Current Accreditation Activity and Higher Learning Commission Update

December 2014

# Summary of Recent site visits:

* The AACSB Peer Review Team visited YSU on September 28-30, 2014. The reviewers were very positive about the Williamson College of Business Administration’s effectiveness in the areas of innovation, impact, and engagement.
* The Electrical Engineering program is fully accredited by ABET until September 30, 2020.
* In October 2014, Significant Program Changes reports were submitted to the Council on Social Work Education for expansion of the Master of Social Work degree program offerings at Lorain County Community College and Lakeland Community College Sites.
* The Dietetic Tech program at Lorain County Community College will be discontinued following the graduation of the current cohort due to low enrollment and inadequate interest in the degree.
* The Medical Laboratory Science program requested an initial accreditation application from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences on October, 10, 2014.

# Summary of recent accreditation actions:

* On March 26, 2014, the HLC notified YSU that its Quality Initiative, “Focusing on Retention: Youngstown State University’s Student Success Plan,” has been approved. The Quality Initiative project focuses on student retention through Student Success initiatives of the strategic plan.

## Details:

### Art

#### National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)

* Self-study submitted March 2006. Site visit conducted April 2006. In Oct. 2006, NASAD granted continued accreditation for the BA in Art History, the BFA in Fine Arts in Studio Arts, and the BS in Education (Art Education) through 2015-2016. NASAD approved the MA in Art Education for final listing in November 2011. Next accreditation visit scheduled for 2015-2016. Plan approval application submitted to commission for painting/printmaking and digital media studio programs. NASAD consultant to visit in November in preparation for 2016 NASAD accreditation visit.

### Business

#### AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

* The AACSB Peer Review Team visited YSU on September 28-30, 2014. The reviewers were very positive about the Williamson College of Business Administration’s effectiveness in the areas of innovation, impact, and engagement. The Peer Review Team recommendation regarding reaffirmation of accreditation must go to the Continuous Improvement Review Committee in December and the AACSB Board of Directors in January. An official decision will be communicated in January.

### Chemistry

#### American Chemical Society (ACS)

* An annual report is submitted each August/September. A periodic, five-year program review was submitted in July 2009. The next review will being summer 2014.

### Counseling

#### Council for Accreditation for Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)

* In Jan. 2007, CACREP granted full accreditation to the MS. Ed. In Community Counseling and the MS. Ed. In School Counseling for an 8-year period, until March 31, 2015. After submission of a self-study in April 2009, additional information in 2010, and an interim report in April 2012, CACREP extended the accreditation of Student Affairs to match the accreditation date of the other counseling program options until March 31, 2015. Self-Study for upcoming CACREP reaccreditation was submitted in January 2014. CACREP site visit scheduled for 11/30/14-12/3/14.

### Dental Hygiene

#### American Dental Association

* Self-study for continuing accreditation of the Dental Hygiene program submitted in February 2010. Site visit occurred April 27-28, 2010. The program received full accreditation “without reporting requirements.” Next site visit is scheduled for 2017.

### Dietetics Programs

#### Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics;

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)

* The five-year midpoint Program Assessment Reports (PAR) for the Coordinated and Didactic Programs in Dietetics and the Dietetic Technician programs are due in July 2015. The next re-accreditation site visit will be in 2020. ACEND has reduced the accreditation cycle from 10 years to seven years for all programs currently applying for accreditation and re-accreditation, which will affect the next re-accreditation.
* The Dietetic Tech program at Lorain County Community College will be discontinued following the graduation of current cohort due to low enrollment and inadequate interest in the degree. Despite intense marketing and recruitment efforts, there have been no new applicants to the program.

### Education and Licensure Programs

#### National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)

##### Accreditation occurs at the “unit” (BCOE) level.

* The NCATE site visit took place March 20-24, 2010. On November 5, 2010, NCATE sent official notice that accreditation “is continued at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels.” YSU meets all 6 NCATE standards. The next site visit will take place in spring 2017.

### Emergency Medical Services

#### State of Ohio Department of Public Safety/ Division of Emergency Medical Services

* Self-study submitted to the Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of EMS Dec. 2010. Site visit was conducted on May 2, 2011. The EMS program was granted full accreditation for five years. Next self-study will be due to CoAEMSP by May 2015. The site visit will occur in 2016.

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs… EMS Professions (CoAEMSP—CAAHEP)

* CoAEMSP awarded the program continuing accreditation on Nov. 17, 2006. The 2011 site team reported no citations at the exit meeting. CAAHEP awarded a full 5-year accreditation. A request for re-accreditation was submitted to CAAHEP on September 29, 2014. It is anticipated that the self-study will be due in May 2015 and the site visit will occur in Fall 2015. The re-accreditation by the Ohio Department of Public Safety will occur concurrently with the CoAEMSP process.

### Engineering

Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)

* All associate and undergraduate programs fully accredited through September 30, 2014. YSU underwent a routine site visit to review all engineering programs on October 27-29, 2013. ABET will make its final decision during its August 2014 meeting.

Engineering Technology

Engineering Technology Accrediation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ETAC-ABET)

* ETAC-ABET granted continuing accreditation in August 2012. CCET (AAS), CCET (BSAS), EET (AAS), EET (BSAS), MET (BSAS) have been accredited through September 30, 2018.

### Foreign Languages

ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Recognition for French Education, Italian Education, and Spanish Education

* Resubmission of the French Education, Italian Education, and Spanish Education programs to ACTFL in October 2013 has resulted in national recognition for all three programs effective January 31, 2014.

### Forensic Sciences

#### American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)

* Application for initial accreditation pending; self-study and site visit will follow.

### Histotechnology

#### National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)

* Due to low enrollment, job saturation, and the inability to secure an adequate number of clinical sites, the Histotechnology program was moved to an “inactive status” beginning fall 2013.

### Human Ecology

#### American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

* Continued offering of all programs in the department is not contingent upon AAFCS accreditation. Given the current budgetary constraints and the heavy workload needed to prepare for re-accreditation, the faculty members in the department have agreed unanimously to no longer pursue re-accreditation. The savings on accreditation fees can be better used to support more crucial university initiatives.

### Medical Assisting Technology

American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMAE)/ Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)

* Most recent accreditation July 2004. Reaccreditation self-study was submitted December 27, 2012. The site visit is scheduled for May 6-7, 2013. CAAHEP granted the program continuing accreditation for a full ten years. The next review will occur in 2023.

### Medical Laboratory Technology

#### National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)

* Most recent accreditation in 2006. Reaccreditation self-study was submitted to NAACLS May 1, 2012. Site visit occurred October 15-16, 2012. Program received no citations or recommendations. NAACLS awarded continuing accreditation for the full seven years until April 30, 2020. Submission of the next Self-Study Report will be due April 1, 2019, and a site visit will be scheduled during Fall 2019.

### Medical Laboratory Science

#### Nation Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)

* A letter requesting an initial accreditation application was submitted to NAACLS on October 10, 2014.

### Music

#### National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)

* At its June 2012 meetings, the NASM Commission on Accreditation voted to continue YSU and the Dana School of Music in good standing. A follow-up report on activities was sent to the NASM national office on April 19, 2013. In June 2013, the NASM Commission on Accreditation voted to accept the YSU progress report. The next full review will take place in the 2020-2021 academic year.

### Nursing

####  Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

* Self-study for BSN, MSN, and post-Master’s certification submitted January 2014; site visit conducted February 18-20, 2014. Next Evaluation Visit: Spring 2022. Follow-up Report: Fall 2016.

### Physical Therapy

#### Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)

* Accreditation report for the Physical Therapy Education program submitted spring 2004. Self-study for master’s program submitted February 2004; site visit conducted April 19-21, 2004. Notice of 10-year accreditation received November 19, 2004. Progress report submitted August 15, 2005, and accepted in October 2005; CAPTE continued the accreditation granted the year before. The department submitted an additional progress report in August 2006, and CAPTE found the program in full compliance. In October 2006, the commission continued the accreditation granted in 2004.
* The MPT has been discontinued. Accreditation now applies to the DPT program approved by the Higher Learning Commission in 2008. A site team CAPTE visited YSU from April 27-30, 2014, for a self-study visit for the DPT program. The self-study submitted February 2014 for this visit. The site team gave a favorable report; final recommendation for continued accreditation will come from CAPTE in November 2014.

### Public Health (Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health)

#### Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)

* The MPH is offered by a consortium of six institutions, including YSU. Initial accreditation earned in 2003. Site visit occurred April 20-21, 2009. In October 2009, the Council renewed accreditation for seven years, until December 31, 2016. Interim report is due in fall 2011.

### Respiratory Care and Respiratory Care “Polysomnography Specialty Option”

#### Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)

* The Polysomnography [Sleep-Study] Specialty Option in the Respiratory Care program received “continuing accreditation” September 19, 2008, and will undergo accreditation review with the respiratory care program. A progress report is submitted annually. Self-study documents for the BS in Respiratory Care and Poly-somnography Specialty Option were submitted on August 28, 2010. The site visit for Respiratory Care and Polysomnography took place in February 2011. COARC granted both programs full continuing accreditation, with no further progress reports due. The next site visit is scheduled for 2018.

### Social Work

#### Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

* Following submission of reaffirmation materials in April 2012 and an on-campus site visit in October 2012, the Bachelor of Social Work program earned re-affirmed accreditation status in February 2013. This accreditation status remains in effect until February 2021.
* In February 2012, the Council on Social Work Education granted reaffirmation of accreditation of the Master of Social Work Program. The program remains in accredited status until 2020.
* In October 2014, Significant Program Changes reports were submitted to the Council of Social Work Education for expansion of the Master of Social Work degree program offerings at Lorain County Community College and Lakeland Community College sites. No further action is necessary until the reaffirmation of accreditation report is due in 2020.

### Theater

#### National Association of Schools of Theater (NAST)

* Self-study submitted 2006; site visit conducted October 5-6, 2006. In April 2007, NAST renewed accreditation, commended YSU for addressing program needs and making Theater a “free-standing” unit, and requested a follow-up report. The follow-up report was accepted, and the program is in full compliance. Next renewal and on-site visit will occur in 2016-17. A non-binding site visit in preparation for 2016-17 review is scheduled for May 2014.