

## UMAP Gold Seal Accreditation is attained by the following process:

1- The school must be licensed.

2- The school must be a General Member of UMAP.

3- The school must contact the accreditation Chair and request and Application for Accreditation. You may email us at: execdirumapfl@gmail.com

4- After receiving the Application for Accreditation, the school must fill out and send in the application, a copy of their general membership Certificate, a copy of their license and an application fee of \$100.00 to:

UMAP Accreditation, P O Box 07506, Fort Myers, FL 33919

5- Upon receipt of those items, the school will then be sent (digitally) the UMAP Standards and Observation Packet.

6- The school then performs an in-depth self-study, verifies that it meets the standards and sends all the paperwork to the accreditation chair in the form of a notebook(s) or on flash drives.

7- Several UMAP Accreditation Commissioners go over the material and contact the school with any questions.

8- After all the received material is deemed satisfactory, a date is set for a verification visit by a UMAP Validator. The validator validates the accreditation material send in, and then makes a recommendation to the UMAP Board.

9- The board votes on the school's accreditation

10- the school is notified of the Board's decision. Either the school is approved for Gold Seal accreditation or deferred until any needed requirements are met.

11 -If approved, the school is sent a congratulatory letter; one to the director and one to the pastor, and a UMAP Gold Seal certificate. At that point, a form must be sent from the school to the State of Florida, notifying them of the school's UMAP accreditation status. The state then sends a State Gold Seal certificate to the school also.