

AEI Standards and Criteria for Accreditation Overview of 2021 Revisions

The goals of the 2021 revisions were to reduce redundancy and clarify intent. This resulted in what is primarily a reorganization of the current Standards. Please use this document as a quick reference and orientation to the revisions.

Summary of Changes:

While there aren't any new Standards per say, the original Standards were reorganized which resulted in five Standards as opposed to four.

Only one new Criterion has been added – Criterion 5.2: Annual Compliance Reports.

Minor changes were made to most Criteria. In some instances, the documentation required to demonstrate compliance was also changed. The required documentation is now stated in the Standards Manual.

Requirements for Comprehensive and Focused accreditation are now incorporated into one set of Standards. The differences in the requirements are noted in the language.

Original Standards	Revised Standards
Standard I - Learners and Scope of the Educational Programs	Standard 1 – Personnel
Standard II – Curriculum Development, Delivery of Effective Education, and Assessment	Standard 2 – Governance and Budget
Standard III – Administration, Management, and Governance	Standard 3 – Learners and Educational Resources
Standard IV – Advancement of the Field	Standard 4 –

Accreditation Requirements

Original Criteria	Revised Criteria
Criterion 1.1: Learners	Criterion 3.2: Learners Added

<p>Criterion 3.2.2: Education Institute Surgical Director</p>	<p>Criterion 1.2: Education Institute Surgical Director</p> <p>Removed the following requirements: The Education Institute Surgical Director must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate a commitment to surgical education Be responsible for reporting to the Steering Committee or Advisory Board assessment data related to the surgical education and training programs of the AEI <p>Added language: Former AEI Simulation Fellows with Associate FACS designation are eligible to serve as the Surgical Director.</p>
<p>Criterion 3.2.3: Administrative and Support Staff</p>	<p>Criterion 1.3: Administrative and Support Staff</p> <p>Removed the following requirements: Administrative and support staff perform the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serving as a liaison between the Institute's Director and outside entities Ordering supplies Acquisition of the assessment data related to Criterion 2.3 Conduct ongoing inventories of supplies, simulators, equipment, and make recommendations for the acquisition of new supplies Organize resources Ensure the safe operation of the AEI through appropriate use of safety and policies & procedures manuals Set-up and take-down of skills stations as required <p>Added a requirement: Administrative and support staff are responsible for daily operations of the simulation center</p> <p>Edited language: Administrative and support staff assist with preparation and documentation of CME activities for courses and participants (when offered)</p>

<p>Criterion 3.3: Device Inventory</p>	<p>Criterion 3.4: Device Inventory</p> <p>Added language: Education Institutes must list the necessary devices for their existing and planned curricula and have the support to use them effectively to meet their learners' and curricular needs.</p>
<p>Criterion 3.4: Financial Resources</p>	<p>Criterion 2.2: Ongoing Financial Resources and Support</p> <p>Renamed Criterion and added language: Budget deficits of 25% or more must be explained and supported in the document and tables.</p>

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<p>Criterion 4.1: Research or Scholarly Activities in Simulation-Based Education</p>	<p>Criterion 5.1: Research or Scholarly Activities in Simulation-Based Education</p> <p>No changes. Still not applicable for Focused Institutes.</p>
<p>Criterion 4.2: Involvement in the Consortium of ACS-accredited Education Institutes</p>	<p>Criterion 5.3: Involvement in the Consortium of ACS-accredited Education Institutes</p> <p>Moved the requirement of annual reports to its own Criterion – Criterion 5.2 – otherwise no changes.</p>
<p>N/A – new Criterion, not in original Standards</p>	<p>Criterion 5.2: Annual Compliance Reports</p> <p>Added this Criterion which asks AElS to attest to completing the annual compliance report during each year of its accreditation term.</p>