



Doctoral Review Committee Update

February 2026 Joint Meeting

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I. Programs Update

- Accredited Program
 - University of Texas Medical Branch – Galveston
 - Completing their five-year award in September 2026
 - Site Visit May 2026
- Programs in Candidacy Status
 - Rutgers
 - The DRC will finalize a recommendation for accreditation at their meeting this February
 - Cincinnati
 - Currently enrolling students

II. Discussion Items

- Advocacy for the Rigor of Accredited DCLS Programs
 - The majority of the discussion over the last year of DCLS meetings is to better promote the rigor of NAACLS Accredited Doctoral programs. This meeting is no different.
- Using “Residency” Instead of “Rotation”
 - These proposed standard changes were released in the fall.
- DCLS Annual Survey Review
 - What data should be collected for quality assurance purposes, as well as advocacy purposes.
- Required Outcomes
 - The DRC currently leaves it up to the programs to determine what outcomes they use.
- Accreditation Outreach
 - The DRC will discuss associations and methods in which NAACLS can advocate for the rigor of the standards.