

## **I.8 Precandidacy status**

Precandidacy indicates the institution's and program's commitment to achieving ALA accreditation. Institutions and programs not accredited by the ALA's Committee on Accreditation must go through Precandidacy and Candidacy status before receiving Initial accreditation from the COA. As a prerequisite to the granting of Precandidacy or Candidacy status to a program, the ALA requires that the institution be accredited by its appropriate institutional accrediting agency. This requirement does not apply in Canada, which has no institutional accrediting system.

Resources for programs seeking Initial accreditation can be found on the Office for Accreditation website.

### **I.8.1 Eligible programs**

As the first step in seeking accreditation from the ALA, the following programs are required to apply for Precandidacy status: 1) a new program at an institution that does not have an ALA-accredited program and/or 2) an existing program at an institution that does not have an ALA-accredited program.

### **I.8.2 Application requirements**

An application for Precandidacy status must be submitted to the Chair of the COA in care of the Office for Accreditation not less than 45 days before the COA meeting at which the application will be considered. The Precandidacy application must include:

- A letter from the CEO of the institution requesting Precandidacy status for the

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financial support for the program (including a copy of the program's current budget),  
and 3) a projected budget for the program during the Precandidacy and Candidacy  
periods. (The (b) Hand position of the persons responsible (Pr) 5 mt (d budg)-1(i)-2 opl)-2

