## **Five Level Approach Toward Achieving Accreditation**

The following level approach is implemented under the governance of the accrediting agency:

Level 1: Program meets all minimum requirements for legal operation

**Level 2:** Program applies for accreditation showing it has met requirements for licensing regardless of religious exemption status followed by a minimum of one full year of successful operation as defined by the accrediting organization.

Level 3: Program obtains candidacy status and commences self-study

**Level 4:** Program successfully completes as defined by accrediting agency the self-study and site visit

**Level 5:** Program is reviewed by association's review committee and upon approval is granted accreditation membership/status from member association and NCPSA