

University of Alaska Anchorage
 Report on Institutional and Programmatic Accreditation
Report to the UA Board of Regents – August 9, 2024

Institutional Accreditation at UAA (Regents Policy 10.02.070A)

NWCCU Accreditation Cycle: Institutional accreditation is regularly reviewed and reaffirmed by the NWCCU. This occurs through regular reports and site visits on a seven-year cycle. In addition to these reports and visits, the institution also communicates with the NWCCU about new and discontinued programs and changes to institutional leaders and organizational structure.

UAA Accreditation Status: The University of Alaska Anchorage has been accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) since 1974. This single accreditation status applies to all UAA campuses, including Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula College, Kodiak College, Matanuska-Susitna College, and Prince William Sound College.

Current UAA Cycle: UAA’s institutional accreditation was last reaffirmed in January 2019, based on a comprehensive *Year Seven Self-Evaluation Report* and site visit. UAA received 4 commendations and 2 recommendations. The recommendations were addressed and fulfilled following an *Ad Hoc Report* submitted in March 2020. This means that UAA has no standing recommendations. The reaffirmation in 2019 began a new accreditation cycle that runs through Fall 2025. The below outlines the completed and upcoming milestones in the current seven-year cycle.

ACCREDITATION CYCLE: REPORTS, REVIEWS, VISITS

Milestone	Date	Description	Synopsis of Commendations and Recommendations
Comprehensive Peer Evaluation, Reaffirmation	January 2019	Based on Year Seven Self-Evaluation and site visit	Commended for: inclusive planning, particularly around Student Success; diversity and inclusion; community engagement; and the assessment of student learning. Recommended to expand institutional planning of graduate programs and continue collaborative Student Success efforts.
Ad Hoc Report	March 2020	Detailed UAA’s progress on the two recommendations	NWCCU accepted the Ad Hoc Report at its June 24-26, 2020 meeting and notified UAA that both recommendations from the Comprehensive Peer Evaluation were fulfilled.

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Mid-Cycle Evaluation (Year Three, Report and Visit)	Fall 2021	Reviewed institutional readiness to demonstrate mission fulfillment	NWCCU accepted UAA's Mid-Cycle Self Evaluation Report at its January 18-20, 2022 meeting.
Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review (PRFR – Year Six, Report and Review)	Fall 2024	Reviews compliance in the areas of policies, regulations, and financial sustainability	Due Fall 2024
Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness (EIE – Year Seven, Report and Visit)	Fall 2025	Comprehensive self-evaluation on all Standards; Attestation to continued compliance with NWCCU Eligibility Requirements	Due Fall 2025

Websites:

[UAA Institutional Accreditation](#)

[Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities](#)

AY24 UAA SPECIALIZED PROGRAM ACCREDITATION HIGHLIGHTS

❖ **UAA's AAS Diagnostic Medical Sonography earns initial accreditation!**

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) awarded initial accreditation to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography AAS through 2029.

❖ **UAA's AAS and BHS Human Services earn accreditation for maximum number of years!**

The Council for Standards in Human Services Education (CSHSE) reaccredited the Human Services AAS and BHS through 2028.

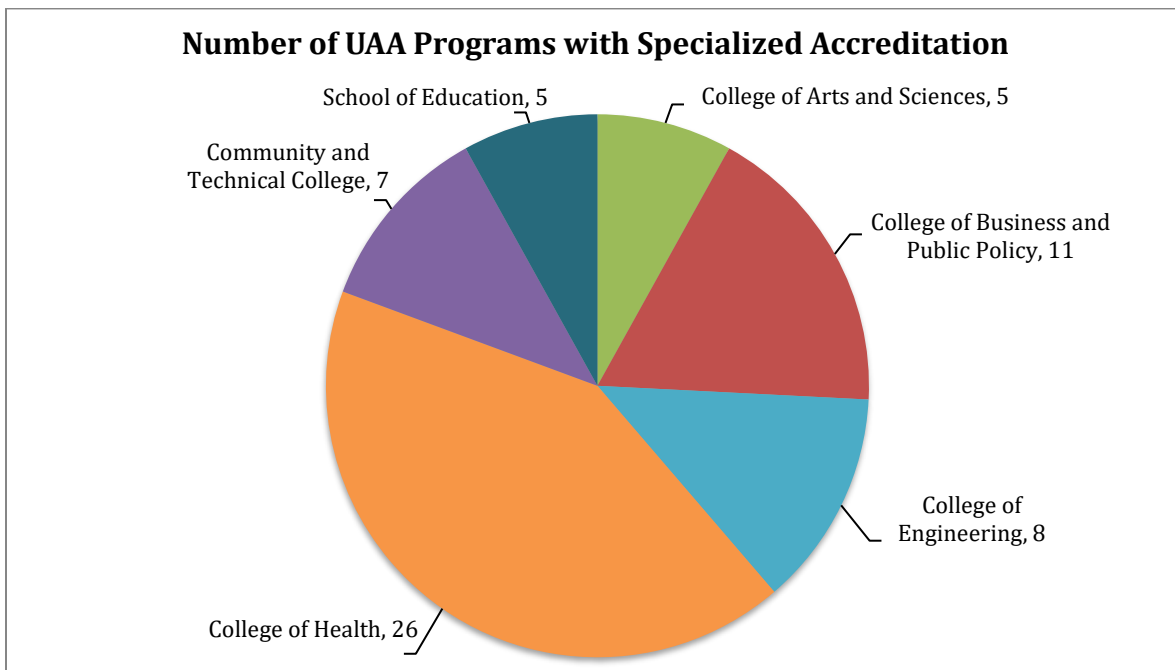
❖ **UAA's MPH Public Health earns accreditation for maximum number of years!**

The Council for Education in Public Health (CEPH) awarded continuing accreditation for the Public Health Practice MPH through 2030.

Specialized Program Accreditation at UAA (Regents Policy 10.02.070B)

Sixty-two UAA degrees and certificates hold specialized program accreditation by external agencies. Many of these programs lead to professional certification or registration, such as in health or engineering. The figure below shows the relative distribution of programs with specialized program accreditation in the institution's academic units. Accredited programs, including those delivered at community campuses, are located in the academic colleges. The table that follows provides a complete list of programs with specialized program accreditation.

Proposals to seek new specialized program accreditation are evaluated based on criteria including the agency, eligibility requirements, benefits to the institution and students, and available resources and capacity to maintain ongoing accreditation. The Office of Academic Affairs partners with the deans to coordinate and monitor specialized program accreditation efforts.



The chart includes academic programs which have received candidacy or accreditation from an external agency. It does not include programs still developing candidacy materials or awaiting approval for candidacy. It also does not include collaborative programs where the partner institution holds the accreditation (such as the WWAMI School of Medical Education).

Website: [UAA Programs with Specialized Program Accreditation \(UAA Catalog\)](#)

University of Alaska Anchorage Specialized Program Accreditation Status 2024

The following programs have accreditation from agencies external to UAA. The “Status” column may indicate where departments are in the process of obtaining initial accreditation, and other clarifying details.

Note that the different organizations conducting these reviews use varying terminology. A term such as “recommendation” might be a general suggestion for improvement for one agency, and for another agency, it indicates that there is a required correction in order to maintain specialized program accreditation. Some reviews use “weakness,” “deficiency,” or “citation” to indicate deficiencies in performance relative to an accreditation standard. In the table, the original language in the review is used.

The term “accredited” is used below to cover a range of terms the organizations use to indicate accredited status, such as “continued accreditation” or “renewal of membership.” The specific language of the accreditor is noted below in parenthesis.

Unit	Program	Accrediting Agency	Initial	Most Recent	Next Review	Status, including commendations and recommendations	Efforts to address outstanding recommendations
CAS	Art BA, BFA	National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)	1992	2018	2026	Accredited. No recommendations.	
CAS	Clinical-Community Psychology PhD	American Psychological Association (APA)	2011	2019	2028	Accredited. Continued Accreditation (language of the accreditor). No additional information required.	
CAS	Music BA, BM	National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)	1996	2024	2032	Accredited. Granted renewal of membership (language of the accreditor). No areas needing attention, after accreditor accepted response to site visit report requesting additional information.	
CBPP	Accounting BBA; Business and Data Analytics BBA; Economics BA, BBA; Finance BBA;	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business – International (AACSB)	1995	2021	2024	Accredited. No recommendations. Address during the coming review cycle: Continue to refine the new strategic plan as conditions	The Continuous Improvement Application submitted June 20, 2022 initiated the

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	General Management MBA; Global Logistics & Supply Chain Management BBA; Global Supply Chain Management MS; Management BBA; Management Information Systems BBA; Marketing BBA					change; continue to closely monitor faculty qualification ratios.	new cycle. The application included updates regarding the strategic plan and faculty qualification ratios.
CoEng	Civil Engineering BS	Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET	1984	2023	2029	Accredited.	
CoEng	Computer Science BS	Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET	2011	2023	2029	Accredited.	
CoEng	Computer Systems Engineering BS	Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET	2007	2023	2029	Accredited.	
CoEng	Electrical Engineering BS	Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET	2007	2023	2029	Accredited.	
CoEng	Geomatics BS	Applied and Natural Science Accreditation Commission of ABET	1995	2023	2029	Accredited.	
CoEng	Mechanical Engineering BS	Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET	2007	2023	2029	Accredited.	
CoEng	Project Management MS, GC	Project Management Institute Global Accreditation Center for Project	2007 (MS), 2022 (GC)	2021 (MS), 2022 (GC)	2026	Accredited. No binding opportunities requiring further reporting.	

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		Management Education Programs (PMI-GAC)					
COH	Dental Assisting UC	Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA)	1974	2022	N/A	Accredited. Approved without reporting requirements. No recommendations. On June 30, 2023 CODA acknowledged notification of intent to suspend with planned teach out. On February 20, 2024 CODA accepted the teach-out plan. Accreditation extends for graduates through the teach out.	
COH	Dental Hygiene BS	Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA)	2018	2022	2029	Accredited. Approved without reporting requirements following a progress report in November 2022. Approved to increase capacity from 14 to 20 students per year starting Spring 2024.	
COH	Diagnostic Medical Sonography AAS	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs upon the recommendation of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (CAAHEP)	2024	2024	2029	Accredited. No citations.	

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COH	Dietetics & Nutrition MS	Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)	2020	2024	2031	Accredited. No areas to address. Approved to increase capacity to 15 first-year and 15 second-year graduate students (maximum of 30) starting Fall 2024.	
COH	Dietetics BS	Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)	2010	2023	2030	Accredited. Accreditor accepted the June 15, 2023 Interim Report addressing the recommendations below. Recommendations: Continuous Improvement Plan outlining credentialing exam pass rate as an area for improvement and strategies for improvement; submit a revised curriculum map and Knowledge Assessment Table demonstrating course alignment.	
COH	Human Services AAS	Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE)	2003	2023	2028	Accredited with no conditions.	
COH	Human Services BHS	Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE)	2003	2023	2028	Accredited with no conditions.	
COH	Legal Studies BA; Paralegal Studies AAS, PBCT	American Bar Association (ABA)	1992	2016	2024	Approved (language of the accreditor). No recommendations. Self-study submitted in December 2022, additional information submitted on March 15, 2024. Virtual site visit scheduled for September 2024. (ABA uses	

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						“approved” rather than “accredited.”)	
COH	Medical Assisting Certificate program	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (CAAHEP)	1991	2016	2024	Accredited. No citations remaining. Self-study submitted June 6, 2024. Site visit scheduled for October 2024.	
COH	Medical Laboratory Science BS	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)	2003	2021	2030	Accredited. No recommendations.	
COH	Medical Laboratory Technology AAS	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)	1976	2021	2030	Accredited. No recommendations.	
COH	Nursing AAS	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)	1977	2017	2025	Accredited. Areas needing development: Accessible public information; student services commensurate with student needs related to program admission application and student advisement.	Updated website and student handbooks, now accessibility-compliant. Developed and hired new Academic Support Specialist to improve the student experience, including providing information regarding the new holistic admission process and updated compliance

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							requirements. Re-launching faculty advising and establishing Program Navigator position to support retention and degree completion. In AY2023-24 initiated: monthly information sessions for potential AAS and BS applicants; quarterly and as-needed information sessions with outreach campus advisors to review admissions processes; and enhanced pre-nursing advising.
COH	Nursing BS	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)	1978	2017	2025	Accredited. Areas needing development: Accessible public information; student services commensurate with student needs related to student advisement.	See Nursing AAS above.
COH	Nursing Science MS; Family Nurse Practitioner GC; Nursing Education GC; Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioner GC	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)	1986 (MS), 2003 (FNP & PMHNP GCs),	2017	2025	Accredited. Areas needing development: Accessible public information; consistent application of policies; clear, consistent, and timely communication of policy,	See Nursing AAS above. In addition: Implemented education management

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			2005 (NE GC)			procedure, and program changes to students; curriculum congruence with master's/post-master's standards, including accurate documentation of clinical hours for certification; regular curriculum review for integrity, rigor, and currency; ensure end-of-program student learning outcomes direct learning activities, and evaluation methodologies measure their achievement.	software for all SON graduate programs, facilitating data collection, ensuring student compliance, simplifying clinical placements, and helping to ensure professional nursing standards are met and SON policies are clearly communicated and consistently applied. Revised the Nursing Education GC.
COH	Nursing Practice DNP	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)	2016	2022	2031	Accredited. No compliance concerns.	
COH	Paramedical Technology AAS	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP)	2020	2020	2025	Accredited. No citations. Self-study submitted April 4, 2024. Site visit approved on April 19, 2024. Site visit will be scheduled between April and June 2025.	
COH	Physical Therapist Assistant AAS	Commission on Accreditation in	2014	2021	2030	Accredited. Continued accreditation (language of the accreditor) following September	

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		Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)				2023 Compliance Report on licensure pass rates. No additional information required.	
COH	Public Health Practice MPH	Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)	2009	2023	2030	Accredited. No additional information required, following June 2024 interim report.	
COH	Social Work BSW	Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	1978	2018	2026	Accredited. No recommendations.	
COH	Social Work MSW	Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	1997	2018	2026	Accredited. No recommendations.	
COH	Surgical Technology AAS	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (CAAHEP)	2019	2019	2024	Accredited. No citations. Site visit scheduled in September 2024. On June 14, 2024 submitted a request to increase capacity from 15 to 18 students per cohort year.	
CTC	Automotive Technology AAS, UC; Diesel Power Technology AAS, UC	ASE Education Foundation	1993	2022	2027	Accredited. No recommendations.	
CTC	Construction Management AAS, BS	American Council for Construction Education (ACCE)	2012	2022	*Not published	Accredited. ACCE prohibits public disclosure of findings.	
CTC	Culinary Arts AAS	American Culinary Federation Education Foundation	2014	2023	2029	Accredited as an Exemplary Program. No recommendations.	

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		Accrediting Commission (ACFEFAC)					
CTC	Veterinary Technology AAS	American Veterinary Medicine Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities	N/A	See Notes	See Notes	Seeking initial accreditation. Application Part One submitted on May 23, 2024, Part Two submitted on August 13, 2024. After acceptance and the first cohort is two-thirds of the way through the program requirements, site visit will be scheduled.	
SOE	Early Childhood Development AAS	National Association for the Education of Young Children Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs (NAEYC)	2018	2018	2024	Accredited. No recommendations. Self-study submitted May 31, 2024. Site visit in October 2024.	
SOE	Educational Leadership (Principal) MEd, GC	Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)	2005	2021	2028	Accredited at the advanced-level. No areas for improvement or stipulations. No longer required: national recognition by the Educational Leadership Council.	
SOE	Language & Literacy Education GC	Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)	2021	2021	2028	Accredited at the advanced-level. No areas for improvement or stipulations. No longer required: national recognition by the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages.	

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SOE	Special Education GC	Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)	2005	2021	2028	Accredited at the advanced-level. No areas for improvement or stipulations. No longer required: national recognition by the Council for Exceptional Children.	

Abbreviations: CAS = College of Arts and Sciences; CBPP = College of Business and Public Policy; CoEng = College of Engineering; COH = College of Health; CTC = Community and Technical College; SOE = School of Education

Partner institutions hold the accreditation for several collaborative programs: Master of Clinical Health Services (University of Washington), Occupational Therapy OTD (Creighton University), Pharmacy PharmD (Idaho State University), WWAMI (University of Washington).