ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Fifth-Year Review Process: Unit Accreditation and Program Approval

- Published List of recognized SPA(s) for NCATE Institutions
- Conceptual Framework submitted to ISBE
- Program Review Report(s) to ISBE and/or SPA(s)
- Analysis of institution’s Conceptual Framework and Program Reports forwarded to institution
- Team Selection
- Institutional Report submitted to ISBE
- Previsit by ISBE staff following receipt of report
- Final Program Critiques to institutions
- Fifth-Year Review visit
- Team Report developed
- Final Team Report sent to institution
- Rejoinder(s) or Letter of Agreement submitted to ISBE
- STCB considers:
  - Team Report
  - Institutional Rejoinder
  - Program Critiques
- STCB recommends decisions for:
  - Unit Accreditation
  - Program Approval
- STCB recommendations to State Board of Education
- State Board of Education decision
- Institution notified of decision
- Annual Report
  - evidence of progress to address identified weaknesses, program changes, description of new activities, etc.
  - mandatory staff review and technical assistance follow-up
- Institutional Data Form
- ISBE provides technical assistance (e.g., on-site consultations, workshops, etc.) to institutions identified as at-risk or low-performing
Fifth-Year Review Process: Conceptual Framework Review

All institutions submit Conceptual Framework for state panel review

Panel analysis to institution

Panel findings:
- Adequate
- One or more elements not adequate

On-site team assures the Conceptual Framework is
- knowledge and performance-based,
- coherent,
- articulated,
- integrated into all standards, and
- continuously evaluated.
Fifth Year Review Process Selection of On-Site Team

**Composition**
- P-12 practitioners
- Higher Education faculty and administrators
- Representatives from STCB, IBHE, ICCB, etc.

**Training**
- intensive, 4-day session
- based on NCATE procedures
- retraining every 3 years

**Ethical guidelines**
- conflict of interest
- impartial professional
- confidentiality

**Evaluation process**
- team members
- team preparation
- training process
Fifth Year Review Process Selection of On-Site Team

**Composition**
- P-12 practitioners
- Higher Education faculty and administrators
- Representatives from STCB, IBHE, ICCB, etc.

**Training**
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Unit Review Decisions

- Continuing Accreditation
  - OR
  - Accreditation with Conditions
    - OR
    - Written documentation
      - OR
      - Accreditation continued
        - OR
        - Focused Visit
          - OR
          - Accreditation continued
            - OR
            - Revocation
          - Revocation
    - OR
    - Accreditation with Probation
      - Full Visit
        - Accreditation continued
        - OR
        - Revocation
    - Revocation
- Title II identified as “at-risk”
Illinois Fifth-Year Review Process: Program Approval

**State Review Panels**
- All programs for Non-NCATE institutions
- Programs for which there is no recognized SPA
- State standards not addressed by SPA(s)

**Specialized Professional Association (SPA) Panels**
- Programs for NCATE institutions
- Published List of SPAs recognized by ISBE

Program Report submitted to either:
- ISBE or
- SPA (through NCATE)

Interim critiques to institutions

Institutions submit rejoinders

Final critiques to institutions

On-site review team verifies program critiques

STCB recommends to State Board of Education:
- Approval
- Provisional Approval (18 months)
- Denial
Program Approval Decisions

- Approval
- OR
- Provisional Approval
  - Written documentation within 18 months to State Review Panel
  - OR
  - STCB recommends to State Board of Education
    - State Board of Education
      - Approval
      - Denial
- OR
- Denial
Illinois Fifth-Year Review: Appeal Process

State Certification Board recommends Accreditation Decision

State Superintendent notifies Institution of STCB’s recommendation

Institution may submit an official intent to request reconsideration of STCB’s recommendation to the Superintendent
Documentation submitted within 30 days of the Superintendent’s receipt of the notice of intent

30 days

State Superintendent forwards the request and the STCB’s recommendation to State Board of Education
• State Superintendent informs STCB of the institution’s request

30 days

State Board issues decision

State Superintendent notifies Institution