

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

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

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

Footnotes

- 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 & 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>	

- Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) accredits business, accounting and business-related programs at the associate, baccalaureate, and graduate levels.
- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accredits business and accounting programs at the baccalaureate and graduate levels.
- 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.