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.cshtml/) 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 200
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, also known as specialized 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
Bachelors 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

Clinical-Community Psychology
Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical-Community Psychology

Computer Science
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Computer Systems Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Computer Systems Engineering

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

American Council for Construction Education (ACCE)

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International)
American Psychological Association (APA)
Culinary Arts
Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts
Accrediting Commission of the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation (ACFEF)

Dental Assisting
Undergraduate Certificate in Dental Assisting
Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA)

Dental Hygiene
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene
Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA)

Dietetics
Bachelor of Science in Dietetics
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)

Dietetics and Nutrition
Master of Science in Dietetics and Nutrition (pre-professional track)
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)

Education
Graduate Certificates in Language and Literacy Education, Special Education (K-12, advanced preparation track) and in Educational Leadership (K-12); Principal; Master of Education in Educational Leadership (K-12)
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

Electronic Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, www.abet.org (http://www.abet.org)

Geomatics
Bachelor of Science in Geomatics

Human Services
Associate of Applied Science in Human Services; Bachelor of Human Services
Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE)

Legal Studies
Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies; Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies; Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Paralegal Studies
Approved by the American Bar Association (ABA)

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; 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)

The American Bar Association approves paralegal programs. Accreditation is reserved for law schools.
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 Kenai Peninsula College, with alternate location 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)

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

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

Project Management
Master of Science in Project Management; Graduate Certificate in Project Management
Global Accreditation Center for 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; Master of 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)