

Myth Busting the PATH Intl. Center Accreditation Process

Tips, Tricks and Collaboration



What Are We Working With: The Center Accreditation Process

- Download the Center Accreditation Booklet
- Assign a center representative.
- This person must be an individual member of PATH Intl. and have completed the Standards Course within 90 days of application submission.
- Complete the accreditation application.

To Go or Not to Go: Benefits & Considerations



- Access to scholarships and grants
- Increased brand equity by being recognized as the best of the best
- Possibility of decreased insurance rates
- Exclusive use of PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center logo
- Discounts on education for your instructors and conferences
- Opportunities to increase revenue by hosting on-site workshops and certification
- Reaccreditation: 5 yr period; \$750 fee; proof of compliance; maintain center membership each year, plus reaccreditation visit



Pieces and Parts

Composition of the Standards A3 (Standard number)

The bold type text following the standard number is considered the "standard." For scoring purposes, centers are responsible to meet the requirements identified in bold type (i.e., the standards).

1. If the standard has numbered subparts, all numbered subparts must be in compliance in order to answer yes to the standard.

Yes No

Compliance Demonstration: Explains the method(s) the site visitors will use to determine compliance with the standard.

Interpretation: This text is to help the center and the site visitor understand the intent of the standard and to serve as an educational tool.

Some standard numbers are preceded with an * and followed by the word **MANDATORY**. Compliance with standards marked * **MANDATORY** are required for center accreditation.

Some standards are preceded with **DNA** (does not apply) and text outlining the rationale to be used to determine if the standard is to be scored by the site visitor. This rationale is the only reason for not scoring the standard.

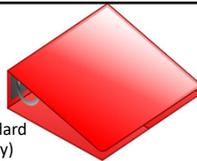
Things to consider

- Time line vs expectations
- Staff – be honest with the people-power of your team
- Budget – plan ahead for aspects of meeting standards & annual fees for maintaining PAC status
- Calendar impact:
 - Lessons
 - Horses
 - Season of visit
 - travel & property



Accreditation in a Nutshell IMO

- Go to the PATH website
- Download & print the Standards Manual in the 1 standard per page format (Member Connections resource library)
- Create your Standards binder ~ this is now your to-do list!
- Go through 1 X 1 until all standards have been addressed
- Complete the Accreditation check list
- Start the Application process as outlined on the website
- Do a mock visit with your staff / as a Program



Tips and Tricks

- Think it through, but don't over do it on detail and specifics; sometimes less is more
- Stay on top of time frames and deadlines
- Visit other centers for observing layouts, lesson flow, facilities and maintenance
- Use your resources: in-house, local community & PATH community
- Digital is fine, but a hard copy binder provides tangible copies of paperwork, policies, etc. in case electronic versions are inaccessible



Tips and Tricks continued...

- Double check that all sub-parts of each standard are completed/address (A7)
- Double check that all standards numbers match manual/binder
- Only responsible for sections that pertain to your Programming
- Be consistent and aware of current terminology
- Complete at least one full staff mock visit prior to your Site visit



Resources

- www.pathintl.org
- <https://pathintl.org/accreditation/>
- <https://pathintl.org/resources/standards-manual>

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- Photos – general web photos
