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ARC-PA PHILOSOPHY

- High quality education for all PAs best serves the interests of both the public and the PA profession.
- Continual self-study is the foundation for improving quality in the content and processes of education.

CHARACTERISTICS OF QUALITY PROGRAMS

- Demonstrate they can manage themselves
- Quality self-study process and SSR (self-study report)
- Willingness to critically look at itself
- Proven track record
- Exceeds minimum requirements
- Effective leadership
- Successful students and graduates
- Attention to detail
- Very familiar with the Standards
- Robust faculty development and faculty involvement
- Appropriately resourced
- Strong Institutional Support
- Support in the Medical Community
- Think proactively
- Read ARC-PA web site News section, including Notes to Programs and portal updates
- Refer to Accreditation Manual
- Do not hesitate to contact ARC-PA with questions

SO WHAT'S NEW??



COMING EVENTS AND NEWS



- Standards Revision
 - Survey conducted
 - Focus Groups conducted at PAEA Forum conducted Oct 2016
 - Standards committee to present draft of new *Standards* at Sept Comm meeting
 - If approved by Commission, draft will be presented at PAEA forum Oct 2018
- Programs now submit all manuals and syllabi with application of record
- Portal Alerts continue
- Random audits of PA program websites continue

