



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS • DIVISION OF EDUCATION  
**ACCREDITED EDUCATION INSTITUTES™**  
ENHANCING PATIENT SAFETY THROUGH SIMULATION

**ACS Program for Accreditation of Education Institutes  
Pre Application Questionnaire**

The American College of Surgeons has developed a pre-application questionnaire for institutions to use in order to conduct a self-assessment of their readiness to apply for accreditation and become an ACS Accredited Education Institute. This process is intended to save the institution time and effort in the accreditation process.

The results of the self-assessment do not need to be shared with the College or its staff. It is our hope that your institution will use the results as a guide to determine what areas, if any, your institution may need to continue to develop in order to apply. The goal of the Accreditation Program is to accredit Institutes. The College will not allow institutions to apply for accreditation based on a plan. The Institute must be a functioning site.

For those institutions that complete the self-assessment and have determined they are ready to apply, please see the application process to begin the process of applying for accreditation.

At any time during your self-assessment, you feel the need to ask ACS staff questions about your program or our process, please feel free to email us at [edinstitutes@facs.org](mailto:edinstitutes@facs.org), or call Emily Langerak, Administrator, ACS Program for Accreditation Education Institutes at (312) 202-5535.

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**Self-Assessment Questions**

Standard III – Technological Support and Resources

1. Does your institution currently have a skills lab/skills center (Institute) in place, and is it actively teaching and training learners?
2. Does your Institute have the minimum amount of contiguous square feet required based on the level of accreditation your institution will be seeking?
3. Is your Institute able to accommodate the minimum number of trainees based on the level of accreditation being sought?
4. Does your Institute already have in place an Education Institute Director?
5. Does your Institute already have in place a Director of the Surgical Program?
6. Does your Institute already have in place the necessary support staff in the form of an Administrator and/or Coordinator?
7. Does your Institute possess or have access to the necessary devices needed to teach the Institute's curriculum?
8. Does your Institute have a budget that demonstrates it has the necessary financial resources to support the Institute?

Standard II – Curriculum

1. Does your Institute use a curriculum that incorporates procedural and cognitive skills?
2. Does your curriculum use the appropriate education model in the design and delivery of training and education, as defined in Criterion 2.2?
3. Does your curriculum utilize the devices your Institute currently has at its disposal?

Standard I – Learners

1. Does your Institute currently provide education to the learners as described in Criterion 1.1 from the level of accreditation your institution will be seeking?

If upon completing your self-assessment, you cannot answer a majority of the questions in the affirmative; it is the suggestion of the College that your institution may need to take the time necessary to design, develop and implement the required components that are not currently in place prior to applying.