## Candidate for Accreditation What Does This Mean?

The University of Scranton has been awarded candidacy for a period of five years beginning, February 1, 2023 January 31, 2028. Candidacy status is awarded to a *newly developed* entry-level graduate degree program that meets all institutional and programmatic eligibility requirements, including that the program has no students enrolled and that it has been granted authorization through the governance process of the parent institution and the appropriate state authority to offer the graduate degree program(s) for which candidacy is sought. Candidacy status requires compliance with the Standards in a logical sequence over several years. This allows new programs to evolve over time and to secure the necessary resources to administer the program while being closely monitored by the CAA. Candidate programs are