the program declares intent to stand for certification (January 2027 up to January 2029)		Candidate Programs	Candidate programs work with a peer mentor to review criteria and establish/refine necessary structures for self-study year and beyond. These programs may remain in candidacy status for up to 3 years. A candidate program

			that does not declare their intent to stand for initial certification after the 3-year mark will need to renew their candidacy status at that time.
By March 19, 2026	By July 9, 2026	Programs Undergoing Review	Programs slated for certification renewal complete and submit application, eligibility survey, and review fee to AUPHA.
By March 31, 2026	By July 23, 2026	AUPHA	AUPHA notifies programs if they passed eligibility.
February 2026	August 2026	AUPHA	Pre-certification webinar to review certification process.
April 2026	August 2026	AUPHA	AUPHA puts out a call for volunteers to serve on review teams. Review teams are formed and vetted for conflicts of interest.
June 2026	October 2026	AUPHA	AUPHA and UPC leadership approve review teams and chairs.
August 2026	November 2026	AUPHA	Online reviewer training sessions. After training sessions, AUPHA provides Review Team Chairs with final report template.
By September 1, 2026	By December 1, 2026	Programs Undergoing Review	Programs submit self-study to AUPHA.
By September 8, 2026	By December 8, 2026	AUPHA	AUPHA reviews self-studies and distributes copies to review teams.
September 2026	December 2026	All	AUPHA works with Programs and Review Teams to schedule and organize virtual review panels.
By September 10, 2026	By December 11, 2026	Review Teams	Review team chairs to make initial contact with program directors. Review teams begin review of self-study.
By October 1, 2026	By January 18, 2027	Review Teams	Review team chairs request additional information from programs with copy to AUPHA.
By October 19, 2026	By February 5, 2027	Programs Undergoing Review	Programs respond with additional information requested.
By October 28, 2026	By February 16, 2027	Review Team Chairs	Review team chairs contact programs (copied to AUPHA,) identifying specific issues for discussion during virtual review panel.
By November 5, 2026	By February 19, 2027	Review Team Chairs	Review team chairs send initial draft of report to review team members.
November 9-20, 2026	February 22-March 5, 2027	All	Virtual review panels are held.

December 1, 2026	By March 16, 2027	Programs Undergoing Review/Review Teams	Programs provide review team and AUPHA with any additional information requested during virtual review panel. Review teams begin final efforts on report.
By December 4, 2026	By March 19, 2027	Review Team Chairs/AUPHA	Review team chairs send draft reports to AUPHA for review. AUPHA forwards draft reports to independent reviewers.
December 11, 2026	March 26, 2027	Independent Reviewers (Review Teams)	Independent Reviewers respond in writing to AUPHA with their findings. (Review teams are required to schedule a meeting between this date and the next deadline listed below to ensure availability in case Independent Reviewers have findings to discuss.)
By December 17, 2026	By April 1, 2027	AUPHA	AUPHA reviews draft reports and forwards them to certifying programs for comment.
By January 5, 2027	By April 12, 2027	AUPHA/Review Team Chairs/ Independent Reviewers	Programs respond in writing to AUPHA, correcting any factual errors and omissions in the report. Independent Reviewers can rereview the report if the program brings up a concern.
By January 19, 2027	By April 14, 2027	Independent Reviewers	Independent Reviewers submit feedback to AUPHA
By February 1, 2027	By April 19 2027	AUPHA	AUPHA sends draft report to the Undergraduate Program Committee for final review.
By February 18, 2027	By May 5, 2027	UPC/Review Team Chairs	UPC sends reports back to review team/AUPHA with any comments. Review team chairs make any final changes to report.
By March 4, 2027	By May 19, 2027	Review Team Chairs	Review team chairs send final reports to AUPHA with recommended action.
March 2027	June 2027	AUPHA Board/AUPHA	The AUPHA Board of Directors votes on recommendations. AUPHA staff notifies programs of Board's action after board meeting.
By January 24, 2029		Programs Undergoing Review	If required, programs send interim report to AUPHA on any criteria deemed partially or not met.
By February 28, 2029		AUPHA/UPC	AUPHA and UPC leadership review interim reports and contact programs with results.