APPLE ACCREDITATION TIMELINE
Standard Accreditation Process

The goal of APPLE Accreditation is to increase the quality in early learning programs through self-evaluation, self-improvement, and verification of quality standards.

The Standard Accreditation Process is suggested for first time accreditation, is cost effective, and has the longest processing time.
The total processing time will not exceed 210 business days from complete portfolio submission.

Initial APPLE Accreditation is valid for 3 years. APPLE Reaccreditation is valid for 5 years.
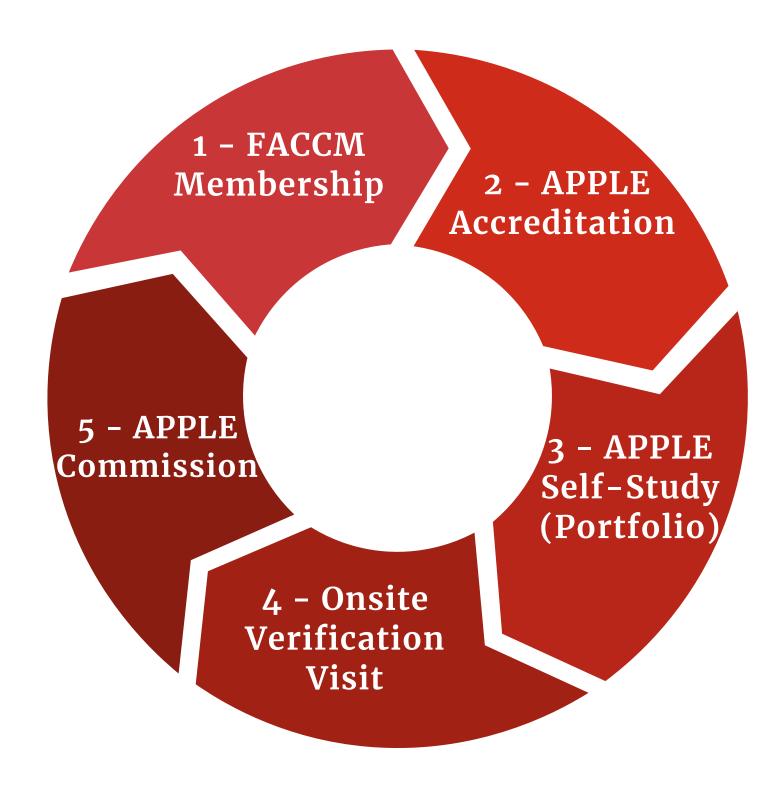
1– FACCM Membership

FACCM membership must remain in good standing and renewed annually.
www.FACCM.org

5 – APPLE Commission

The APPLE Commission will review and if all criteria is met then accreditation is earned.

The APPLE Commission is comprised of a committee of FACCM Board Members.

2 – APPLE Accreditation

Once FACCM membership is approved, submit the "New or Reaccreditation APPLE Accreditation Application" for review.
This application is valid for 18 months.

3 – APPLE Self–Study (Portfolio)

Utilizing the 2024 Standards Manual, build the Self–Study (Portfolio) in the 1Place Web App.
Upon submission of the portfolio remit the associated fees.

4 – Onsite Verification Visit

An APPLE Verifier will visit the Center to verify elements of the Portfolio.

(Central diagram – circular process)
1 – FACCM Membership
2 – APPLE Accreditation
3 – APPLE Self–Study (Portfolio)
4 – Onsite Verification Visit
5 – APPLE Commission

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APPLE ACCREDITATION TIMELINE

Expedited Accreditation Process

The goal of APPLE Accreditation is to increase the quality in early learning programs through self-evaluation, self-improvement, and verification of quality standards.
The total processing time will not exceed 90 business days from complete portfolio submission.

Initial APPLE Accreditation is valid for 3 years. APPLE Reaccreditation is valid for 5 years.

1- FACCM Membership

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5 – APPLE Commission

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2 - APPLE Accreditation

Once FACCM membership is approved, submit the "New or Reaccreditation Expedited APPLE Accreditation Application" for review.
This application is valid for 18 months.

3 – APPLE Self-Study (Portfolio)

Utilizing the 2024 Standards Manual, build the Self-Study (Portfolio) in the 1Place Web App. Upon submission of the portfolio remit the associated fees.

4 - Onsite Verification Visit

An APPLE Verifier will visit the Center to verify elements of the Portfolio.
The verification visit will be scheduled within 90 days.

APPLE ACCREDITATION TIMELINE

Change of Owner/Change of Location/Change in Accrediting Body

The goal of APPLE Accreditation is to increase the quality in early learning programs through self-evaluation, self-improvement, and verification of quality standards.

The total processing time will not exceed 90 business days from complete portfolio submission.

Provisional accreditation is issued for twelve months from the new license effective date.

1- FACCM Membership

FACCM membership must remain in good standing and renewed annually.
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5 – APPLE Commission

The APPLE Commission will review and if all criteria is met then provisional accreditation is earned.

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2 - APPLE Accreditation

Once FACCM membership is approved, submit the "New Expedited APPLE Accreditation Application" for review. Upon application approval, a provisional certificate is issued for 1 year from the license effective date.

3 - APPLE Self-Study (Portfolio)

Utilizing the 2024 Standards Manual, build the Self-Study (Portfolio) in the 1Place Web App. Upon submission of the portfolio remit the associated fees.

4 - Onsite Verification Visit

An APPLE Verifier will visit the Center to verify elements of the Portfolio.

The verification visit will be scheduled within 90 business days of successful portfolio review.

Cycle diagram:
1 – FACCM Membership
2 – APPLE Accreditation
3 – APPLE Self-Study (Portfolio)
4 – Onsite Verification Visit
5 – APPLE Commission

APPLE ACCREDITATION TIMELINE

Out-of-State Timeline

The goal of APPLE Accreditation is to increase the quality in early learning programs through self-evaluation, self-improvement, and verification of quality standards.

Initial APPLE Accreditation is valid for 3 years. APPLE Reaccreditation is valid for 5 years.

1- Minimum Eligibility

Must serve students between the ages of 0-12, and be licensed, or have proof of license excemption

5 - APPLE Commission

The APPLE Commission will review and if all criteria is met then accreditation is earned.

The APPLE Commission is comprised of a committee of FACCM Board Members.

2 - APPLE Accreditation

Submit the "Out-of-State" APPLE Accreditation Application (Non-Florida)" for review.
This application is valid for 18 months.

3- Portfolio (Self-Study)

Utilizing the 2024 Standards Manual, build the Portfolio (Self-Study) in the 1Place Web App. Upon submission of the portfolio remit the associated fees.

4 - Verification Visit

An APPLE Verifier will virtually visit the Center to verify elements of the Portfolio.

1 Minimum Eligibility

2 Accreditation Application

3 Portfolio (Self-Study)

4 Verification Visit

5 APPLE Commission