

**Tennessee Higher Education Commission****2020-25 Quality Assurance Funding Cycle****Standard 3: Academic Programs****Academic Programs: Approved Accreditation Agencies**

The Accreditation portion of the Academic Programs standard incentives institutions to achieve and maintain program excellence and accreditation through external evaluation. For those academic programs that are accreditable, institutions are expected to seek and maintain national accreditation by one of the accreditation agencies listed below.

Academic Programs: Approved Accreditation Agencies		
Discipline	Acronym	Accrediting Agency
Allied Health	<a href="#">CAAHEP</a>	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs <sup>1</sup>
Architecture	<a href="#">NAAB</a>	National Architectural Accrediting Board
Art and Design	<a href="#">NASAD</a>	National Association of Schools of Art and Design
Athletic Training	<a href="#">CAATE</a>	Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education
Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology	<a href="#">ASHA</a>	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Aviation	<a href="#">AABI</a>	Aviation Accreditation Board International
Biochemistry	<a href="#">ASBMB</a>	American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Business	<a href="#">ACBSP</a>	Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs <sup>2</sup>
Business	<a href="#">AACSB</a>	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business <sup>3</sup>
Chemistry	<a href="#">ACS</a>	American Chemical Society
Clinical Laboratory Sciences	<a href="#">NAACLS</a>	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences
Clinical Pastoral Education	<a href="#">ACPEAC</a>	Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. – Accreditation Commission
Communication	<a href="#">ACA</a>	American Communication Association
Counseling	<a href="#">ACA</a>	American Counseling Association
Culinary	<a href="#">ACF</a>	American Culinary Federation
Dance	<a href="#">NASD</a>	National Association of Schools of Dance
Dentistry	<a href="#">ADA</a>	American Dental Association
Dietetics	<a href="#">ACEND</a>	Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics
Engineering (Applied Science, Computing & Technology)	<a href="#">ABET</a>	Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology

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Environmental Health Science	<a href="#">NEHA</a>	National Environmental Health Association
Family and Consumer Sciences	<a href="#">AAFCS</a>	American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
Forestry	<a href="#">SAF</a>	Society of American Foresters
Health Administration	<a href="#">CAHME</a>	Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education
Health Information	<a href="#">CAHIIM</a>	Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education
Industrial Technology	<a href="#">ATMAE</a>	Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering
Interior Design	<a href="#">CIDA</a>	Council for Interior Design Accreditation
Journalism and Mass Communication	<a href="#">ACEJMC</a>	Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications
Landscape Architecture	<a href="#">ASLA</a>	American Society of Landscape Architects
Law and Legal Studies	<a href="#">ABA</a>	American Bar Association
Library and Information Studies	<a href="#">ALA</a>	American Library Association
Massage Therapy	<a href="#">COMTA</a>	Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation
Medical Education	<a href="#">LCME</a>	Liaison Committee on Medical Education
Music	<a href="#">NASM</a>	National Association of Schools of Music
Nurse Anesthetists	<a href="#">AANA</a>	American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Nursing	<a href="#">ACEN</a>	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing <sup>4</sup>
Nursing	<a href="#">AACN</a>	American Association of Colleges of Nursing <sup>5</sup>
Occupational Therapy	<a href="#">AOTA</a>	American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.
Ophthalmic	<a href="#">JCAHPO</a>	Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology
Optician	<a href="#">COA</a>	Commission on Opticianry Accreditation
Pharmacy	<a href="#">ACPE</a>	Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
Pharmacy Technician	<a href="#">ASHP</a>	American Society of Health - System Pharmacists
Physical Therapy	<a href="#">APTA</a>	American Physical Therapy Association
Physician Assistant	<a href="#">ARC-PA</a>	Accreditation Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistants

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Planning	<a href="#">ACSP</a>	Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
Psychology	<a href="#">APA</a>	American Psychological Association
Public Affairs and Administration	<a href="#">NASPAA</a>	National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
Public Health	<a href="#">CEPH</a>	Council on Education for Public Health
Radiologic Technology	<a href="#">JRCERT</a>	Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
Recreation and Parks	<a href="#">NRPA</a>	National Recreation and Park Association
Rehabilitation Counseling	<a href="#">CORE</a>	Council on Rehabilitation Education
Respiratory Care	<a href="#">COARC</a>	Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care
Social Work Education	<a href="#">CSWE</a>	Council on Social Work Education
Teacher Education	<a href="#">CAEP</a>	Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation
Teacher Education: Early Childhood	<a href="#">NAEYC</a>	National Association for the Education of the Young Child
Theatre	<a href="#">NAST</a>	National Association of Schools of Theatre
Veterinary Medicine and Technology	<a href="#">AVMA</a>	American Veterinary Medical Association

## Footnotes

1. CAAHEP has multiple Committees on Accreditation that review and accredit education program in health science occupations. Committees review programs in their specific professional area and formulate accreditation recommendations which are considered by CAAHEP.

<i>Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography</i>	<i>Emergency Medical Services Professional</i>	<i>Orthotic &amp; Prosthetic Technical</i>
<i>Anesthesia Technologist/Technician</i>	<i>Exercise Physiology</i>	<i>Orthotics and Prosthetics</i>
<i>Anesthesiologist Assistant</i>	<i>Exercise Science</i>	<i>Perfusion</i>
<i>Art Therapy</i>	<i>Kinesiotherapy</i>	<i>Personal Fitness Trainer</i>
<i>Blood Banking</i>	<i>Lactation Consultant</i>	<i>Polysomnography</i>
<i>Cardiovascular Technology</i>	<i>Medical Assistant</i>	<i>Recreational Therapist</i>
<i>Clinical Research Professional</i>	<i>Medical Illustrator</i>	<i>Surgical Assistant</i>
<i>Cytotechnology</i>	<i>Medical Scribe Specialist</i>	<i>Surgical Technology</i>
<i>Diagnostic Medical Sonography</i>	<i>Neurodiagnostic Technology</i>	

2. Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) accredits business, accounting and business-related programs at the associate, baccalaureate, and graduate levels.
3. Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accredits business and accounting programs at the baccalaureate and graduate levels.
4. Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) accredits nursing programs at the practical, pre-baccalaureate, baccalaureate and graduate levels. American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) accredits nursing programs at the baccalaureate and graduate levels.