

# Concussion Rehabilitation Program Accreditation Standards

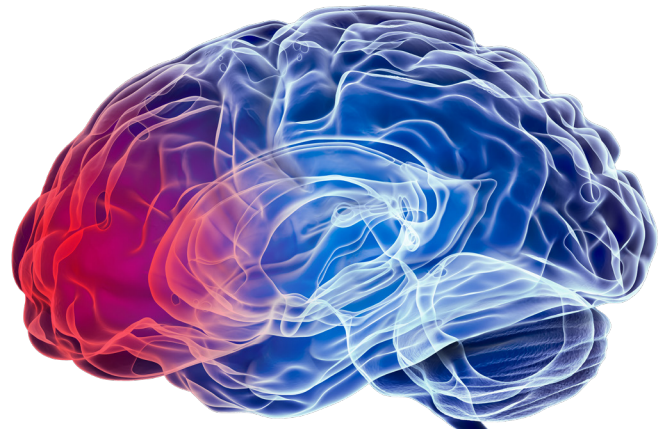
CARF International has worked with the field to create the first accreditation standards for Concussion Rehabilitation Programs. These interdisciplinary programs will focus on concussion prevention, identification, management and rehabilitation as they support individuals in their efforts to return to school, work, sport, and other life roles.

The standards include the following content areas:

- Scope of services provided
- Use of clinical practice guidelines and evidence-based practice
- Program structure
- Initial and ongoing assessments
- Coordination and integration of services
- Competency-based training of personnel
- Participation in research opportunities
- Education for persons served, the public, and stakeholders across the care continuum
- Education and advocacy regarding underserved and underdiagnosed populations
- Engagement with healthcare providers across the continuum

Accreditation in concussion rehabilitation demonstrates a program's commitment to quality and performance improvement in its clinical and business practices, and it supports partnership with CARF International to enhance the lives of individuals with lived experience of concussion.

The standards will be published in the *2024 Medical Rehabilitation Standards Manual*.



69 million people worldwide annually experience a concussion.

Most people who experience a concussion have symptoms resolve within one month, however some continue to experience persisting symptoms for a prolonged period of time. Individuals who have experienced a concussion may benefit from rehabilitation throughout that continuum of recovery.