Sample Timelines for FEM Reorganizations

The timeline for the application process is approximately 18-24 months from the time the FEM reorganization 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 reviewers for a review.

Table 1: Progression of activities for FEM Reorganization of an ACEND-accredited program

FEM Reorganization application submitted

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ACEND staff reviews the materials-within approximately six weeks and notifies program whether the application has been approved or not

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Program Director **must** attend Competency-Based Education training prior to program starting (held twice per year)

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Reorganization report submitted-based on desired start date[†]

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Program materials reviewed by review team

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Program materials presented at the next scheduled board meeting when applications are considered

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Program receives board decision letter-within two weeks of board meeting

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

FEM Reorganization Requirements Submitted by:	CBE Training	Curriculum Development and Approval*	Reorganization Report Submitted	ACEND Board Meeting When Application Will Be Considered	If approval is Granted, Students Admitted [†]
December 16 – March 31	Fall	Fall/Winter	December 16 – March 31 (following year)	July (after review)	Fall/winter term
April 1 – June 30	Fall	Fall - Spring	April 1 – June 30 (following year)	October (after review)	Winter or spring term
July 1 – September 30	Spring (following year)	Spring/Summer	July 1 – September 30 (following year)	January (after review)	Summer/Fall term
October 1 – December 15 (ACEND offices are closed last week of the year)	Spring	Spring – Fall	October 1 – December 15 (following year)	April (after review)	Summer/Fall term

^{*}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 submit materials to ACEND, programs may wish to consider advertising and recruitment before the start of the program.