

Becoming a Culturally Responsive R1 Institution



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- I. Research Update – Eric Muth
- II. PhD Program Update – Clay Gloster

The Quest for R1



- ▶ Criteria: A&T is close to exceeding essential Carnegie qualifications for Research I Institutions, with 68 PhD graduates in 2022-23 and fast-growing external research expenditures at ~\$38M with internal expenditures we are above \$60M in FY23.
- ▶ New PhD Programs
 - Criminal Justice
 - Sociology
 - Applied Psychology
 - Doctor of Nursing
- ▶ New Centers of Excellence
 - Health Disparities
 - Social Justice
 - Education Equity Research
- ▶ New Cluster Hires underway
- ▶ NIH funded renovation of the vivarium
- ▶ Initiative around expanding out portfolio into controlled DoD research
- ▶ New Division of Strategic Partnerships (VC Tim Minor)



New graduate programs – R2 to R1 journey

- Ph.D. in Criminal Justice – Approved by UNC System BOG – November 2023.
 - > Pending SACSCOC Approval
- M.S. in Criminal Justice – Approved by UNC System BOG – November 2023.
 - > Pending SACSCOC Approval
- Doctorate of Nurse Practice– Under review by the UNC System Office.
 - > Request to Establish, Pending BOG Approval
- Ph.D. in Sociology – Under review by the UNC System Office.
 - > Request to Establish, Pending GC Approval
- Ph.D. in Applied Psychology – Under review by the UNC System Office.
 - > Request to Establish, Pending GC Approval
- M.S. in Sociology – Under review by the UNC System Office.
 - > Request for Preliminary Authorization, Approved by the UNC System



MS PA Program

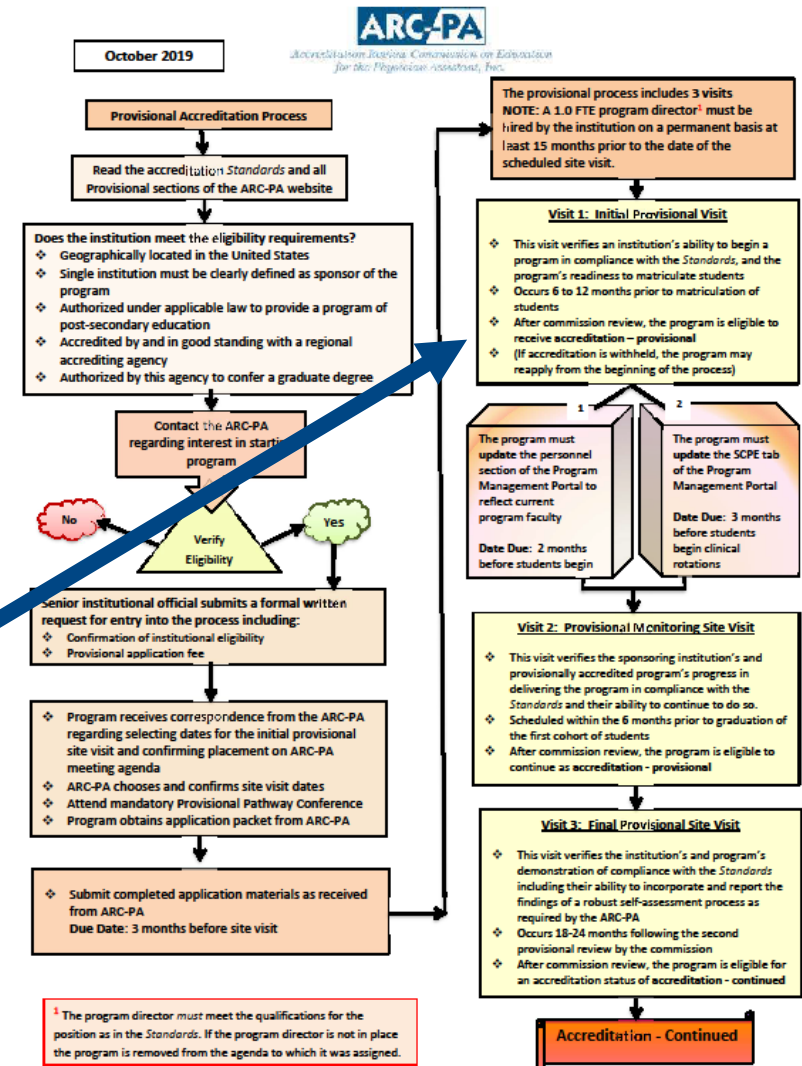
The earliest site visit is June 2025

- Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies – Approved by the UNC System BOG, October 26, 2022
 - > Requires a complex process with several steps, including a site visit for initial provisional accreditation.
 - > Need program director and medical director in place at least 15 months before the site visit.

Visit 1: Initial Provisional Visit

- ❖ This visit verifies an institution’s ability to begin a program in compliance with the *Standards*, and the program’s readiness to matriculate students
- ❖ Occurs 6 to 12 months prior to matriculation of students
- ❖ After commission review, the program is eligible to receive **accreditation – provisional**
- ❖ (If accreditation is withheld, the program may reapply from the beginning of the process)

The earliest program start is Fall 2025.





Initiatives to Support Graduate Research

More comprehensive support for graduate student research

- Annual university-wide research symposium with cash awards.
- Increased promotion of the annual 3 Minute Thesis Competition
- New Graduate Student Funding Model
 - > Doctoral Student Compensation (Primarily Graduate Teaching Assistantships) – Tuition, health insurance, plus a \$20K per year stipend for up to two years.
 - > Master’s Degree Student Compensation (Primarily Graduate Teaching Assistantships) – Tuition, health insurance, plus a \$16K per year stipend for one year.
 - > Graduate students are supported by Graduate Research Assistantships from research grants and other college-level funding sources for the remainder of their tenure. Students receive (Tuition, health insurance, fees, and a stipend).
 - > Comprehensive guidelines and FAQs have also been developed along with a proposed timeline to transition from partial to full implementation of the new model fully by Fall 2025.

Questions?