

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

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

Oregon State University is accredited by the Northwest Commission on College and Universities (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**

Changes since the **March 2025** report to the committee are shown in **blue** text:

Institutional Accreditation Activities	
Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused on Enrollment and Financial data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted July 25, 2024
Year Six Report (Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional Kickoff Event • Steering Committee Formed • Drafting Year Six Report • Reviewing Year Six Report • Submitted Year Six Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 20, 2024 • July 2024 • Spring and Summer 2024 • Fall 2024 • February 2025
Year Seven Report (Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Planning and Kickoff • Evidence Gathering and Content Development • Key Performance Indicators Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall 2024 • Winter 2025 • Winter/Spring 2025

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 scheduled for AY 2024 are summarized in the tables below. Changes since the **March 2025** report to the committee are shown in **blue** text.

Accreditation Reviews and Site Visits in Progress or Scheduled AY 2024-25		
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)]	OVDL was granted full accreditation for an additional 5 years until December 31, 2029.
College of Business	College of Business [Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)] Programs covered by this review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountancy • Business • Business Administration • Business Analytics • Business Information Systems • Finance • Innovation Management • Marketing • Organizational Leadership • Supply Chain and Logistics Management 	The site visit occurred February 23-25, 2025. We are awaiting results.

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.

New program proposals that are in early stages of the curricular approval process

- College of Business – MS in Information Systems
- College of Business – MS in Business Analytics and AI
- College of Business – BS in Sports in Business
- College of Education – BS in Social Work
- College of Science – BS in Data Science

New program proposals for review by the Academic Strategies Committee

- None

Newly approved program proposals en route to the SPC, HECC, or NWCCU

- College of Health -- BS in Healthcare Administration
- College of Forestry -- PSM in Wood Innovation and Sustainability
- College of Business – MS in Supply Chain and Logistics Management
- College of Business -- Extend the BS in Accountancy to OSU-Cascades

Significant Changes to Existing Programs

- None

ACTIONS FROM NWCCU RELATED TO ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

No new certificates have been approved by the NWCCU since the last report to the committee.