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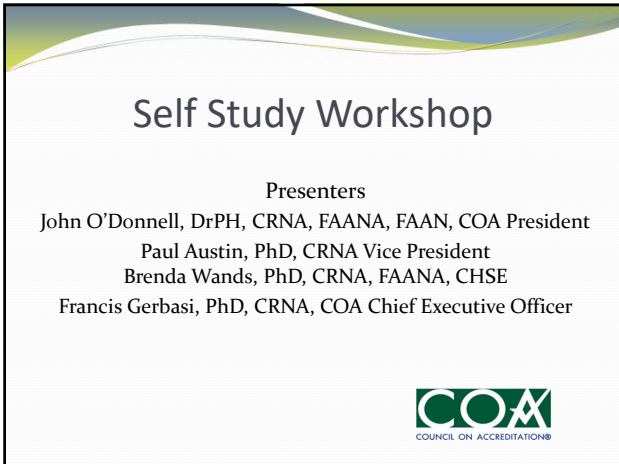
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## Accreditation

- Purposes
  - Quality Assessment
  - Quality Improvement
- Values
  - Public
  - Students
  - Programs
  - Profession
- Recognition
  - US Department of Education
  - Council for Higher Education Accreditation
  - State and Federal Regulations

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## Accreditation Process

### High Level Overview

#### COA Activities

- Notice to Programs – approximately 1 year in advance
- Onsite visit
- Review of documents
  - Self Study
  - Summary Report
  - Program's Response to Summary Report
- COA renders an accreditation decision

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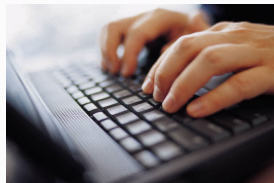
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## Action and Written Components



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## Accreditation Process

### Action Components

- Prepare a self study
- Host the onsite visit
- Respond to the summary report
- Pay the fees

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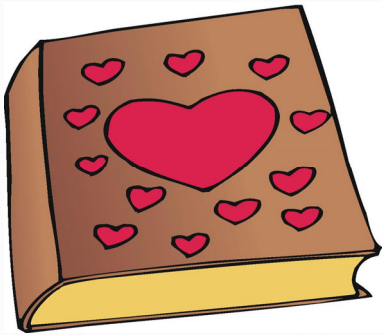
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## Self Study



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## Self Study Report

### Purpose

- Tool to assess program
- Educational statement
- Vehicle for onsite reviewers

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## Components of the Self Study

- Overview
- Demographics
- Compliance by Standard
- Signature Page
- Student and Faculty Evaluations

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## Self Study Process

- Review goals
- Study processes
- Assess problems
- Formulate solutions
- Evaluate achievements

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## Benefits in Completing a Self Study

- Understanding
- Evaluation
- Improvement
- Document history

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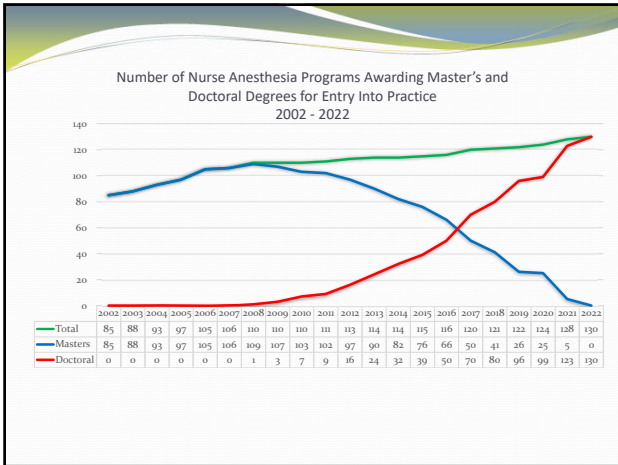
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