

# ABHES SCHOOL – ELIGIBILITY SELF-ASSESSMENT

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The following is a checklist of the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) eligibility requirements as listed on their [ABHES Eligibility Page](#). We hope this form will help you self-assess your application readiness.

ABHES Eligibility Criteria for Application	Check the box that applies		
	Institution Meets Criterion	Institution Does Not Meet Criterion	Taking Steps Towards Meeting Criterion
<b>II.A.1.a. INSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY</b>			
<b>1 - Institution Types - It is one of the following:</b> a. an institution in the private sector whose principal activity is education b. a hospital or laboratory-based training school c. a vocational training institution d. a federally sponsored training program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2 - Allied Health Predominance</b> It is an educational institution that offers programs predominantly in the health education field. An institution meets this requirement if either (a) 70% or greater of its students are enrolled in active programs in the health field or (b) 70% or greater of its active programs are in the health education field and at least 50% of its students are enrolled in those programs. A program is considered active if it has current student enrollment and is seeking to enroll students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3 - Career Outcomes-Focused</b> All of its programs are career focused and designed to lead to employment or advancement in the program field.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4 - Location</b> It is located in the United States or its territories.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5 - Operational Approval</b> It is properly licensed, chartered or approved to provide education beyond the secondary level under the laws and regulations of the state(s) or territories in which it operates, including any regulatory oversight body approval required to operate specific programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6 - Years in Operation</b> It must have been legally operating continuously and providing instruction as an institution for at least the two years prior to application.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7 - Program Enrollment</b> It has enrollment in the program(s) to be included in the grant of accreditation to allow evaluation of student outcomes. (This requirement does not apply to current institutionally accredited members).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>8 - Graduating Class</b> It has at least one graduating class from at least one currently offered program to allow evaluation of the overall educational effectiveness of the program of study offered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>II.A.1.b. PROGRAMMATIC ELIGIBILITY</b>			
<b>1 – Institution Types.</b> <b>It is one of the following:</b> a. a public or private institution at the postsecondary level institutionally accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or Council on Higher Education Accreditation whose principal activity is education b. a hospital or laboratory-based training school, or c. a federally sponsored training program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2 – Active Enrollment</b> At the time of the initial application, it has active student enrollment in the program to allow evaluation of student outcomes. NOTE: This requirement is applicable only to initial applicants for programmatic accreditation except current institutionally accredited schools applying for initial programmatic accreditation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3 – Career Outcomes-Focused</b> Its program is career focused and designed to lead to employment or advancement in the program field.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4 – Location</b> It is located in the United States or its territories.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5 – Clinical Experience</b> At the time of the initial visit, the program will have (or have had within the past 12 months) student participation in clinical experiences to permit evaluation of program operations and of student progress, satisfaction, and retention. In addition, the program will have enrolled students who have completed at least 50% of the program or at least 25% of the core courses. NOTE: This requirement does not apply to those institutionally accredited members seeking initial programmatic accreditation; however, an additional on-site evaluation may be required.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6 – Coursework</b> The coursework required for graduation, including didactic instruction and clinical experiences, provides the following: NOTE: This requirement also applies to institutionally accredited members offering the following programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>a - Medical Assisting</b> Attainment of entry-level competencies (see MA.A.1. in Chapter VII-MA). The program must consist of at least 720 clock hours, including a minimum of 160 clock hours in clinical experiences.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b – Medical Laboratory Technology</b> Attainment of entry-level competencies (see MLT.A.1. in Chapter VII-MLT) and at least 60 semester credit hours, 90 quarter credit hours, or its recognized clock-hour equivalent of training. The program must consist of at least 800 clock hours in combined clinical and laboratory experience, including a minimum of 400 clock hours in clinical experiences.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<p><b>c – Surgical Technology</b></p> <p>Consistency with the current Core Curriculum for Surgical Technology, produced by the Association of Surgical Technologists (www.ast.org). The program must consist of at least 1,100 clock hours, including a minimum of 500 clock hours in clinical experiences. At a minimum, all graduates must complete the surgical technology program with an associate degree.</p> <p>NOTE: Currently accredited institutional members must adhere to the requirements for programmatic eligibility when adding a surgical technology program, which includes submission of the ABHES application for programmatic accreditation.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>II.A.2.a. MASTER’S DEGREE ELIGIBILITY</b>			
<p><b>Master’s Degree Eligibility</b></p> <p>An institution must be currently approved to award a baccalaureate degree, have current enrollment in a baccalaureate degree program, and have graduated at least one baccalaureate degree cohort to offer a master’s-level program.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>II.A.2.b. ELIGIBILITY OUTSIDE OF ABHES SCOPE OF RECOGNITION</b>			
<p><b>Eligibility Outside of ABHES Scope of Recognition</b></p> <p>ABHES may accredit institutions and programs outside the scope of recognition under the U.S. Secretary of Education (Secretary). The principal difference between participation in accreditation activities within the ABHES scope of recognition is that accreditation under this section and outside that scope does not provide such institutions with accreditation recognized by the Secretary. An institution or program that participates in accreditation activities outside the ABHES scope of recognition may expect to benefit from objective assessment and feedback according to ABHES standards of accreditation.</p> <p>The Commission, acting through its Executive Committee, may from time to time consider eligible applications for accreditation that are outside the ABHES scope of recognition under the Secretary.</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall determine and publish the specific policies and procedures for applications for accreditation that are outside the ABHES scope of recognition, including specific limits on eligibility and fees for accreditation. Any institution or program submitting an application for accreditation pursuant to this section and outside the scope of recognition by the Secretary does so with the understanding that the accreditation to be awarded is not recognized by the Secretary, and further that it may not be eligible to participate in any program such as federal Title IV funding that requires accreditation by an agency recognized by the Secretary.</p> <p>Any institution or program submitting an application for accreditation pursuant to this section and outside the scope of recognition by the Secretary must demonstrate that it has the financial capability to ensure continuity of operation and to fulfill its obligations to students and employees.</p> <p>An institution or program that is accredited pursuant to this section may truthfully represent that it is accredited by ABHES only when it makes clear that the grant of accreditation under this section is not recognized by the Secretary.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## ABHES ELIGIBILITY REFERENCES

- [ABHES Eligibility Page](#)
- [ABHES Frequently Asked Questions Page](#)
- [ABHES Seeking Accreditation Page](#)
- [ABHES Accreditation Manual Page](#)

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