

## Status Report: Academic Programs in Development or Review; Institutional Accreditation; Program Accreditations

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN DEVELOPMENT OR REVIEW

Proposals for new academic programs are initiated by faculty in their academic unit and proceed through the following stages:

- Stage 1.** Proposal preparation at the unit and college levels.
- Stage 2.** Review and approval at the unit and college levels.
- Stage 3.** University internal review and approval process. Proposals are reviewed by the 1) Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee, 2) Graduate Council (for new graduate programs only), 3) Faculty Senate Curriculum Council, 4) Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 5) Faculty Senate, 6) Provost, and 7) Board of Trustees.
- Stage 4.** External review and approval process. Proposals are reviewed by the Statewide Provosts Council and approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). Once this review and approval process is complete, the university provides notification of the program to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), the university’s accrediting body.

The table below summarizes academic programs in development, review, or slated for termination as of [June 1, 2023](#). Changes since the [June 2023](#) report to the committee are shown in [blue](#) text:

College	Program Name	Type of Program
<b>Stage 1: Proposal Preparation</b>		
College of Engineering	BS in Engineering Design and Innovation	New Undergraduate Degree Program at OSU-Corvallis
<b>Stage 2: Unit and College Review and Approval</b>		
<a href="#">College of Business</a>	<a href="#">MS in Supply Chain and Logistics Management</a>	<a href="#">New Graduate Degree Program at OSU-Corvallis</a>
<b>Stage 3: Pending University Internal Approval</b>		
College of Engineering	MS Engineering Management	New Graduate Degree Program at OSU-Corvallis via Ecampus
<a href="#">College of Engineering</a>	<a href="#">BS in Mechanical Engineering</a>	<a href="#">Extend Program to OSU Cascades</a>

<b>Stage 3: Pending Board of Trustees Approval</b>		
None		
<b>Stage 4: Pending Statewide Provosts Council Recommendation</b>		
College of Public Health and Human Sciences	BS in Nursing	New Undergraduate Degree Program to be delivered at OSU-Cascades
<b>Stage 4: Pending Higher Education Coordinating Commission Adoption</b>		
None		
<b>Stage 4: Pending Northwest Commission on Colleges and University (NWCCU) Receipt</b>		
None		

The following table summarizes new options, minors, and certificates approved by the NWCCU since the last report to the committee.

College	Program Name	Type of Program	Date Approved NWCCU
None			

**INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION**

Oregon State University is accredited by the NWCCU, one of seven institutional accreditation agencies in the U.S. recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. In July 2019, the Board of Commissioners of the NWCCU reaffirmed OSU’s institutional accreditation through 2026. In April 2022 OSU submitted the Mid-Cycle Evaluation Report and hosted a virtual site visit. As part of that process, the Commission requested OSU submit an Ad Hoc Report with visit in spring 2023, addressing Recommendation 1: Spring 2022 Mid-Cycle Review, and Recommendation 2: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability.

The Spring 2023 site visit occurred on April 6, and NWCCU has sent the *Ad Hoc/Special Evaluation, Peer Evaluation Report*. On July 21, NWCCU formally notified OSU that Recommendations 1 and 2 have been fulfilled.

The following is OSU’s institutional accreditation evaluation schedule, based on NWCCU’s 2020 Standards for Accreditation and Eligibility Requirements:

- Annual Report – due August 15 of each year
- Progress Report – submitted Fall 2020
- Mid-Cycle Evaluation (Year Three Report) – April 25 & 26, 2022
- Ad Hoc Report with site visit – Spring 2023
- Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review (PRFR – Year Six Report) – Spring 2025
- Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness (EIE – Year Seven Report) with visit –Spring 2026

**PROGRAM ACCREDITATIONS**

In addition to the institutional accreditation, individual academic and administrative programs may hold a specialized or professional accreditation that is evaluated on a regular cycle by the respective accrediting body.

Reviews completed the end of AY 2022, and in progress or scheduled for AY 2023 are summarized in the tables below. Changes since the [June 2023](#) report to the committee are shown in [blue](#) text:

Accreditation Reviews and Site Visits Completed AY 2023		
Unit	Program/Unit and Accrediting Body	Status
<b>Administrative Units - Specialized and Professional Accreditations</b>		
<b>Academic Program Accreditations</b>		
Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine	<b>Lois Bates Acheson Veterinary Teaching Hospital</b> [ <b>American Animal Hospital Association, (AAHA)</b> ]	Reaccredited April 2023; expires April 2026
College of Education	<b>Education</b> [ <b>Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)</b> ]	Reaccredited April 2023; expires June 2030

Accreditation Reviews and Site Visits in Progress or Scheduled AY 2023		
Unit	Program/Unit and Accrediting Body	Status
<b>Administrative Units - Specialized and Professional Accreditations</b>		
Division of Student Affairs	<b>Counseling and Psychological Services</b> [American Psychological Association, (APA)]	Site visit June 1-2, 2023; <a href="#">waiting for report</a>
College of Science	<b>Chemistry (Track One)</b> [American Chemical Society (ACS)]	August 2022 report submitted: ACS review January 2023; <a href="#">waiting for report</a>

Accreditation Reviews and Site Visits in Progress or Scheduled AY 2024		
Unit	Program/Unit and Accrediting Body	Status
<b>Academic Program Accreditations</b>		
Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine	<b>Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory</b> [American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, (AAVLD)]	Scheduled for review this AY
College of Agricultural Sciences	<b>Animal and Rangeland Sciences</b> [Society for Range Management (SRM)]	Site visit scheduled for November 15-16, 2023
College of Education	<b>Counseling</b> [Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)]	Self-study submitted July 2023; site visit Fall 2023
College of Forestry	<b>Wood Innovation for Sustainability</b> Society of Wood Science and Technology (SWST)	Site visit scheduled for December 4-6, 2023
Division of Student Affairs	<b>Student Health Services Laboratory</b> [Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation (COLA)]	Site visit Fall 2023
Research Office	<b>Institutional Animal Care and Use Program</b> Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, International (AAALAC)	Site visit Summer 2024