

## **Candidacy for ASHA Accreditation Means**

**“Accreditation Candidate.** Candidacy status is awarded to a newly developed entry-level graduate degree program that meets all institutional and programmatic eligibility requirements, including that **the program** has no students currently enrolled and that it **has been granted authorization through the governance process of the parent institution and the appropriate state authority to offer the graduate degree program(s) for which candidacy is sought.**”

Candidacy status requires compliance with the Standards for Accreditation in a logical sequence over several years. This allows new programs to evolve over time and to secure necessary resources to administer the program while being closely monitored by the CAA. Although compliance with all standards is not required at the time of award of candidacy, CAA's decision to award candidacy status is based on the program's submission of a comprehensive development plan (which is presented in the form of the candidacy application) and the program's and institution's demonstrated commitment and ability to implement the program fully. Once candidacy is awarded, programs will be monitored for continued development and compliance with the accreditation standards through submission of annual progress reports. Once determined to be in compliance with given standards, programs must maintain compliance with those standards throughout candidacy status. Candidacy status may be held for no longer than 5 years, subject to approval of the annual progress reports, at which time the program must meet all CAA Standards for Accreditation. Candidacy status cannot be renewed or extended.”

To see more on this information from the ASHA website click link below:

<http://www.asha.org/academic/accreditation/accredmanual/section2.htm>

### ***OUR PROGRAM HAS ACCREDITATION CANDIDACY STATUS***

***For Specific Information on Monmouth University's SLP Program click on the ASHA link below***

<http://www.asha.org/edfind/details.aspx?id=3050>

**“The status of Candidacy for Accreditation allows students** enrolled in newly established education programs **to be eligible to apply for the CCC upon graduation** without penalizing the first classes of students graduating from those programs.”

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