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. 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

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)
**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)

**Dietetic Internship**  
Graduate Certificate in Dietetic Internship  
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)

**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-RDN track)  
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)

**Education**  
Graduate Certificates in Language Education, Special Education (K-12, advanced preparation track) and in Educational Leadership (K-12): Principal; Masters of Education in Educational Leadership (K-12)  
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)/ Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

**Geomatics**  
Bachelor of Science in Geomatics  

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

**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  
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; Master of Science in Nursing Science; Graduate Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner; Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nursing Science

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

**Paramedical Technology**
- Associate of Applied Science in Paramedical Technology delivered at UAA's Kenai Peninsula College;
- 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)

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 Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)

**Project Management**
- Master of Science 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 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)