Accreditation

Institutional Accreditation

The University of Alaska Anchorage has been accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) since 1974. This single accreditation status applies to all UAA campuses, including Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula College, Kodiak College, Matanuska-Susitna College and Prince William Sound College.

Accreditation of an institution of higher education by the NWCCU indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality evaluated through a peer review process. An accredited college or university is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation.

Accreditation by the NWCCU is not partial but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution.

Inquiries regarding an institution’s accredited status by the NWCCU should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. For more information, see the Office of Academic Affairs website (https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/office-of-academic-affairs/institutional-accreditation/index.csh.html/) or call (907) 786-1054.

Individuals may also contact:

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (http://www.nwccu.org)
8060 165th Ave. N.E., Suite 100
Redmond, WA 98052
Phone: (425) 558-4224

Program Accreditation

When available, individual academic programs often seek verification that their program of study and student outcomes meet national standards established by independent associations or governmental agencies. That verification is documented as a program accreditation. Students who complete an accredited curriculum enjoy additional confidence that experts in that field have evaluated the program and testified to its quality. Program accreditation may also enable students to more easily obtain professional certifications or registration.

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

Art

Bachelor of Arts in Art; Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art
National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)

Automotive and Diesel Technology

Undergraduate Certificate in Automotive Technology; Associate of Applied Science in Automotive Technology with options in general automotive and General Motors ASEP; Undergraduate Certificate in Diesel Power Technology; Associate of Applied Science in Diesel Power Technology

Business Administration

Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, Economics, Finance, Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Management, Management Information Systems, and Marketing; Bachelor of Arts in Economics; Master of Business Administration in General Management; Master of Science in Global Supply Chain Management

Civil Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering ABET, www.abet.org (http://www.abet.org)
Clinical-Community Psychology  
Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical-Community Psychology (jointly offered with the University of Alaska Fairbanks)

Computer Science  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science www.abet.org (http://www.abet.org)

Computer Systems Engineering  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Systems Engineering www.abet.org (http://www.abet.org)

Construction Management  
Associate of Applied Science in Construction Management; Bachelor of Science in Construction Management

Culinary Arts  
Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts (ACFEF)

Dental Assisting  
Undergraduate Certificate in Dental Assisting

Dental Hygiene  
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Dietetic Internship  
Graduate Certificate in Dietetic Internship

Dietetics  
Bachelor of Science in Dietetics

Education  
Graduate Certificates in Language Education, Special Education (K-12, advanced preparation track) and in Educational Leadership (K-12); Principal; Masters of Education in Early Childhood Special Education (advanced preparation track), Special Education (K-12, advanced preparation track), and in Educational Leadership (K-12)

Electrical Engineering  
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering www.abet.org (http://www.abet.org)

Geomatics  
Bachelor of Science in Geomatics www.abet.org (http://www.abet.org)

Human Services  
Associate of Applied Council for Standards in Human Service Science in Human Services; Bachelor of Human Services in Human Services
Legal Studies
Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies; Minor in Legal Studies; Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies; Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Paralegal Studies; Undergraduate Certificate in Legal Nurse Consultant Paralegal

Approved by the American Bar Association (ABA)

The American Bar Association approves paralegal programs. Accreditation is reserved for law schools.

Mechanical Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, www.abet.org (http://www.abet.org)

Medical Assisting
Course of Study

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB)

Medical Laboratory Science
Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science

National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)

Medical Laboratory Technology
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Laboratory Technology

National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)

Music
Bachelor of Arts in Music; Bachelor of Music in Music

National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)

Nursing
Associate of Applied Science in Nursing; Bachelor of Science in Nursing Science; Master of Science in Nursing Science; Graduate Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner; Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education; Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nursing Science

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

Paramedical Technology
Associate of Applied Science in Paramedical Technology delivered at UAA's Matanuska-Susitna College

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP)

Associate of Applied Science in Paramedical Technology delivered at UAA's Kenai Peninsula College

Letter of Review by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP Executive Office)

More information about the above for the Paramedical Technology AAS is available here (https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/coh/paramedicaltechnology/).

Physical Therapist Assistant
Associate of Applied Commission on Accreditation in Physical Science in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) Therapist Assistant

Project Management
Master of Science in Project Management

Public Health Practice
Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice

Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)
Social Work
Bachelor of Social Work in Social Work; Master of Social Work in Social Work

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Surgical Technology
Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA)