

ETHICAL PRACTICES

The Commission has an obligation to assure itself that any school which seeks candidacy, accreditation, or reaffirmation of accreditation conducts its affairs with honesty, integrity and candor.

When the Commission has cause to believe that any school with which it is concerned is acting in an unethical manner or is deliberately misrepresenting itself to its students or the public, it will investigate the matter and provide the institution an opportunity to explain the alleged abuse. If, on the basis of such an investigation and after affording the institution an opportunity to respond, the Commission finds that an institution has engaged in unethical conduct or that its integrity has been seriously undermined, the Commission will act as follows:

- With regard to an institution which is an applicant, but is not yet a candidate or accredited, break off relations.
- With regard to a candidate or accredited institution, either issue a show-cause order with a time stated, or in extreme cases, immediately sever its relationship with the institution by denying or terminating candidacy or accreditation.

The institution may appeal the decision of the Commission in accordance with the NEASC appeal process.