

## **SECTION .0400 - ACCREDITATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOOLS AND TRAINING COURSES**

### **12 NCAC 09C .0401 ACCREDITATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOOLS**

(a) Any school applying for accreditation or re-accreditation, pursuant to G.S. 17C-6 shall submit a completed Request for School Accreditation, Form F-10(SA). The Form F-10(SA) is available on the agency's website: [http://www.ncdoj.gov/getdoc/9134b822-24a7-4d70-8a3b-b2bd807100c4/F-10\(SA\)-6-11.aspx](http://www.ncdoj.gov/getdoc/9134b822-24a7-4d70-8a3b-b2bd807100c4/F-10(SA)-6-11.aspx). The F-10(SA) Request for School Accreditation shall contain the following:

- (1) The name of the requesting institution/agency;
  - (2) The mailing address, phone number, and name of the institution head or executive officer;
  - (3) The name, title or rank, address and phone number of the School Director
  - (4) The type of Commission approved training course in which accreditation is being sought;
  - (5) The type and location of all facilities to be used in administering the Commission approved training course; and
  - (6) The signature of the institution head or executive officer.
- (b) Upon receipt of a completed Request for School Accreditation application:
- (1) The Standards Division staff reviews the application and conducts a site visit to tour facilities, confirm information on the application, and determine if and where deficiencies exist;
  - (2) The Standards Division Staff contacts the applying institution or agency concerning deficiencies and provides assistance on correcting problem areas;
  - (3) The Standards Division staff recommends to the Education and Training Committee when the accredited institution has satisfied the requirements outlined in 12 NCAC 09B .0200; and
  - (4) The Education and Training Committee recommends to the full Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting the approval or denial of accreditation for the applicant institution or agency.
- (c) Accreditation or re-accreditation of a school shall remain effective for five years from issuance unless earlier suspended or revoked for failure to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in 12 NCAC 09B .0200, Minimum Standards for Criminal Justice Schools and Criminal Justice Training Programs or Courses of Instruction.
- (d) In instances where the Education and Training Committee determines the school seeking reaccreditation is not in compliance with 12 NCAC 09B .0200, the school application and staff reports shall be reviewed by the Probable Cause Committee, as specified in 12 NCAC 09A .0201.
- (e) The Commission, by and through the Probable Cause Committee, shall summarily suspend the accreditation of a criminal justice school if the public health, safety, or welfare requires action pursuant to G.S. 150B-3.
- (1) For the purpose of considering a summary suspension of accreditation, the Probable Cause Committee shall meet only during its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting or upon notice given by mail, telephone, or other means not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting;
  - (2) This summary suspension shall be effective on the date specified in the order of the summary suspension. A summary suspension becomes effective upon oral notification to the executive officer or officers of the institution or agency sponsoring any criminal justice training program or course of instruction by the Director that the accreditation of the school is being summarily suspended. The school shall not perform any duties or conduct any courses requiring accreditation by the Commission;
  - (3) The summary suspension shall remain effective during the proceedings for suspension and revocation, pursuant to 12 NCAC 09A .0201 and .0207;
  - (4) The summary suspension shall be returned for a full hearing before the Probable Cause Committee at the next scheduled Commission meeting.
- (f) The Commission shall suspend or revoke a school's accreditation when it finds that the school has failed to meet or continuously maintain any requirement, standard, or procedure for school or course accreditation.

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