

**Title: Specialized Accreditation**

**Policy No: 4.2**

**Category: Academic Standards and Accreditation**

**Effective: Summer 2000**

**Policy Statement:** A proposal for specialized accreditation or re-accreditation must be coordinated through the department chairperson and the college dean for approval to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

**Background:** Accreditation at UCO is an important and expensive process, involving significant direct and indirect costs. It is a means of demonstrating that UCO seeks to meet and maintain the high standards set by professional associations and accrediting agencies. Previously, little central coordination accompanied the accreditation process.

**Purpose:** Ensure appropriate coordination and analysis of all accreditation and re-accreditation requests.

**Implementation Date:** Summer Term 2000

**Related Procedures:** All proposals should be submitted using the Accreditation Proposal Form. Site visits must be coordinated with the Office of Academic Affairs point-of-contact, not only for information, but for scheduling entrance and exit briefings.

A copy of all self-study, interim, and final accreditation reports will be provided by the dean to the Office of Academic Affairs.

**Coordinating Offices:**

**Academic Affairs Point-of-Contact:** Vice Provost/Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Policy approved by the Vice President for Academic Affairs on July 20, 2000**

**Key Words: Accreditation**