ABHES SCHOOL GUIDE – MOVING FROM LICENSED TO ACCREDITED

THE 4 MILESTONES INSTITUTIONS MUST ACCOMPLISH TO ACHIEVE ACCREDITATION

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Accreditation is probably the most challenging and rewarding experience your institution will ever go through. Are you an ABHES new applicant? This chart will help you visualize the internal process institutions go through to move from licensed to accredited. The tasks to be accomplished are grouped into 4 distinctive milestones.

Each milestone builds the foundation for the next. No skipping!

MI	ILESTONE 1 – ALIGNING YOUR INSTITUTION WITH ABHES STANDARDS	
•	Confirming your institution complies with ABHES Eligibility requirements. Aligning your institution with ABHES standards: Policies, Procedures, Student Files, Employee Files, Catalog, Employee Manual, Faculty Handbook.	Free Reference Guides Eligibility Self-Assessment Policies and Procedures Operations Manual Graduate File Documents Withdraw File Documents Employee File Documents
MI	LESTONE 2 – IMPLEMENTING ANNUAL EVALUATIONS	
•	Conducting meetings ABHES compliant: staff, advisory committee, faculty, financial, institutional planning. Conducting surveys ABHES complaint: graduates, students, end of course, employers, employees, policies and procedures. Conducting program reviews ABHES compliant: reviews by advisory committee and faculty.	Free Reference Guides Annual Meetings Annual Surveys
MI	LESTONE 3 – ISSUING YOUR ANNUAL PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS PLANS (PEPS)
•	Publishing your first Program Effectiveness Plans (PEPs) Conducting and documenting quarterly PEPs reviews.	Free Reference Guides Preparing the PEP
MILESTONE 4 – PREPARING THE ACCREDITATION APPLICATIONS, REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, AND VISIT		
•	Understanding ABHES's Accreditation Process & Standards. Issuing Your Institution's Annual Operations Calendar. Confirming Accreditation Readiness. Preparing Applications and the Self Evaluation Report (SER). Preparing the Exhibits. Preparing for the Accreditation Visit. Responding to the On-Site Evaluation Report.	Readiness Self-Assessment Annual Operations Calendar Sample Preparing the Institutional SER Preparing the Programmatic SER

Requirements may vary depending on your institution's scope and programs. This is a sample guide to help you get started. We recommend confirming current accreditation standards and requirements before starting the process.

Need assistance with your institution's ABHES initial accreditation? We are glad to help. Visit our <u>ABHES Accreditation</u> <u>Page</u> for the application process information and additional reference guides. Visit <u>ABHES Accreditation Consulting</u> for a list of the services we provide. Request a complimentary Consultation. <u>Bayside Projects Consulting</u>