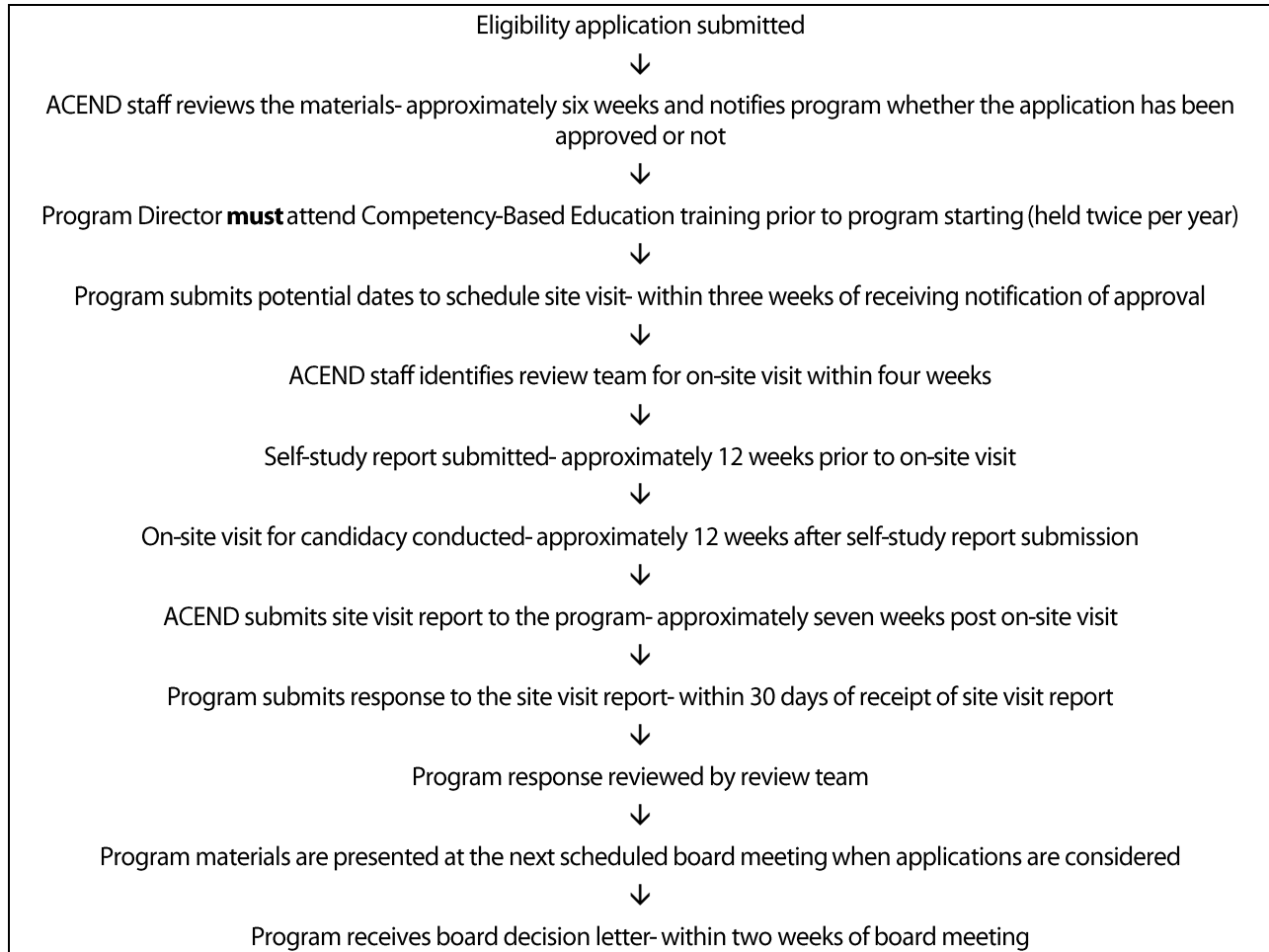


## Sample Timelines for FEM Candidacy for Accreditation

The timeline for the candidacy process is approximately 18-24 months from the time the Eligibility Application is submitted. The tables below are intended as guides only; actual timelines may vary depending upon when materials are received, scheduling of subsequent steps in the process (including mandatory attendance at the Competency-Based Education training prior to program start) and the availability of site visitors for a review.

**Table 1: Progression of activities for Candidacy for accreditation**



**Table 2: Estimated timeline based on eligibility application submission date (dates subject to change)**

Eligibility Requirements Submitted by:	CBE Training	Curriculum Development and Approval*	Self-Study Report Due	Site Visit Scheduled	ACEND Board Meeting When Application Will Be Considered	If Candidacy is Granted, Students Admitted†
December 16 – March 31	Fall	Fall/Winter	Winter/early spring	April – June	January (after site visit)	<b>Summer/Fall term</b>
April 1 – June 30	Fall	Fall - Spring	Spring	July – October	April (after site visit)	<b>Summer/Fall term</b>

July 1 – September 30	Spring (following year)	Spring/Summer	Summer	November- December	July (after site visit)	<b>Fall/winter term</b>
October 1 – December 15 (ACEND offices are closed last week of the year)	Spring	Spring – Fall	Fall	January-March	October (after site visit)	<b>Winter or spring term</b>

\*Programs going through the process should consult with the appropriate stakeholders when determining the time needed for approval of the program at the university, state and institutional level.

†When determining when to schedule the site visit, programs may wish to consider advertising and recruitment before the start of the program.