

# 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 |
|---|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <a href="#">Education (Initial and Advanced Certification Programs)</a> | <br><a href="#">Education Professional Standards Board, Commonwealth of Kentucky</a>   | Approved (with regular reports) | 2008                      | 2016                  |
| <a href="#">Education (Initial and Advanced Certification Programs)</a> | <br><a href="#">National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)</a><br><br><br><a href="#">(NCATE is now Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation [CAEP])</a> | Approved (with regular reports) | 2008                      | 2016                  |
| <a href="#">Art Therapy</a>   | <br><a href="#">American Art Therapy Association (AATA)</a>  | Approved (with regular reports) | 2012                      | 2019                  |
| <a href="#">Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.Ed.)</a>               | <br><a href="#">Council for Accreditation of Counseling &amp; Related Educational Programs</a>   | Approved (with regular reports) | 2013                      | 2021                  |

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| <p><a href="#">School Counseling (M.Ed.)</a></p>     |  <p><a href="#">Council for Accreditation of Counseling &amp; Related Educational Programs</a></p>   | <p>Approved (with regular reports)</p> | <p>2013</p> | <p>2021</p> |
|  |  <p><a href="#">Education Professional Standards Board, Commonwealth of Kentucky</a></p>  <p><a href="#">National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) (NCATE is now Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation [CAEP])</a></p> | <p>Approved (with regular reports)</p> | <p>2008</p> | <p>2016</p> |
| <p><a href="#">Counseling Psychology (Ph.D.)</a></p> |  <p><a href="#">American Psychological Association</a> *</p>   | <p>Approved (with regular reports)</p> | <p>2012</p> | <p>2017</p> |
| <p><a href="#">Sport Administration (B.S.)</a></p>   |  <p><a href="#">Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA)</a></p>   | <p>Approved (with regular reports)</p> | <p>2012</p> | <p>2019</p> |
| <p><a href="#">Sport Administration (M.S.)</a></p>   |  |  |             |             |

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| <a href="#">Exercise Science (B.S.)</a>                            | <br><a href="#">Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES)</a>  | Approved (with regular reports)           | 2012 | 2017 |
| <a href="#">Exercise Physiology (M.S.)</a>                         |  |   |      |      |
| <a href="#">Educator Preparation Programs in Music (BME) (MAT)</a> | <br><a href="#">National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)</a>  | Approved (without reporting requirements) | 2006 | 2016 |
|  | <br><a href="#">Education Professional Standards Board, Commonwealth of Kentucky</a><br><br><br><a href="#">National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) (now Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation [CAEP])</a> | Approved (with regular reports)           | 2008 | 2016 |
| <a href="#">Early Learning Campus</a>                              | <br><a href="#">National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)</a>   | Approved (with regular reports)           | 2014 | 2019 |

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| <a href="#">School Social Worker (MSSW)</a>    | <br><a href="#">Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)</a>  | Approved (without reporting requirements) | 2009   | 2017                                   |
|  | <br><a href="#">Education Professional Standards Board, Commonwealth of Kentucky</a><br><br><br><a href="#">National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) (now Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation [CAEP])</a>     | Approved (with regular reports)           | 2008   | 2016                                   |
| <a href="#">Communicative Disorders (M.S.)</a> | <br><a href="#">Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology</a>  | Approved (with regular reports)           | 2007 (site visit completed on 4/6/2015 and 4/7/2015) | 2015 (next anticipated review is 2023) |
|  | <br><a href="#">Education Professional Standards Board, Commonwealth of Kentucky</a><br><br><br><a href="#">National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) (now Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation [CAEP])</a> | Approved (with regular reports)           | 2008   | 2016                                   |

