The NACC immediate accreditation plans will focus its accreditation efforts on **stand-alone nonprofit graduate and undergraduate programs**. A “stand-alone” program refers to a full degree program with a primary focus on the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors. For example, Master of Nonprofit Management; M.A. in Philanthropic Studies, Bachelor of Nonprofit Administration, etc. A stand-alone degree program may be co-located in an academic unit with other degree programs (MPA, MBA, etc.), but our accreditation will focus only on the nonprofit degree program.

The NACC accreditation process will center on **matching the curriculum** taught to students in a specific program with identified best practices in nonprofit and philanthropy pedagogy and curriculum development. This process will largely consist of a process of **curriculum mapping** between the programs’ syllabi and the [NACC Curriculum Guidelines](https://www.nacc.org/) and [Indicators of Quality](https://www.nacc.org/).

The NACC accreditation will provide a web-based **open space for sharing** innovative and dynamic course development and design practices.

The NACC accreditation will help programs ensure that they have an **appropriate mix of professional and academic faculty** that is capable of teaching the curriculum. This will require programs to provide proof of the credentials of the teaching staff.

The NACC accreditation will help programs ensure that they offer the required and elective courses students need to graduate in a timely manner.

The NACC accreditation process will be **largely conducted electronically** and as a result not require a lengthy self-study report and site visit. This will **lower the costs and time burden** of a NACC accreditation both to NACC and prospective organizations.

The NACC accreditation process, via review of syllabi, faculty credentials, and scheduling of required and elective courses, **will enable review of truth-in-advertising and adequacy of the curriculum**. That is, if a university claims to have a degree program with “nonprofit” or “philanthropy” in the title, mission, and recruiting materials, they must have the curriculum and expertise to fulfill those claims.

NACC will create a task force to develop an implementation plan consistent with these frameworks and return to the body for further vote within 6 months.