

Why is Accreditation Important?

“The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality.”

-----U.S Department of Education (<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>)

Accrediting agencies are third---party entities whose purpose is to insure that institutions and programs meet standards for program quality and that they are committed to continuous improvement. To obtain accreditation, the program or institution must demonstrate that it meets the requirements of the accrediting body related to curriculum, program admission and exit requirements, course offerings, program faculty, and facilities and financial resources, among other areas.

Accredited programs and institutions undergo rigorous review before accreditation is granted and are evaluated regularly to insure continued compliance with standards and policies that demonstrate the quality of the institutional or individual programs. Accreditation fosters program accountability to the public and engagement in continuous peer review and improvement.

Having a degree from a program that is nationally accredited not only speaks to the quality of the education, but it can also mean that credits taken are transferable to other accredited programs or institutions and that the degree will be recognized by employers.

The U.S. Department of Education lists those accrediting agencies that are determined to be reliable authorities in measuring the quality of the education and training of a program or institution at [List of Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies](#).






The University of Louisville is accredited by the [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges](#).




See the next page for a list of UofL College of Education and Human Development nationally accredited programs.

College of Education and Human Development Professional Accreditations

Program	Accrediting Agency	Current Accreditation Status	Most Recent Accreditation	Next Scheduled Review
Education (Initial and Advanced Certification Programs)	 Education Professional Standards Board, Commonwealth of Kentucky	Approved (with regular reports)	2017	2024
Education (Initial and Advanced Certification Programs)	 Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation [CAEP]	Approved (with regular reports)	2017	2024
Art Therapy	 American Art Therapy Association (AATA)	Approved (with regular reports)	2012	2019
Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.Ed.)	 Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs	Approved (with regular reports)	2013	2021

<p>School Counseling (M.Ed.)</p>	 <p>Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs</p>	<p>Approved (with regular reports)</p>	<p>2013</p>	<p>2021</p>
	 <p>Education Professional Standards Board, Commonwealth of Kentucky</p>  <p>Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation [CAEP]</p>	<p>Approved (with regular reports)</p>	<p>2017</p>	<p>2024</p>
<p>Counseling Psychology (Ph.D.)</p>	 <p>American Psychological Association</p>	<p>Approved (with regular reports)</p>	<p>2017</p>	<p>2027</p>
<p>Sport Administration (B.S.)</p>	 <p>Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA)</p>	<p>Approved (with regular reports)</p>	<p>2012</p>	<p>2019</p>
<p>Sport Administration (M.S.)</p>				

Exercise Science (B.S.)	 Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES)	Approved (with regular reports)	2017	2027
Exercise Physiology (M.S.)		 National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)	Approved (without reporting requirements)	2016
Educator Preparation Programs in Music (BME) (MAT)	 Education Professional Standards Board, Commonwealth of Kentucky	Approved (with regular reports)	2017	2024
	 Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)			
Early Learning Campus	 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)	Approved (with regular reports)	2014	2019

School Social Worker (MSSW)	 Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	Approved (without reporting requirements)	2017	2024
	 Education Professional Standards Board, Commonwealth of Kentucky  Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation [CAEP]	Approved (with regular reports)	2017	2024