

# Maryland Accreditation Technical Assistance

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How do I request Technical Assistance?**

A: Your program can use the [Requesting Optional Technical Assistance](#) tutorial to guide you in the scheduling process.

**Q: How do I decline Technical Assistance?**

A: Your program can use the [Declining Optional Technical Assistance](#) tutorial to guide you in this process.

**Q: Is Technical Assistance a one-time opportunity or can we ask for TA throughout the process until we request a final visit?**

A: Your program can accept or decline Technical Assistance once during your accreditation cycle.

**Q: How much time does a program have after receiving Technical Assistance to request a validation visit?**

A: Your program can request a validation visit at any time after requesting or declining Technical Assistance. Programs participating in Maryland Accreditation must complete the accreditation process prior to their accreditation expiration date. Programs that are working toward Maryland Accreditation for the first time have two years to complete the process.

**Q: For a Technical Assistance session, can we request that our program's entire accreditation binder is reviewed?**

A: During the scheduling process for Technical Assistance, your program will receive an Intake Form. This form will assist you in identifying the indicators and questions that you would like to discuss during the Technical Assistance session. Each session will not exceed two hours and will be conducted virtually.

**Q: Can I request a specific Quality Assurance Specialist for my Technical Assistance Session?**

A: No, Quality Assurance Specialists are scheduled for sessions based on their availability regardless of the location of the program.

**Q: Will a Quality Assurance Specialist observe my program during a technical assistance session?**

A: No, observations of instruction, classroom environments and outdoor environments will not take place during a technical assistance session. The session will focus on providing technical assistance on the specific indicator questions that your program submitted on the Intake Form.

**Q: How long is a Technical Assistance Session?**

A: Technical Assistance Sessions will not exceed two hours and are conducted using the Google Meet platform.

