

TIMELINES FOR TRANSITIONING TO ACE

Accred. Stage	A	B	C	D	E
If your school is at/preparing for...	8th Edition Preliminary/Prep. Visit	8th Edition Team Visit	8th Edition FRPP	8th Edition 5-Year Report & Visit	8th Edition Preliminary/Prep Visit
----- Between...	Spring '15 – Fall '16 (No Prep Visit after Fall '16)	Fall '15 – Fall '18 (No 8 th Ed Team Visit after Fall '18)	Fall '15 – Fall '20 (No FRPP after Fall '20)	Fall '15 – Spring '17 (No 5-Year Visit after Spring '17)	Spring '17 or later
Then the next stage(s) is:	8 th Edition Self-Study	8 th Edition FRPP	↓	↓	↓
Between...	Completed Fall '16 – Spring '18	Fall '17 – Fall '20	↓	↓	↓
Followed by...	8 th Edition Team Visit	↓	↓	↓	↓
Between...	Fall '16 – Fall '18	↓	↓	↓	↓
Followed by...	8 th Edition FRPP	↓	↓	↓	↓
Between...	Fall '18 – Fall '20	↓	↓	↓	↓
Transition to ACE...	ACE Exploratory Visit	ACE Exploratory Visit	ACE Exploratory Visit	ACE Exploratory Visit	ACE Exploratory Visit (in lieu of PV)
Occurs between...	Fall '21 – Fall '23 (or a year earlier at school's option)	Fall '20 – Fall '23 (or a year earlier at school's option)	Fall '18 – Fall '23 (or a year earlier at school's option)	Spring '18 – Fall '19 (or a year earlier at school's option)	Spring '17 or later (e.g. 2 ½ yrs. from last 5-Yr. Visit)

How to Read the Chart

1. Determine what your NEXT regular stage in the 8th Edition process will be (e.g. if your last visit was a 5-Year Visit, your next stage will be a Preparatory Visit) and the year during which it is currently scheduled to occur.
2. Find the heading and the time range for the next stage in your 8th Edition accreditation cycle.
3. Read the vertical column for your stage and time range to find out when your school is expected to transition to ACE.

Example 1 (Column A - highlighted orange)

- A. You last 5-Year visit occurred in April 2014. Your outcome letter most likely specified Fall 2016 as the time for the next Preparatory Visit.
- B. This means that Column A applies to your school and that you transition to ACE in Fall 2021 (or one year earlier at your option).

Example 2 (Column B - highlighted green)

- A. Your next Team Visit is scheduled to occur in Fall 2017.
- B. This means that Column B applies to your school and that you transition to ACE in Fall 2022.

Example 3 (Column C - highlighted blue)

- A. Your FRPP is due in Fall 2017.
- B. This means that Column C applies to your school and that you transition to ACE in Fall 2020 (or one year earlier at your option).

Example 4 (Column D - highlighted yellow)

- A. You submitted your FRPP in Spring 2014, which means that your 5-Year Review/Visit is scheduled to occur in Spring 2017.
- B. This means that Column D applies to your school and that you transition to ACE in Fall 2019 (or one year earlier at your option).

Example 5 (Column E - highlighted grey)

- A. Your last 5-Year Visit occurred in Spring 2015. Your outcome letter most likely specified Fall 2017 as the time for the next Preparatory Visit.
- B. This means that Column E applies to your school and that you transition to ACE in Fall 2017 (in lieu of the Preparatory Visit) by hosting an ACE Exploratory Visit instead.

NOTE: Our NEASC/CIE Team stands ready to explain specifics of the transition process and to support you in arriving at an informed decision that best serves your school. If you have any questions, please contact cie@neasc.org