III.5 Role and responsibilities of the ERP

The ERP plays a critical role in the accreditation process. It is appointed by and reports to the COA. The ERP serves as the COA's agent during the site visit. The ERP's tasks include the analysis of the Self-Study, the verification of evidence presented in the Self-Study, the collection of additional evidence through the site visit, and the presentation of its findings to the COA in the form of an ERP Report. The COA uses this report in making decisions about accreditation of the program.

- Avoiding making pronouncements regarding the program's compliance with the standards or possible accreditation decision;
- Avoiding other commitments during the site visit;
- Completing assigned sections of the ERP Report as scheduled by the