

Status Report: Institutional Accreditation, Program Accreditations and Academic Programs in Development or Review

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. The accreditation process is designed to build a culture of evidence, promote a commitment to continuous institutional improvement, validate institutional integrity, and provide opportunities for feedback that improves the accreditation process.

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

Institutional Accreditation Activities		
Year Six Report (Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review)	Institutional Kickoff Event	March 20, 2024

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 still in progress from AY 2023 or scheduled for AY 2024 are summarized in the tables below. Changes since the [April 2024](#) report to the committee are shown in [blue](#) text:

Accreditation Reviews and Site Visits in Progress or Scheduled AY 2023-24		
Unit	Program/Unit and Accrediting Body	Status
Administrative Units - Specialized and Professional Accreditations		
College of Science	Chemistry (Track One) [American Chemical Society (ACS)]	August 2022 report submitted. Reaccredited until 2029.

Accreditation Reviews and Site Visits in Progress or Scheduled AY 2023-24		
Unit	Program/Unit and Accrediting Body	Status
Academic Program Accreditations		
Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine	Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory [American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, (AAVLD)]	Scheduled for review this AY. No confirmed date but site visit will occur sometime during the first two weeks of Sept 2024.
College of Agricultural Sciences	Animal and Rangeland Sciences [Society for Range Management (SRM)]	Site visit November 15-16, 2023. Reaccredited until 2034.
College of Education	Counseling [Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)]	Self-study submitted July 2023. Cascades site visit was Feb 12-14, 2024. Corvallis virtual site visit will be April 22-24, 2024.

College of Forestry	Wood Innovation for Sustainability [Society of Wood Science and Technology (SWST)]	Site visit December 4-6, 2023. The SWST Board voted to accredit the program on March 11. Waiting for notification letter.
College of Health	Physical Therapy [Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)]	Site visit was January 7-10, 2024. Received visit report. Final determination expected April 2024.
College of Health	OSU Child Development Center [National Association for the Education of Young Children]	Site visit will be in April 2024.
Division of Student Affairs	Student Health Services Laboratory [Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation (COLA)]	Site visit Fall 2023. Awaiting final determination. Accreditation has been renewed for another 2 years.
Research Office	Institutional Animal Care and Use Program [Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, International (AAALAC)]	Site visit Summer 2024. Visit date will be determined after program description is submitted at the end of March.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

Proposals for new academic programs are initiated by academic units with the knowledge and approval of academic leadership. Program proposals go through approval processes involving the Faculty Senate, the Provost’s Office, the Board of Trustees, and externally with the Statewide Provosts Council, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, and the NWCCU.

The sections below list the following:

1. New programs that are coming to the board for approval.
2. Significant changes to existing programs (e.g., name changes, changes to modality).
3. Program proposals that are in the curriculum process and will likely come before the Board of Trustees for consideration of approval at an upcoming meeting.

New Programs

None

Significant Changes to Existing Programs

None

Proposals in Process

1. The College of Business has proposed a MS in Supply Chain and Logistics Management, a new degree program to be offered at OSU-Corvallis. This program is expected to be ready for consideration by the board in approximately **three** months.

ACTIONS FROM NWCCU RELATED TO ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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			