

Program Accreditation

The University's regional accreditation is through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. On a 10-year review cycle, Missouri State University has been continuously accredited by the North Central association since 1915. HLC accreditation is for the entire University not specific academic programs.

[HLC accreditation data](#)

It is the policy of the University to attain accreditation for all programs where accreditation is offered. Academic programs having an accreditation review process with similar goals as the MSU [program review](#) are given the opportunity to utilize the accreditation process as its periodic review. Reports from the accreditation evaluators are used in a manner similar to reports from an external evaluator for further deliberation by the department/program which then prepares a response. While program review is on a seven-year cycle, accreditation varies from 5–10 years. Programs may use the accreditation cycle with approval from the provost and respective deans.

In addition to the college, department and specific program, information concerning the accrediting or certifying body, year first accredited, dates of past and future site visits, and links to evaluation reports may be found.

Accrediting/Certifying Body	College/Department	Program	Cycle	Start of Current Certification	Certification Expiration	Comments
AACSB International	College of Business		5 yr	Dec 2007	FA 2012	Site visit scheduled for Oct. 21-23, 2012. Confirmed.
Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration	Hospitality & Restaurant Administration	Bachelor of Science - Hospitality & Restaurant Administration	7 yr	SU 2011	SU 2018	
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics - American Dietetics Association	Biomedical Sciences	Bachelor of Science in Dietetics	5 yr review/10 yr accred.	April 2005	2014	Site visit in 2014.
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics	Biomedical Sciences	Dietetic Internship Certificate Program	4 yr	March 2012	FA 2016	Program assessment report due at four-year intervals.
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.	Physician Assistant Studies	Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies	7 yr	March 2012	SP 2019	
American Chemical Society - Committee on Professional Training (Certification only)	Chemistry	BS in Chemistry Comprehensive	4 yr	July 2012	2016	
American Council for Construction Education	Technology and Construction Management	BS in Construction Management	6 yr	Feb 2011	SP 2017	
Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (merit evaluation -- not accreditation)	Psychology	Bachelor of Science in Gerontology	5 yr	July 2012	SP 2017	
Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education	Sports Medicine and Athletic Training	Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training	5 yr	Feb 2008	SP 2013	
Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education - American Physical Therapy Education	Physical Therapy	Doctor of Physical Therapy	10 yr	Oct 2008	Dec 2018	Contact Dr. Sean Newton, Acting Dept. Head, or Kaya (Katy) Day, Administrative Asst. for details.
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	Nursing		10 yr	Nov 2009	FA 2019	Progress report to CCNE in Dec. 2014.
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (site visit for initial accreditation planned)	Nursing	Doctor of Nurse Practitioner	5 yr	new program	new program	DNP Program begins June 2012. Cycle is 5 years due to being new program; Accreditation site visit is SP 2013.
Commission on English Language Program Accreditation	English Language Institute		Initial 5yr, then 10 yr maximum	Aug 2010	FA 2015	
Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET	Computer Science	Bachelor of Science Computer Science	6 yr	Aug 2007	FA 2013	Applied in January of 2012, self-study due in June/July 2012, site visit in fall 2012
Council on Academic Accreditation - Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology	Communication Sciences and Disorders		7 yr	Aug 2010	FA 2017	
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs	Biomedical Sciences	Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia	10 yr	Nov 2006	FA 2016	
Council on Accreditation for Recreation, Park Resources and Leisure Services - National Recreation and Park Association	Health, Physical Education, and Recreation	Bachelor of Science Recreation, Sport, and Park Administration	7 yr	Dec 2008	FA 2015	Next visit FA 2015. Report is due 30 days before visit.
Council of Applied Masters Programs in Psychology (CAMPP)	Psychology	MS I/O Psychology				
Council on Education of the Deaf	Communication Sciences and Disorders	MS Special Education: Deaf/Hearing Impaired	5 yr	Dec 2010	SU 2015	Next visit FA 2015. Report is due 30 days before visit.
Council on Education for Public Health	Master of Public Health Program	Master of Public Health	5 yr, then 7 yr	Oct 2012	Dec 2017	Initial accred. for maximum of 5 yrs., then typically review cycle is 7 yrs. Interim report due Aug. 6, 2013.
Council on Social Work Education	Social Work		7 yr	June 2011	SU 2018	Received letter in June 2012 stating that our progress report for the Social Work BSW has been accepted. Contact Dr. Jo Ann Regan, Accreditation Specialist, in the Office of Social Work Accreditation, if there are any questions.
Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs - Project Management Institute	Technology and Construction Management	Master of Science in Project Management	7 yr	August 2012	SU 2019	
Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges & Schools	University		10 yr	April 2006	SP 2016	
International Facility Management Association	Technology and Construction Management	BS Facility Management	2 yr	Nov. 2012	FA 2014	Provisional accreditation to last not more than 2 years. Progress report and timeline should be prepared to obtain 4 year accreditation. Re-accreditation is required after 6 year period.
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	College of Education			Feb. 2012		DESE requires a yearly reporting system by programs. 18 month certification period. Revision of MoSTEP will establish new approval process and timeline.
National Association of Schools of Music	Music		8 yr	Dec 2005	2013	
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration	Political Science	Master of Public Administration	7 yr	July 2006	2013	Site visit will be February or March, 2013, Self study was submitted August, 2012, Anticipated effective date, August, 2013
National Association of Schools of Theatre	Theatre & Dance		10 yr	April 2009	SP 2019	
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education	College of Education		7 yr	Feb. 2012		
Planning Accreditation Board	Geology, Geography, and Planning	Bachelor of Science in Planning (Comprehensive; Concentration in Community and Regional Planning or Concentration in Tourism Planning and Development)	5 yr	May 2008	FA 2013	self-study is due in Sept of 2012, site visit is being scheduled for spring 2013

State Board of Nursing of Missouri ("Approves" -- doesn't give accreditation)	Nursing	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	5 yr	Sept. 2012	2017	
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