Disclosure of Academic Program Accreditation, Certification, and Licensure Status

The Professional Education Unit at Western Michigan University is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation [http://www.caepnet.org](http://www.caepnet.org). This accreditation covers:

- baccalaureate programs for preparation in art education (B.F.A. program); elementary professional education; elementary middle school integrated science, language arts, math, and social studies; family/consumer sciences teacher education; health education; school; industrial technology; music education (B.M. program); occupational education studies; secondary education; and special education and elementary education: LD and EI K-12 at the Kalamazoo and Southwest locations;

- graduate certificate in English as a second language teacher education at the Kalamazoo locations;

- master’s programs in art education, career and technical education; counselor education (concentration in school counseling); educational foundations; educational leadership; English teaching; literacy studies; mathematics education; music education; physical education; practice of teaching; science education; special education; and teaching at the Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Southwest, and Traverse City locations;

- master’s programs in art education, career and technical education, physical education, and science education offered through online education;

- educational specialist program in educational leadership at the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids locations; and

- doctoral programs in educational leadership, mathematics education, science education, and special education at the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids locations.

However, the accreditation does not include individual education courses that the institution offers to P-12 educators for professional development, relicensure, or other purposes.

The B.S.E. programs in aerospace, chemical, civil, computer, construction, electrical, industrial and entrepreneurial, mechanical, and paper engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, [www.abet.org](http://www.abet.org).

Western Michigan University is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

The B.S. in Athletic Training (professional program) is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The program has been placed on Probation as of February 1, 2019 by the CAATE, 6850 Austin Center Blvd, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78731-3101.

The B.S. in Aviation Flight Science is accredited by Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI) under the Flight Education criteria, as well as certified by the Federal Aviation Administration as an FAA Part 141 Flight School and licensed by the State of Michigan Department of Transportation. The B.S. in Aviation Maintenance Technology/Aviation Technical Operations is accredited by Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI) under the Aviation Maintenance criteria, as well as certified by the Federal Aviation Administration as an FAA Part 147 Aviation Maintenance Training School. The B.S. in Aviation Management and Operations is accredited by Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI) under the Aviation Management criteria.

The M.A. in Psychology (concentration in behavior analysis) and the Ph.D. in Psychology (concentration in behavior analysis) are accredited by the Association for Behavior Analysis International. (The Association for Behavior Analysis International is not recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or the U.S. Department of Education.)

All B.B.A. and M.B.A. programs in the Haworth College of Business are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. In addition, the B.B.A. and M.S.A. programs in accountancy are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International – Accounting Accreditation.
The Center for English Language and Culture for International Students (CELCIS) at Western Michigan University is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA) for the period 2016 through 2025 and agrees to uphold the CEA Standards for English Language Programs and Institutions. CEA is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accrediting agency. For further information about this accreditation, please contact the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation, 801 N. Fairfax St., Suite 402A, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 519-2070, www.cea-accredit.org.

The Ph.D. in Psychology (concentration in clinical psychology) is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation, American Psychological Association, c/o Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, 750 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242, (202) 336-5979.

The M.A. in Coaching Sport Performance is accredited by the National Committee on Accreditation of Coaching Education. (The National Committee on Accreditation of Coaching Education is not recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or the U.S. Department of Education.)

The M.A. in Counselor Education (concentrations in clinical mental health counseling; college counseling; marriage, couple and family counseling; rehabilitation counseling; and school counseling), as well as the Ph.D. in Counselor Education, are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

The B.S. in Computer Science is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, www.abet.org.

The M.S. in Engineering Management is certified by the American Society for Engineering Management, asem.org/Graduate-Program-Cert.


The B.S. in Interior Design is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation, www.accredit-id.org, 206 Grandville Avenue, Suite 350, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503-4014

Western Michigan University is certified for metal casting by the Foundry Educational Foundation (FEF).

Western Michigan University is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Dance (or of NASD).

Western Michigan University is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music (or of NASM).

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) and Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791.

The M.S. in Occupational Therapy, offered in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids, is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association
The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Western Michigan University Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Western Michigan University. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards. Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be September 2027. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.

The Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration.

The Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) and Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

The Master of Arts education program in speech-language pathology and the doctoral education program in audiology at Western Michigan University are accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700.

Western Michigan University is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Theatre (or of NAST).

Copies of accreditation and certification documents are available for review upon request in the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

**Additional Specialized Program Recognition Leading to Post-Graduation Certification or Licensure of Students**

Graduates of the following programs are eligible for initial teacher certification through the State of Michigan Department of Education:

- Baccalaureate programs for preparation in art education (B.F.A. program); elementary professional education, elementary/middle school integrated science, language arts, math, and social studies; family and consumer sciences teacher education; health education: school; industrial technology, music education (B.M. program), occupational education studies, secondary education; and special education and elementary education LD and EI K-12; and, the M.A. in Career and Technical Education.

Graduates of the following programs are eligible for advanced teacher certification or an endorsement through the State of Michigan Department of Education:

- Master's programs in art education, educational foundations, educational leadership, English teaching, literacy studies, mathematics education, music education, physical education, school counseling, science education;

- Educational specialist program in educational leadership; and

- Doctoral programs in educational leadership, mathematics education, and science education.

Graduates of the B.B.A. in Accountancy are eligible to take the following exams, among others: Certified Public Accountant (CPA); Certified Management Accountant (CMA); Certified Internal Auditor (CIA). The requirements to sit for the various professional exams differ by exam and state. It is each student's responsibility to determine the requirements for a particular exam. The student should be aware that the exam requirements may change over time.
The M.S. in Accountancy program enables graduates interested in public accounting careers to meet the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants’ (AICPA) educational requirements required to obtain a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license. In addition, the AICPA and the State of Michigan require a total of 150 hours of college credit to obtain a CPA license.

Individuals become eligible for BOC certification through a bachelor’s professional athletic training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Eligible candidates for the BOC exam must be endorsed by the recognized CAATE program director and be registered for their final semester prior to graduation from Western Michigan University with a B.S. in athletic training. Graduates of the B.S. in Aviation Flight Science earn their Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Commercial Pilot Certificate with Instrument, and Single- and Multi-Engine Land ratings. Additional optional flight certificates and ratings include the Certified Flight Instructor (CFI), CFI-Instrument, and CFI-Multi-Engine and Single-Engine Sea rating.

Graduates of the B.S. in Aviation Maintenance and Technology are qualified to take the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airframe and Powerplant written and practical examinations required to earn the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic Certificate.

Graduates of the M.S. in Engineering Management earn the Certified Associate in Engineering Management (CAEM) credential.

The master’s and doctoral programs in psychology (concentration in behavior analysis) are verified by the Association for Behavior Analysis International as meeting degree and coursework requirements to sit for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCaBA®) certification examination.

The B.S in Psychology (concentration in behavioral science) is verified by the Association for Behavior Analysis International as meeting degree and coursework requirements to sit for Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst™ (BCaBA®) certification examination.

The baccalaureate programs in child and family development, family studies, and youth and community development, and the M.A. in Family Studies – Family Life Education option are approved by the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). Graduates of NCFR-Approved academic programs who have completed all courses with a grade of C- or better can apply to NCFR for Provisional or Full Certification through the Abbreviated Application Process. Applicants applying through the Abbreviated Application Process do not need to take the Certified Family Life Education (CFLE) Exam.

Graduates of the M.A. programs in clinical mental health counseling; college counseling; marriage, couple and family counseling; school counseling; and, rehabilitation counseling; as well as the Ph.D. in Counselor Education, are eligible to become Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) in Michigan after first becoming Limited Licensed Professional Counselors (LLPC). The LPC is granted after 3000 hours of supervised experience (by an LPC) and a passing score on either the National Counselor Examination (NCE) developed by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) or the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination (CRCE) developed by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification. The NCE and CRCE are the State of Michigan Counselor License Examinations. Graduates from the clinical mental health counseling; college counseling; marriage, couple, and family counseling; and, school counseling concentrations are eligible to become Nationally Certified Counselors (NCC). Graduates from the rehabilitation counseling concentration are eligible to become Certified Rehabilitation Counselors (CRC).

Graduates of the M.A. program in Counseling Psychology are eligible to become Limited License Psychologists (LLP) in Michigan after first becoming Temporary Limited License Psychologists (TLLP). The master's level LLP is granted after 2,000 hours of supervised experience (by a doctoral level Licensed Psychologist (LP) and a passing score on the Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP). In Michigan, master's level Limited License Psychologists must practice under the supervision of a doctoral level Licensed Psychologist (LP).

The Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology prepares students to become fully licensed psychologists (LP). In Michigan, doctoral graduates first apply for a doctoral level Limited License. The LP is granted after 2,000 hours of supervised
experience (by a doctoral level Licensed Psychologist (LP) and a passing score on the Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP).

Graduates of all programs accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET are eligible to sit for the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying® (NCEES). This is the second of four steps to earning a professional license in engineering.

Graduates of the Interdisciplinary Teacher Education Program for Health Professionals (ITEP) receive a Certificate in Teaching from the Bronson School of Nursing at Western Michigan University. This certificate can be used to enhance one’s employment opportunities in teaching other health professionals in a university setting or health institution. In addition, graduates who are registered nurses are eligible to sit for the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) examination administered by the National League for Nursing (NLN).

The B.M. in Music Therapy is approved by the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) as meeting AMTA’s standards of clinical practice. Graduates are eligible to sit for the national board certification exam administered by the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT), to obtain the credential MT-BC (Music Therapist - Board Certified).

Students majoring in Public and Nonprofit Administration or minoring in Nonprofit Administration are eligible to earn Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) credential from the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance after completing additional requirements.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®) administered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (NCSBN®). The program has also received endorsement from the American Holistic Nursing Certification Corporation, the credentialing body for holistic nursing. This endorsement enables graduates of the program to be exempt from prerequisites should they choose to sit for the National Certification Examination in Holistic Nursing.

Graduates of the baccalaureate didactic program in nutrition and dietetics are eligible to sit for the Dietetic Technician, Registered (DTR) Registration Examination, a national credentialing examination, administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Further, those graduates who successfully complete the post-baccalaureate, non-degree dietetic internship are eligible to apply and take the Registered Dietitian (RD) Credentialing Examination administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Graduates of the M.S. in Occupational Therapy are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for occupational therapists administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination.

The M.A. in Blindness and Low Vision Studies (concentration in orientation and mobility and vision rehabilitation therapy), is approved by the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER) University Review Program through the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, 1703 N. Beauregard Street, Suite 440, Alexandria, VA 22311. As such, graduates are eligible to sit for the Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist (COMS) exam administered by the Academic for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP).

Graduates of the B.B.A. in Personal Financial Planning who have completed FIN 3600 Risk and Insurance, FIN 4710 Applications in Personal Financial Planning, FIN 3720 Estate Planning, FIN 3730 Retirement Planning and Employee Benefits, and ACTY 3240 Introductory Tax Accounting are eligible to sit for the CFP® Certification Exam administered by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc.
Graduates of the Master of Science in Medicine (M.S.M.) in Physician Assistant are eligible to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).

Graduates of the M.S. in Engineering Management are eligible to sit for the Project Management Institute's® Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®) certification exam, and the Project Management Professional (PMP)® certification exam. WMU is a Registered Education Provider (REP) to the Project Management Institute®.

Graduates of the M.A. in Counselor Education (concentration in rehabilitation counseling) are eligible to sit for the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) exam administered by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC).

Graduates of the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) are eligible to apply for the Michigan Limited License Bachelor's Social Work. Graduates of the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) are eligible to apply for the Michigan Limited License Master's Social Work.

Graduates of the M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology and the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) are eligible to take the Praxis specialty exam administered by the Education Testing Service as required for the Certification of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. They are also able to apply for state licensure in the state in which they intend to practice. They should, however, consult the state licensing board for the specific requirements for that state.

Graduates of the M.S. in Vision Rehabilitation Therapy are eligible to sit for the Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist (CVRT) exam administered by the Academic for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP).