

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 – submitted by August 15 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 **May 2025** report to the committee are shown in **blue** text:

Institutional Accreditation Activities	
<p>Annual Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused on Enrollment and Financial data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted July 25, 2025
<p>Year Six Report (Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional Kickoff Event • Steering Committee Formed • Drafting Year Six Report • Reviewing Year Six Report • Submitted Year Six Report • Received Year Six Report Results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 20, 2024 • July 2024 • Spring and Summer 2024 • Fall 2024 • February 2025 • August 2025
<p>Year Seven Report (Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Planning and Kickoff • Evidence Gathering and Content Development • Key Performance Indicators Development • Drafting Year Seven Report • Reviewing Year Seven Report • Year Seven Report Submission deadline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall 2024 • Winter 2025 • Winter and Spring 2025 • Spring and Summer 2025 • Fall 2025 • February 8, 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 scheduled for AY 2024 are summarized in the tables below. Changes since the **May 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		
College of Business	<p>College of Business [Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)]</p> <p>Programs covered by this review:</p> <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 	<p>The AACSB has extended the business accreditation for Oregon State’s College of Business through the 2030–31 academic year.</p>

Accreditation Reviews and Site Visits in Progress or Scheduled AY 2025-26		
Unit	Program/Unit and Accrediting Body	Status
Academic Program Accreditations		
Division of Student Affairs	Student Health Services [Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. (AAHC)]	Review scheduled Oct. 2025
Division of Student Affairs	Student Health Services Laboratory [Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation (COLA)]	Review scheduled Dec. 2025
College of Agricultural Sciences	Food Science & Sustainable Technologies [Higher Education Review Board of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT)]	Review expected late fall 2025
Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine	Lois Bates Acheson Veterinary Teaching Hospital [American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA)]	Review expected in 2026
College of Forestry	Forest Engineering; Forest Engineering & Civil Engineering [Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET (ABET)]	Review expected in fall 2025 or winter 2026
College of Health	Nutrition (Dietetic Option); Nutrition (Dietetic Internship) [The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition & Dietetics (ACEND)]	Review expected summer 2026

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

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 Business – BS in Sports in Business
- College of Education – BS in Social Work
- College of Science – BS in Data Science

Significant Changes to Existing Programs

- None

ACTIONS FROM NWCCU RELATED TO ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The following table list new certificates approved by NWCCU since the last report to the committee.

College	Program Name	Program Type	Date Approved by NWCCU
College of Education	Special Education	Graduate Certificate	July 30, 2025