

Title: Specialized Accreditation	Policy No: 4.2
Category: Academic Standards and Accreditation	Effective: Summer 2000 Revisions: Spring 2019 Last Reviewed: AY2019

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

Background: Specialized Accreditation of programs and majors is highly valued at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO). The institution is committed to strategically supporting specialized accreditation. This support includes a monetary commitment to assist academic units in pursuing and maintaining high standards set by professional associations and accrediting agencies.

Purpose: Ensure appropriate coordination and analysis of all accreditation and re-accreditation requests in keeping with University Strategic Goal 9 of the Pillars.

Implementation Date: Summer Term 2000

Related Procedures: All new proposals should use the [Request for Accreditation form](#). For re-affirmation of existing accreditation, the “Estimate of Services” form provided by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness (OIE) should be completed by the accreditation agency and submitted to the OIE 60 days prior to site visit. In addition, the dean of the college must inform the OIE of all site visits by the end of April prior to the academic year of the accreditation visit. Site visits must be coordinated with the Office of Academic Affairs prior to scheduling so as to ensure availability of the Provost and President for entrance and exit briefings.

A copy of all self-study, interim, and final accreditation reports will be provided by the dean of the college to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies, as appropriate.

Coordinating Offices: Office of Academic Affairs, Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Academic Affairs Point-of-Contact: Associate Vice President for the Office of Institutional Effectiveness

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