

CURRENT ACCREDITATION ACTIVITY
December 2022

Summary of recent site visits:

- The Centofanti School of Nursing was granted continuing full accreditation for the maximum ten years by the Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for the entry-level BSN, the RN-BSN completion program, the MSN programs, and the post-graduate Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) certificate programs. The master’s programs include the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Nurse Education. Additionally, the School of Nursing received continuing full accreditation for the maximum eight years from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) for the entry-level BSN and the RN-BSN programs. On-campus and virtual visits were held in March and April 2022.

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- On August 3, 2022, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) notified YSU of successful completion of the Year 4 Assurance Review with no recommended monitoring.
- On July 30, 2018, the HLC continued the accreditation of YSU with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation scheduled to occur in 2027-28.

Details:

Program	Status
Art National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)	The NASAD Commission granted renewal of membership for the following degree options: BA in Art History, BS in Art Education, BFA in Studio Art, and MA in Art Education. The next full review is scheduled for 2025-2026. An affirmation statement and audit were submitted on June 30, 2021, noting that the MA and MFA have both been suspended and that the BFA tracks have been realigned. The annual HEADS report, affirmation statement, and audit were submitted July 5, 2022. NASAD was notified of a change of institutional representative for 2022-2023.
Athletic Training Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)	The Master of Athletic Training program was granted initial accreditation for five years by CAATE in 2018. The next review will occur in 2023. After filling its program director position, the MAT program is currently in good standing with CAATE. The program has started the self-study process with a site visit anticipated to be scheduled in Spring 2023.

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<p>Business AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business</p>	<p>AACSB International approved the extension of accreditation in January 2020. Accreditation of the undergraduate and graduate business programs was extended for the standard five years. The next accreditation review will be in 2024. One tenure track finance faculty member was hired in response to AACSB citing a deficiency in the number of finance faculty and heavy reliance on lecturers. The first Continuous Review was submitted July 1 to prepare for the 2024 review.</p>
<p>Chemistry American Chemical Society (ACS)</p>	<p>The American Chemical Society (ACS) notified the YSU Chemistry Department in that its BS Chemistry program has met the requirements for continued ACS accreditation through 2023. The department must apply for re-accreditation by June 2023.</p>
<p>Counseling Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)</p>	<p>The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) granted full accreditation to the MS. Ed. in Counseling—Addiction Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Student Affairs/College Counseling program tracks for the full eight-year period, until March 31, 2023.</p>
<p>Dental Hygiene American Dental Association (ADA)</p>	<p>The self-study for continuing accreditation of the Dental Hygiene program was submitted in September 2017. This was the initial site visit following the transition from the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) degree. A site visit occurred in November 2017, and the program was awarded full accreditation status, Approval Without Reporting Requirements, at the 2018 ADA CODA Summer Commission meeting. The accreditation cycle for allied dental programs is seven years. The next site visit will be in 2025.</p>
<p>Dietetics Program Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)</p>	<p>The two ACEND-accredited dietetics programs are the Didactic Program in Dietetics and the Dietetics Future Model/DFM (MPH-RDN graduate track). The graduate level MPH-DFM (Master’s in Public Health-Dietetic Future Model) replaced the previously offered BSAS-CPD, as required by ACEND. The MPH-DFM program continues in good standing, and the decision has been made to</p>

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<p>Dietetics (continued)</p>	<p>not seek reaccreditation in 2023 due to lack of enrollment. The program director is consulting with ACEND on the process of voluntarily withdrawal of accreditation.</p> <p>As part of its re-accreditation requirements, the Didactic Program in Dietetics completed an ACEND site visit in January 2021. Five program updates were completed to meet ongoing ACEND mandated changes to website requirements and published information for prospective students and the public as well as program goals and their reporting.</p> <p>The program was placed on probation on September 16, 2022, pending assimilation of the 2022 Accreditation Standards and submission of evidence of curricular matrix updates and program evaluation measures using the new templates. This report will be reviewed at the January 2023 ACEND board meeting for a decision on program compliance.</p> <p>Probationary documentation was submitted to HLC on October 20, 2022. The HLC response on October 26, 2022, indicated to additional action is required at this time.</p>
<p>Education and Licensure Programs The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)</p> <p>Accreditation occurs at the unit (BCOE) level.</p>	<p>The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) conducted a site visit of YSU’s Beeghly College of Education on April 2-4, 2017. CAEP’s Accreditation Council met on October 23, 2017, and granted accreditation status effective Fall 2017 through Fall 2024. The next site visit will occur in Fall 2024.</p>
<p>Emergency Medical Services State of Ohio Department of Public Safety / Division of Emergency Medical Services</p> <p>Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs—EMS Professions (CoAEMSP—CAAHEP)</p>	<p>The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program has elected to voluntarily withdraw its accreditation through the State of Ohio Division of EMS due to lack of enrollment.</p> <p>The Paramedic Certificate Program has elected to voluntarily withdraw its CoAEMSP accreditation due to lack of enrollment.</p>

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<p>Engineering Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)</p>	<p>The Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering programs are fully accredited by ABET until 2026. Industrial Engineering went from “program deficiency” to “program weakness,” a finding which means that the program has been removed from “show cause.” Like the other engineering programs, Industrial Engineering is now fully accredited until 2026.</p>
<p>Engineering Technology Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ETAC-ABET)</p>	<p>Final findings from ETAC of the ABET visit were received on August 29, 2018. All of the AAS and BSAS Engineering Technology programs (CCET, EET, and MET) are accredited through September 30, 2024.</p>

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<p>Exercise Science Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES) / Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)</p>	<p>The Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES) granted initial accreditation of the undergraduate Exercise Science program on May 18, 2018. The accreditation is for five years. The yearly report was submitted in June 2022.</p>
<p>Forensic Science American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)</p>	<p>Application for initial accreditation is pending. Program self-study and site visit will follow.</p>
<p>Long-Term Care Administration National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB)</p>	<p>The Long-Term Care Administration program submitted its accreditation review to the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) in Spring 2022, and the submission was approved by NAB. The program is currently seeking accreditation of the Healthcare Administration track. The Master's in Health and Human Services accreditation application will begin in the fall.</p>
<p>Medical Laboratory Technology National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)</p>	<p>The Medical Laboratory Technology program self-study and response were submitted in Spring 2020. A virtual site visit was conducted in July 2020. The program as awarded ten years of accreditation through 2030. The annual report was submitted in October 2022.</p>
<p>Medical Laboratory Science National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)</p>	<p>An initial accreditation application was submitted to NAACLS in 2014 with the full self-study submitted in 2016. The site visit occurred in 2017. The site visit team found no standards violations and awarded YSU a full seven-year accreditation. The Medical Laboratory Science program's next accreditation self-study will be due in Fall 2021.</p> <p>For the Medical Laboratory Science completion program, an extension was granted for submission of the self-study with a due date of April 1, 2022. The site visit was completed in October 2022, and no issues were cited. YSU is currently awaiting official reaccreditation notice from NAACLS. The annual report is in progress for submission.</p>

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<p>Music National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)</p>	<p>In 2012, the NASM Commission on Accreditation voted to continue YSU and the Dana School of Music in good standing. A follow-up report on activities was sent to NASM. In 2013, the NASM Commission on Accreditation voted to accept the YSU progress report. In July 2016, the NASM Commission on Accreditation accepted YSU's Application for Plan Approval of Dana's Bachelor of Music in Music Recording. The next full review, scheduled for 2020-2021, has been deferred until 2021-2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Dana School of Music has requested a second- and third-year postponement of the accreditation full-review and site visit until 2023-2024. The request will be considered by the NASM Commission on Accreditation at its November 2021 meeting.</p> <p>The NASM Commission on Accreditation has approved the postponement of the accreditation full review and site visit until 2023-2024.</p>
<p>Nursing Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)</p> <p>Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)</p> <p>Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) St. Elizabeth Health Center School for Nurse Anesthetists, Inc. (YSU MSN nurse anesthesia option only)</p>	<p>A candidacy application will be submitted to ACEN for the new Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program in Fall 2022.</p> <p>ACEN recently granted continuing accreditation for the BSN programs for the maximum eight years. The next evaluation visit will occur in Spring 2030.</p> <p>CCNE recently granted continuing accreditation for the BSN, MSN, and post-graduate APRN certificate programs for the maximum ten years. The next evaluation visit will occur in Spring 2032.</p> <p>The last MSN class will graduate in December 2022. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program matriculated on May 17, 2021. Both programs are accredited. The next evaluation will occur in Spring 2027.</p>
<p>Physical Therapy</p>	<p>The MPT has been discontinued. Accreditation now applies to the DPT program approved by</p>

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<p>Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)</p> <p>Physical Therapy (continued)</p>	<p>HLC in 2008. A CAPTE team visited YSU in 2014 for a self-study visit for the DPT program. The self-study was submitted in 2014 for this visit. The site team gave a favorable report. Ten-year accreditation was reaffirmed in 2014 with a compliance report due in 2015. This report was submitted, and CAPTE granted the program continuing accreditation with the next scheduled self-study and site visit in Spring 2024. In 2019, the program received CAPTE approval to increase class size to 45 per cohort. Class sizes were increased incrementally to admit 45 students by 2021. The program submitted a progress report to CAPTE regarding the impact of this increase. After the CAPTE board reviewed the progress report in April, the program’s accreditation was continued.</p> <p>The program submitted a compliance report, and a second report was due by March 1, 2021. On November 2, 2021, the program was placed on probationary accreditation due to being out of compliance on one criterion for 18 months. Following the program’s response and a March 1, 2022, progress report, the probation status was removed, and the current status of the program is accredited. Another progress report was submitted September 1, 2022.</p>
<p>Public Health (Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health) Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)</p> <p>Public Health (continued)</p>	<p>The MPH is offered by a consortium of institutions including YSU. Initial accreditation was earned in 2003. In October 2009, the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) renewed accreditation for seven years until 2016. A 2016 site visit resulted in all compliant findings. In June 2017, the program received official notification of full accreditation with the seven-year accreditation term ending July 1, 2024. In order to align with site visit workload, CEPH offered on December 6, 2021, to extend the CEOMPH accreditation term until July 1, 2025, which was accepted.</p>
<p>Respiratory Care Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)</p>	<p>The site visits for the Respiratory Care programs were completed virtually due to the pandemic. The virtual site visit for the BSRC entry into</p>

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Respiratory Care (continued)	<p>practice program was completed February 8-9, 2021, without programmatic issues. Continuing re-accreditation status for the next ten years was conveyed for the BSRC entry into practice on July 21, 2021, at the CoARC quarterly meeting.</p> <p>Both the BSRC degree advancement (completion program) and the Master of Respiratory Care programs were conferred accreditation status in July 2021 at CoARC's quarterly board meeting.</p> <p>Virtual site visits for these two programs were completed May 10-11, 2021, without programmatic issues. Provisional initial accreditation was conferred at the CoARC quarterly board meeting. In the interest of substantial financial savings, the site visits were scheduled as one CoARC visit. The site visits were performed virtually while retaining the multiple program savings.</p> <p>All three programs performed a Report of Current Status (RCS) evaluation in July 2022 that was accepted by CoARC to have met or exceeded all accreditation standards for the year. The program continues to meet CoARC's high academic standards.</p> <p>YSU has increased capacity of the BSRC entry into practice program, placing initial cohort enrollment at 25 allowable students per cohort to enter, which is maximum for classroom capacity, clinical rotation sites, and accreditation standards.</p>
Social Work Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	<p>The BSW accreditation site visit occurred on October 21, 2020. At its February 2021 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) voted to reaffirm accreditation for eight years, ending in October 2027 due to a one-meeting deferment received this cycle.</p> <p>In 2012, the Council on Social Work Education granted reaffirmation of accreditation of the Master of Social Work program until 2020.</p>

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Social Work (continued)	On October 15, 2020, after reassessing the program's candidacy, the COA placed the program on Conditional Accredited Status based upon non-compliance with Accreditation Standard M3.3.4(c). The COA restored the program's accredited status as of April 12, 2021. The COA review of the program's restoration report found that the program had taken corrective action and is in compliance with all standards. The program is fully accredited through February 2028.
Theatre National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)	Due to cuts in the number of tenure-track faculty and ongoing staffing issues, the Department of Theatre and Dance officially resigned its NAST accreditation effective May 3, 2018, and will not seek reaccreditation until these issues have been resolved. Additional faculty reduction preceding the 2021-2022 academic year has further delayed the program's ability to reapply for specialized accreditation.
World Languages and Cultures American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Recognition for Italian Education and Spanish Education	Resubmission of the Italian Education and Spanish Education programs to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) in March 2016 resulted in national recognition for both programs effective August 2016. Spanish Education is currently seeking accreditation through the State of Ohio rather than ACTFL. Submission is due in Fall 2022.

Update on Assessment of Student Learning

YSU has made and continues to make progress in fostering meaningful and relevant assessment of student learning.

Assessment of Student Learning Activities

- Academic Assessment:** Academic programs engage in assessment reporting on a five-year cycle through an Assessment Plan, Assessment Update, or a Cycle Reflection. Programs identified for sunset through APEEI with enrolled students will complete a shortened Teach Out Update. Annual reports are due next on October 31, 2022, through Taskstream AMS. To encourage high submission rates, on-demand training videos, drop-in consultation hours, and scheduled one-on-one consultations occurred (and are occurring) in September and October 2022. The Assessment Council convened in October to review assessment processes.

Assessment Council members will be acting as volunteer peer reviewers to annual program submissions in November and December 2022. Programs will be given feedback in early 2023.

- **Co-Curricular Assessment:** Co-curricular programs continue to engage at high levels with student learning assessment. During Summer 2022, 90% of co-curricular programs submitted annual assessment reports. Co-curricular assessment coordinators participated in peer review feedback groups in September 2022 and had critical discussions about the assessment of student learning in their areas. Feedback summaries were provided via Taskstream AMS to all co-curricular areas.

Current Student Data Collection

- **Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory & Adult Student Priorities Survey:** Student data from the Spring 2022 administration of the Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction Survey continues to be shared widely across campus, primarily through the Fall Noel Levitz Snapshot Series. Each Monday, the Institute for Teaching and Learning releases (via newsletter and website) a focused data one-pager including key data points. Topics have included: Overall Experience, Out of Class Support, Facilities, Admissions, Finances, Student-Centered, and Registration/Course Availability.
- **National Survey of Student Engagement:** YSU registered to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) in Spring 2023. Survey administration dates will be March 15, 2023, through May 14, 2023. All first-year and senior students will be invited to participate.

General Education Assessment

General Education assessment is being re-evaluated as YSU transitions to university-wide learning outcomes and continues the general education program transformation process.