

**University of Alaska Anchorage**  
**Report on Institutional and Programmatic Accreditation**

*Report to the UA Board of Regents—September 2013*

**Institutional Accreditation at UAA (Regents Policy 10.02.070A)**

The University of Alaska Anchorage has been accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) since 1974. This accreditation includes the Anchorage campus, Kenai Peninsula College, Kodiak College, and Matanuska-Susitna College. Prince William Sound Community College is separately accredited by the NWCCU.

Institutional accreditation is regularly reviewed and reaffirmed by the NWCCU. This reaffirmation occurs through regular reports and site visits conducted by peer evaluators. In addition to these reports and visits, UAA also communicates regularly with the NWCCU about new programs and changes to institutional leaders and organizational structure.

**Timeline**

UAA's institutional accreditation was last reaffirmed in early 2012, as the first step in a new accreditation cycle that will run from 2011-2017. The next regular report and visit in this cycle will be in Fall 2014, and will focus on Resources and Capacity.

In 2012, the NWCCU approved a substantive change to include the Joint Ph.D. degree in Clinical-Community Psychology (a joint program with the University of Alaska Fairbanks) in the university's accreditation. The Commission will take action on the university's candidacy status in January 2014 based on an ad hoc self-evaluation report and site visit scheduled in Fall 2013.

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Year One Evaluation (Last Reaffirmation)</b>	Fall 2011	Regular cyclical report Recommendation: The evaluation panel recommends that the University of Alaska Anchorage refine its indicators of achievement to ensure that the indicators are meaningful, direct measures of the objectives.
<b>Ad Hoc Evaluation and Site Visit</b>	Fall 2013 <i>Report: 9/16/13</i> <i>Visit: 10/21/13</i>	Focused report and site visit on doctoral-granting status
<b>Year Three Evaluation</b>	Fall 2014	Regular cyclical report

**Websites:**

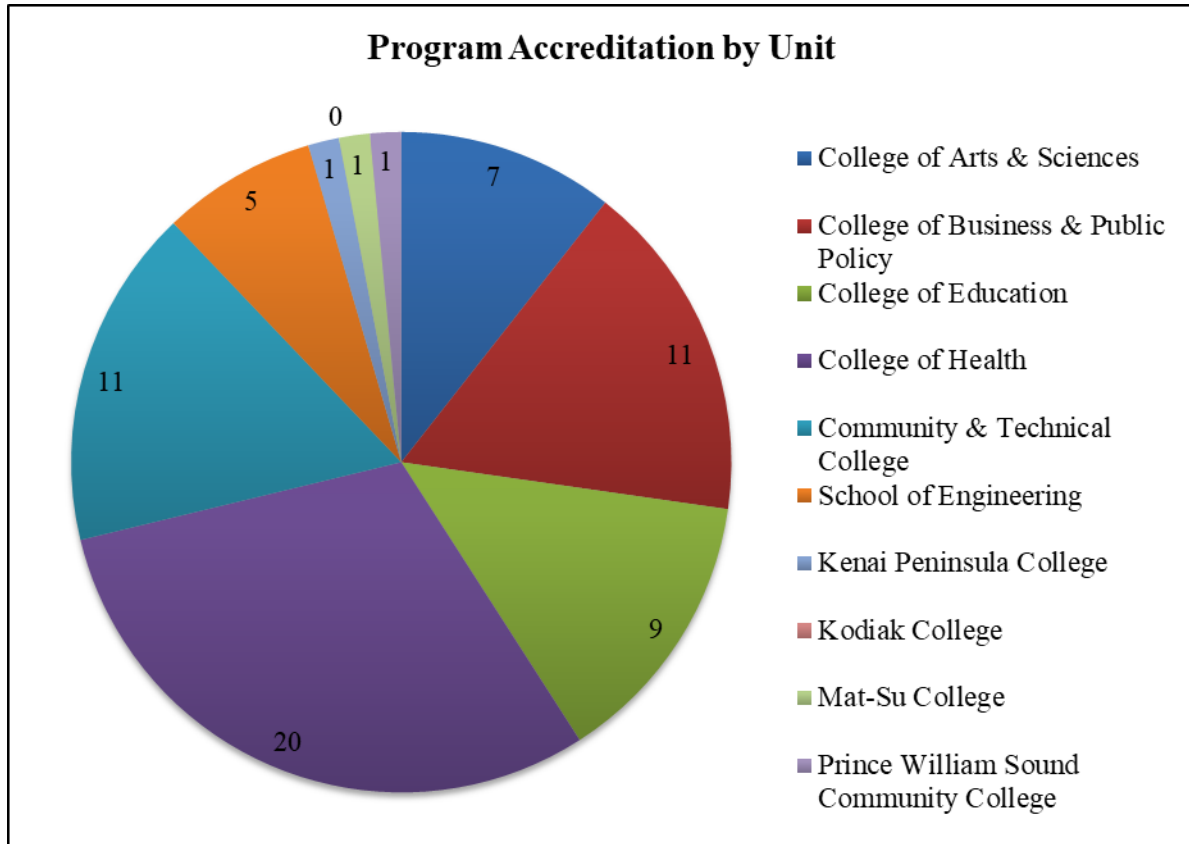
UAA Institutional Accreditation: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/accreditation/index.cfm>

PWSCC Institutional Accreditation: <http://www.pwsc.edu/administration/accreditation/>

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities: <http://www.nwccu.org/>

### Program Accreditation at UAA (Regents Policy 10.02.070B)

More than 60 UAA degree and certificate programs hold accreditation or approval by external agencies. Many of these programs are in disciplines with professional certification or registration requirements, such as health programs, engineering, and education. The figure below shows the relative distribution of accredited programs in the institution's academic units. The table at the end of this report provides a complete list of programs with special approval or accreditation.



Proposals to seek new program accreditation are evaluated based on criteria including the agency, eligibility requirements, benefits to the institution and students, and available resources and capacity to maintain ongoing accreditation. The Office of Academic Affairs assists programs in preparing self-studies and other accreditation communication to external agencies.

**Website:**

UAA Program Accreditation: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/accreditation/programaccred.cfm>

## UA Accreditation Definitions & Format

**Institutional Accreditation:** The status of public recognition that a recognized accrediting agency grants to an institution or educational program that meets its qualifying requirements and accreditation criteria. The process involves initial and periodic self-evaluation followed by an evaluation by peers.

**Types of Accreditation:** Each type of accreditation is awarded by a non-governmental agency recognized by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. The essential purpose of the accreditation agency is to provide a professional judgment regarding the quality of the educational institution or program offered and to encourage continual institutional improvement.

**Regional:** Accreditation of an institution as a whole for institutions within a prescribed geographic region of the United States.

**National:** Accreditation of an institution as a whole for institutions that are single purpose in nature, such as business or information technology institutes, or that have a clear thematic mission, such as faith-based institutions or liberal arts colleges.

**Program/Specialized:** Accreditation of a unit or educational program within an institution with regard to program-specific standards. The unit may be a school, department, program, or curriculum.

## University of Alaska Anchorage Program Accreditation

The following programs have approval and/or accreditation from agencies external to UAA.

Unit	Program	Accrediting Agency	Last Review	Next Scheduled	Accreditation Status
CAS	Art BA, BFA	National Association of Schools of Art and Design	2008	2017	Ongoing
CAS	Biomedical (WWAMI) Program	Liaison Committee on Medical Education, Assoc. of Amer. Med. Colleges	2010	2018	Accreditation held by University of Washington
CAS	Clinical-Community Psychology (Joint PhD with UAF)	American Psychological Association	2012	2018	Ongoing (jointly held with UAF)
CAS	Journalism and Public Communications BA	Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication	2008	AY14	Ongoing
CAS	Music: BA in Music, BM emphasis in Music Education, BM Performance	National Association of Schools of Music	2013	AY22	Ongoing
CBPP	BBA in Accounting, Economics, Finance, Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Management, Management Information Systems, and Marketing; BA Economics; MBA; MS Global Supply Chain Management	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business - International	2010	2015	Ongoing
CBPP	Small Business Development Center	Association of Small Business Development Centers	2008	2012	Awaiting notification from last review
COE	Early Childhood Development AAS	National Association for the Education of Young Children Commission on Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation	2012	2012	Ongoing
COE	Early Childhood BA; Early Childhood Special Education MEd; Ed Leadership MEd and grad cert (principal & superintendent); Elementary Education BA and post-baccalaureate certificate; MA in Teaching, Secondary emphases (English/Lang Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies); Special Education Grad Cert	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; AK Department of Education and Early Development	2010	2017	Ongoing
COH	Dental Assisting Certificate, AAS; Dental Hygiene AAS	Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association	2008	2014	Ongoing
COH	Fire and Emergency Services Technology courses	State of Alaska Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire and Life Safety, Training and Education Bureau	See notes	See notes	Pursuing certification for specific courses
COH	Human Services AAS, BHS	Council for Standards in Human Services Education	2009	2014	Ongoing
COH	Legal Studies BA; Legal Nurse Consultant Undergraduate Certificate; Paralegal Studies AAS and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate; Paralegal Studies undergrad cert being phased out	American Bar Association	2011	2016	Ongoing
COH	Medical Assisting AAS	AAMA Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs	2008	2016	Ongoing

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COH	Medical Laboratory Technology AAS Medical Laboratory Science BS	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	2007	AY14	Ongoing
COH	Nursing: AAS, BS, MS, Post-Master Cert	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing; Alaska Board of Nursing	2009	2017	Ongoing
COH	Occupational Therapy	Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education	2010	2015	Accreditation held by Creighton University
COH	Public Health MPH	Council on Education for Public Health	2009	2014	Ongoing
COH	Social Work BSW & MSW	Council on Social Work Education	2010	2018	Ongoing
CTC	Automotive and Diesel Medium/Heavy Truck Programs (AAS in Heavy Duty Transportation & Equipment; AAS & Cert in Automotive Tech)	National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation for National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence	2011	2014	Ongoing
CTC	Aviation- Flight School Professional Piloting: AAS & emphasis in the BS Aviation Technology	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	2011	2013	Ongoing
CTC	Aviation- Maintenance School AMT Programs - Cert & AAS	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	1993	Continuous	Ongoing
CTC	Construction Management AAS and BS	American Council for Construction Education (ACCE)	2012	2017	Ongoing
CTC	Dietetics Internship Graduate Certificate	Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), accrediting agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics	2010	2015	Ongoing
CTC	Dietetics BS	Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), accrediting agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics	2010	2014	Candidacy granted, review in 2014
MSC/ KPC	Paramedical Technology AAS	Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions	See notes	See notes	Awaiting acceptance of application for initial accreditation
SOE	Civil Engineering BS	Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET	2013	2017	Ongoing
SOE	Computer Science BS	Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET	2011	2015	Ongoing
SOE	Engineering BSE (Computer Science Engineering; Electrical Engineering; and Mechanical Engineering emphases)	Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET	2013	2017	Ongoing
SOE	Geomatics BS	Applied Science Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology	2013	2017	Ongoing
SOE	Project Management MS	Project Management Institute Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs	2007	2014	Ongoing
PWSCC	Industrial Technology AAS Millwright Emphasis	National Center for Construction Education and Research	2011	2014	Ongoing; Alyeska Pipeline is the training sponsor