

Accreditation and Quality Assurance

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ACCREDITATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

What is accreditation?

Accreditation is a term covering both the initial and ongoing approval of a program, school, or postsecondary institution as meeting the standards established by a nationally recognized accrediting association for membership in the association. Accrediting associations are voluntary membership associations that undertake to monitor the academic and administrative quality of their members, which are either entire institutions or components.

Accreditation in the United States is equivalent to the recognition afforded schools and higher education institutions by ministries and statutory laws in other countries, and the validity of accreditation for such purposes is recognized in the United States by state governments and the federal government.

Unlike many nations that have a central authority directing and monitoring higher education, the American system relies on voluntary, nongovernmental peer review as its form of self-regulation.

Government recognition of institutions and programs is limited in the United States and is not as important as in some other countries. Voluntary accreditation is universally recognized within the United States as the legally valid measure of institutional and program recognition. Most state and federal laws and regulations defer to the judgments of the academic and professional communities as exercised through nationally recognized accrediting associations.

Federal recognition is carried out by the U.S. Department of Education and is limited by law to those measures necessary to ensure that only accredited institutions participate in the receipt of federal funding. Thus, federal recognition is based upon the prior accreditation of institutions; the national government does not independently approve institutions or programs.

What are the steps that must take place in the accreditation process?

1. The accrediting association establishes the standards and policies to be followed by all successful candidates for accreditation or reaccreditation.
2. An institution or program faculty petitions the association for membership as an accredited entity, or is notified if already a member that the time for reaccreditation has come.
3. The institution or program begins a process of preparing and conducting an intensive and thorough self-study following guidelines set forth by the accrediting association.

4. The association selects a team of external academic and administrative experts from other similar institutions or programs to review the self-study report and visit the institution or program for an on-site inspection following the association's guidelines.
5. The evaluation team issues its report recommending for or against accreditation or reaccreditation and enumerating any conditions that need to be met before full positive approval may be given.
6. The association's members vote on the status of the candidate or member, and the association publishes the name of and information about successful candidates and reaccredited members in its official approved list.

What are the forms of accreditation?

Accreditation in higher education comes in two types. First, there are eight regional accrediting agencies that certify institutions on what are typically ten-year cycles. The second type consists of specialized or occupational agencies that deal with subjects like dentistry and teacher education.

- *Institutional accreditation* is the approval of an entire academic institution, including all of its academic and administrative aspects, but not the specific approval of any single course of study. Accrediting associations responsible for institutional accreditation act within a proscribed geographic region of the United States. Examples include Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (includes Illinois), Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and Western Association of Schools and Colleges.
- *Programmatic or specialized accreditation* is the approval of a specific academic or professional program of study, or a set of closely related programs, offered by an academic institution. Exemplary accrediting associations for specific programs of study include the National Architecture Accrediting Board, the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the Council on Social Work Education, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Education, the American Medical Association Liaison Committee on Medical Education, and the American Bar Association Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar.

The first type, the so-called regional accrediting agencies, focuses on broad criteria like fiscal stability and administrative effectiveness and potentially wields great power. A denial of accreditation by a regional can be a death knell, leading to a halt in federal loans and grants and frightening away students and parents. In most instances, the peer review process used by the regional accrediting agencies is intended to help institutions achieve greater efficiency and form strategic plans.

The other type of accrediting agency, the specialized or occupational groups, is equally important to the process of self-regulation. Historically, however, academic

administrators have been troubled by the fact that there are so many of these agencies—at least seventy-five according to an estimate by the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors, which represents forty-two of them. A medical school may be examined by thirty or more separate accrediting agencies. And answering all the questions posed by visiting teams of accreditors can consume huge amounts of faculty and administrative time and effort. Worse is that many specialized accreditors have lobbied themselves into the position of gatekeeper of federal money and make recommendations about the use of university resources without having an overall perspective.

The land-grant universities have adopted a strongly worded resolution declaring that the member universities insist that accreditors limit themselves to the consideration of academic quality and leave the allocation of resources to the universities. The resolution is not binding, but it makes clear the position of the universities in this important area.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE
ACCREDITATIONS/AFFILIATIONS**

<u>Accrediting Agency/ Affiliation</u>	<u>Review Year</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Next Review Year</u>	<u>Accredited/Affiliated Program/Unit</u>
<u>INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION</u>				
The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools	1999	Accredited	2009	Southern Illinois University Carbondale
<u>PROVOST AND VICE CHANCELLOR</u>				
Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International	2003	Accredited	2006	Laboratory Animal Program
<u>FACILITIES AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS</u>				
American Camping Association	2004	Accredited	2007	Touch of Nature Environmental Center, Camp Little Giant
<u>VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS</u>				
Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc.	2003	Accredited	2006	Student Health Programs
American Psychological Association, Committee on Accreditation	2003	Accredited	2010	Counseling Center, Pre-Doctoral Internship
Clinical Lab Improvement Amendment (CLIA)	2003	Accredited	2005	Student Health Clinic Lab
Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation (COLA)	2003	Accredited	2005	Student Health Clinic Lab and SIU Family Practice Residency Program
International Association of Counseling Services	2001	Accredited	2008	Counseling Center
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)	2004	Accredited	2007	Rainbow's End Child Development Center
<u>COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES</u>				
Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA)	2002	Accredited	2009	B.S. in Food and Nutrition, specialization in Hospitality and Tourism
Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education of the American Dietetic Association	2002	Accredited	2010	B.S. in Food and Nutrition, Dietetic Internship Program, Didactic Program in Dietetics
Society of American Foresters (SAF)	2000	Accredited	2010	B.S. in Forestry, specializations in Forest Resources Management and Outdoor Recreation Resources Management

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<u>COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND ARTS</u>				
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA)	2002	Accredited	2009	M.S. in Physician Assistant
American Board of Funeral Service Education	2003	Accredited	2010	B.S. in Mortuary Science and Funeral Service
Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)	1997	Accredited	2007	A.A.S. in Physical Therapist Assistant
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)	2000	Accredited	2008	B.S. in Radiologic Sciences (Radiation Therapy option)
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography	2005	Accredited	2008	B.S. in Radiologic Sciences (Medical Diagnostic Sonography option)
Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association	1999	Accredited	2006	B.S. in Dental Hygiene
Counsel for Interior Design Accreditation (formerly FIDER)	2006	Accredited	2010	B.S. in Interior Design
Federal Aviation Administration Flight Standards District Office	2006 2005	Certified Certified	2011 2006	A.A.S. in Aviation Flight B.S. in Aviation Technologies (Airframe and Powerplant Certification)
Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)	2000	Accredited	2006	B.S. in Radiologic Sciences (Radiography)
National Association of Schools of Art and Design	1995 1995	Accredited Accredited	2007 2007	B.S. in Fashion Design and Merchandising B.S. in Interior Design
National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation	2006	Certified	2011	B.S. in Automotive Technology

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION

AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	2000	Accredited	2010	B.S. in Accounting, B.S. in Business and Administration, B.S. in Business Economics, B.S. in Finance, B.S. in Management, B.S. in Marketing, Master's in Accountancy, MBA, Ph.D. in Business Administration
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<u>COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES</u>				
Association for Behavior Analysis (ABA)	2001	Accredited	2006	M.S. in Behavior Analysis and Therapy
Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education	2006	Accredited	2007	B.S. in Kinesiology, specialization in Athletic Training
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)	2005	Accredited	2008	Evaluation and Developmental Center
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)	2003	Accredited	2011	M.S.Ed. in Educational Psychology, Community Counseling, School Counseling, Couple and Family Counseling programs Ph.D. in Educational Psychology
Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	2000	Accredited	2008	B.S. in Communication Disorders and Sciences, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology
Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE)	2001	Accredited	2009	M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling
Council on Social Work Education	2003	Accredited	2010	B.S. in Social Work, Master's in Social Work
Educational Leadership Constituent Council	2006	Accredited	2011	M.S. in Educational Administration, Principalship and Superintendency programs
Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association, Inc.	2004	Accredited	2006	SIUC Rehabilitation Institute
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)	2004	Accredited	2007	Child Development Lab
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)	2006	Accredited	2011	Teacher Education Program
National Recreation and Park Association, NRPA/AALR Council on Accreditation	2001	Accredited (Conditional)	2006	B.S. in Recreation, specializations in Leisure Services Management and Therapeutic Recreation

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC and EAC/ABET)	2003	Accredited	2008	B.S. in Engineering (Civil, Computer, Electrical, Mechanical, and Mining)
	2001	Accredited	2006	B.S. in Engineering Technology, specializations in Electrical Engineering Technology and Mechanical Engineering Technology
National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT)	2003	Accredited	2009	B.S. in Industrial Technology

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<u>SCHOOL OF LAW</u>				
Section of Legal Ed and Admissions to the Bar, Office of the Consultant on Legal Ed to the American Bar Association	2001	Accredited	2008	Legal education leading to JD degree
<u>COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS</u>				
American Association of Museums	2001	Accredited	2009	University Museum
American Bar Association Standing Committee on Paralegals	2002	Approved	2009	B.S. in Paralegal Studies
American Psychological Association, Committee on Accreditation	2004 2000	Accredited Accredited	2010 2007	Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology
National Association of Schools of Art and Design	1995	Accredited	2007	B.A. in Art, B.F.A. in Art, B.A. in Design, B.S. in Art Education, M.S. in Art Education, M.F.A. in Art
National Association of Schools of Music	2000	Accredited	2010	B.A. in Music, B.Music, and M.M.
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration	2001	Accredited	2007	Master of Public Administration
National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)	2000	Accredited	2010	B.A. in Theatre, M.F.A. in Theatre, Ph.D. in Speech Communication (Theatre)
<u>COLLEGE OF MASS COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA ARTS</u>				
Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications	2001	Accredited	2007	B.S. in Journalism
National Association of Schools of Art and Design	1995	Accredited	2007	B.A. in Cinema and Photography M.F.A. in Cinema and Photography
<u>SCHOOL OF MEDICINE</u>				
Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) (Association of American Medical Colleges and American Medical Association)	2000	Accredited	2007	Undergraduate medical education leading to M.D. degree
Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC)	2005	Accredited	2008	Laboratory Animal Medicine
<u>COLLEGE OF SCIENCE</u>				
American Chemical Society	2002	Certified	2007	B.S. in Chemistry

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<u>INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION</u>				
The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools	2000	Member Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP)	2007	Undergraduate, graduate, and the doctoral programs in Dental Medicine and Pharmacy
<u>COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES</u>				
Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications	2005	Accredited through 2011	2010	Baccalaureate program in Mass Communications
American Art Therapy Association	2005	Reapproved through 2011	2011	Master's program in Art Therapy
American Chemical Society	2003	Reapproved through 2008	2008	Baccalaureate program in Chemistry
Council on Social Work Education	2002	Reaccredited through 2010	2010	Baccalaureate program in Social Work
Council on Social Work Education	2002	Accredited through 2006	2006	Master's program in Social Work
National Association of Schools of Music	2000	Reaccredited through 2009	2009	Baccalaureate and master's programs in Music
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration	2005	Accredited through 2011	2011	Master's program in Public Administration
St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Illinois	2003	Affiliation agreement for three years	2007	Department of Biological Sciences
St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville	1998	Affiliation agreement	Renewed annually	Department of Biological Sciences
<u>SCHOOL OF BUSINESS</u>				
Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business-International	1997	Reaccredited through 2007	2006	Baccalaureate and master's programs in Business
Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business-International	1997	Reaccredited through 2007	2006	Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Accountancy

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<u>SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE</u>				
American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation	2005	Reaccredited through 2012	2012	Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree program
American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation	2005	Reaccredited through 2012	2012	Advanced Education in General Dentistry (certificate program)
<u>SCHOOL OF EDUCATION</u>				
Council of Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech- Language-Hearing Association	2003	Reaccredited through 2011	2011	Graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology
National Association of School Psychologists	2003	Approval through 2008	2008	Specialist degree in School Psychology
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education	2000	Reaccredited through 2007	2007	All teacher education programs (baccalaureate, master's, specialist, and doctorate)
Illinois State Board of Education	2000	Continued approval	2007	All teacher education programs
<u>SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING</u>				
Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology	2003	Reaccredited through 2007	2007	Baccalaureate programs in Electrical and Industrial Engineering
Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology	2003	Reaccredited through 2009	2009	Baccalaureate programs in Civil and Mechanical Engineering
Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology	2003	Accredited through 2007	2007	Baccalaureate program in Computer Engineering
Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology	2003	Accredited through 2009	2009	Baccalaureate program (B.S.) in Computer Science
American Council for Construction Education	2001	Accredited through 2011	2011	Baccalaureate program in Construction Management

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<u>GRADUATE SCHOOL</u>				
Illinois Association of Graduate Schools	1988	Membership	Renewable annually	
Midwest Association of Graduate Schools		Membership	Renewable annually	
Council of Graduate Schools		Membership	Renewable annually	
National Council of University Research Administrators		Membership	Renewable annually	
Federal Demonstration Partnership		Membership	Renewable annually	
Diversifying Faculty in Illinois		Affiliation	N/A	
American Association of Collegiate Records and Admissions Officers		Affiliation*	N/A	
National Association for College Admission Counseling		Membership	Renewable annually	
National Association of Foreign Student Affairs		Membership	Renewable annually	
Graduate and Professional School Financial Aid Services		Affiliation*	N/A	
Educational Testing Service - Graduate Record Examinations Program		Affiliation	Fee for selected services	
Study Illinois International Education Consortium		Membership	Renewable annually	
Latin American Scholarship Program of American Universities		Affiliation**	N/A	
African Graduate Fellowship Program		Affiliation**	N/A	

*Graduate School affiliation via institutional affiliation.

**SIUE participates in these programs which provide support for graduate study for Latin American and African scholars.

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<u>SCHOOL OF NURSING</u>				
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs	2002	Reaccredited through 2010	2010	Nurse Anesthesia
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	1999	Accredited through 2009	2008	Baccalaureate and master's programs
<u>SCHOOL OF PHARMACY</u>				
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education	2005	Candidate	2006	Doctor of Pharmacy