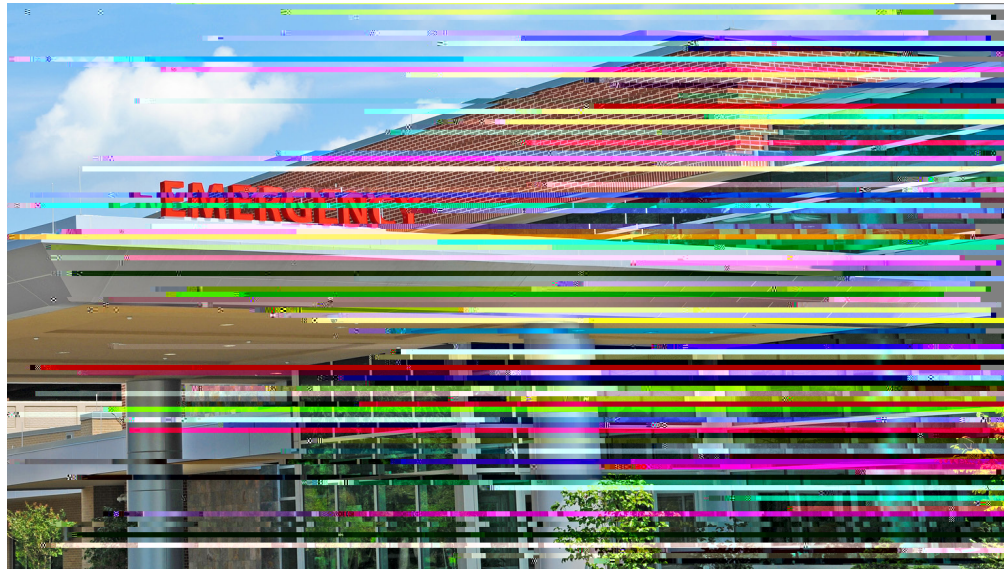


Great Achievements Come One Step at a Time

A Snapshot of the Process to Achieve Accreditation for a Hospital



Learn more about working with us

To get started, simply go to www.jointcommission.org and visit Hospital Accreditation.

- Request a free trial of our online standards manual
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Review the requirements

Review the requirements that your organization will need to meet for accreditation. Also, familiarize yourself with The Joint Commission's tracer survey process and SAFER[®] scoring methodology. Contact us to walk you through an orientation.

Assess your readiness

Once you know what requirements apply to you, you'll need to determine where you are already meeting the requirements, and where policies or procedures will need to change. If you need any help interpreting the standards or what to do to meet them, visit our standards interpretation page on our website at https://www.jointcommission.org/standards_information/jcfaq.aspx to view FAQs or submit a question.

For more information on Joint Commission Hospital Accreditation, please email qualityhospital@jointcommission.org.



Apply for accreditation

When you are ready to apply, email us at qualityhospitals@jointcommission.org. Then, we'll help you complete your application and submit your deposit. You will be able to indicate on the application a realistic "ready" date within the next 12 months for your on-site survey.

Prepare for your on-site survey

Plan how you want to describe your program in the opening conference, decide who will accompany the surveyor and ensure you have at least 4 months of data on your measures.

Address any identified gap areas

Establish a timeline to implement any improvements so that you are in compliance with all the standards by the time of your on-site survey.

Participate in your first Joint Commission survey

comprehensive on-site survey. Your preliminary "Summary of Survey Findings Report" will be made available to you at the close of the survey.

Complete any post survey follow up activities

- Address your organization's requirements for improvement.
 - Complete and submit your Evidence of Standards Compliance within 60 days.
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Celebrate/publicize your accomplishment

When you've attained "The Gold Seal of Approval®" – let the world know! Visit our website for tips and artwork to use. Your organization will be listed on our search on www.jointcommission.org. The English and Japanese Standards CTp the Standards CTp
