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**BACKGROUND MATERIALS
Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

- 1. Office of Research Services Quarterly Report** **Tab 1**
The Quarterly Report from the Office of Research Services is presented for the Board of Trustees' information.

- 2. Current Accreditation Activity** **Tab 2**
The report on accreditation activity shows recent accreditations and upcoming site visits and documents submitted.

- 3. Academic Programs Update** **Tab 3**
The report outlines new program development.

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 17, 2024

To: Dr. Jennifer Pintar, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

From: Office of Research Services (ORS)

Re: FY25 First Quarter Report

Please see attached the FY25 First Quarter Report as prepared for delivery to the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees.

ORS staff managed **71** grant administration activities during this quarter (**25** submissions and **46** awards/contracts). Additionally, the IRB processed 53 new protocols and 14 modifications.

Notable highlights:

- YSU faculty and staff submitted several proposals to the National Science Foundation (\$1.3 M) and the Department of Education (\$12 M)
- YSU received three awards from the National Science Foundation (\$1.1 M) in the areas of Biological Sciences, Engineering and Innovation and Partnership
- YSU faculty and staff submitted several proposals to the Ohio Department of Higher Education and Ohio Department of Development (\$ 1.7 M)
- YSU received more than \$1.6 M in awards from the Ohio Department of Higher Education, Ohio Department of Development, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio History Connection

Accompanying this submission is the FY25 First Quarter Detail Report, which provides greater detail regarding the institutional submissions and awards.



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**EXECUTIVE
SUMMARY**

First Quarter Report – FY25
July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

Submitted Proposals to External Agencies: Total

Q1 Total Dollars Requested:	\$16,982,649
Q1 Indirect Cost Requested:	\$2,649,181
Q1 Total Proposals Worked:	26
Q1 Total Projects Submitted:	25

New Awards from External Agencies: Total

Q1 Total Dollars Awarded:	\$4,740,871
Q1 Indirect Costs Awarded:	\$250,252
Q1 Total Projects Awarded:	46

Q1 YTD Comparison:

	FY 24	FY 25
<i>Q1 Submissions</i>	20	25
<i>Q1 Dollars Requested</i>	\$3,409,965	\$16,982,649
<i>Q1 Awards</i>	35	46
<i>Q1 Dollars Awarded</i>	\$6,403,233	\$4,740,871
<i>YTD Submissions</i>	20	25
<i>YTD Awards</i>	35	46

FY24 Q1 Total Active Awards: 133

FY25 Q1 Total Active Awards: 141

FY24 Q1 Total Research Expenditures: \$2,745,971

FY25 Q1 Total Research Expenditures: \$3,445,817



Proposals Submitted to External Agencies
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PI Name	Department	Funding Agency	Amount Requested	Indirect Costs Requested	YSU Cost-Share
Dudash, S. & Ge, W.	Grad Health & Rehab Sciences	Foundation of Physical Therapy Research	\$ 39,998	\$ -	\$ -
Ge, W.	Grad Health & Rehab Sciences	Dept of Transportation	\$ 520,740	\$ 46,686	\$ 43,734
Villone, E.	Criminal Justice & Consumer Sciences	Mahoning County Commissioners	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -
Tomhave, A.	Office of the Dean	Department of Education	\$ 125,000	\$ 371	\$ -
Cambouris, J.	Humanities and Social Sciences	Ohio History Connection	\$ 210,000	\$ -	\$ -
Brozina, C.	Engineering	National Science Foundation	\$ 290,979	\$ 56,427	\$ -
Ekstrand, L.	Workforce Education	Dept of Education	\$ 8,358,768	\$ 1,495,907	\$ -
Li, F.	Engineering	University of Tennessee	\$ 25,000	\$ 3,261	\$ -
Park, B.	Engineering	National Science Foundation	\$ 506,672	\$ 93,793	\$ -
Sharma, S.	Engineering	Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District	\$ 21,015	\$ 1,911	\$ -
Wakefield, T.	Mathematics and Statistics	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 1,120,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Yelamanchi, Bharat	Engineering	National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining	\$ 19,613	\$ 4,084	\$ 9,807
Yelamanchi, Bharat	Engineering	National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining	\$ 159,998	\$ 33,317	\$ 79,994
Pesch, A.	Engineering	National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining	\$ 165,993	\$ 24,154	\$ 91,030
DeSantis, J.	Engineering	National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining	\$ 424,943	\$ 44,758	\$ 147,208



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Ekstrand, L.	Workforce Education	Ohio Dept of Development Mahoning Valley Manufacturers	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -
Ruller, J.	Workforce Education	Coalition	\$ 30,323	\$ -	\$ -
Borra, V.	Engineering	National Science Foundation National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining	\$ 533,685	\$ 90,308	\$ -
Yelamanchi, Bharat	Engineering	Ohio Dept of Development	\$ 58,745	\$ 12,233	\$ 14,373
Ruller, J.	Workforce Education	Ohio Water Resources Center	\$ 16,935	\$ -	\$ -
Ehsani, S.	Engineering	Dept of Development	\$ 24,000	\$ -	\$ -
Loveland, S.	Office of the Dean	Ohio Dept of Development	\$ 150,103	\$ -	\$ 43,976
Loveland, S.	Office of the Dean	Department of Education	\$ 57,667	\$ -	\$ -
Davies-Anderson, K.	Office of Community Engagement	Northeast Ohio Medical University	\$ 3,608,152	\$ 741,971	\$ -
McNicholas, R.	Campus Recreation		\$ 4,320	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL			\$ 16,982,649	\$ 2,649,181	\$ 480,122

New Awards from External Agencies
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PI Name	Department	Funding Agency	Amount Awarded	Indirect Costs Awarded	YSU Cost-Share
Powe, N.	Grad Health & Rehab Sciences	Eastgate Regional Council of Governments	\$ 56,819	\$ 7,146	\$ -
Palich, R.	Health Professions	Thomases Family Endowment Health Resources and Services Administration	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,041	\$ -
Thomas, W.	Nursing	Ohio Dept Of Higher Education	\$ 45,600	\$ -	\$ -
Michaliszyn, S.	Dean's office BCHHS	Ohio Jobs and Family Services	\$ 148,861	\$ -	\$ -
Perricella, K.	Social Work		\$ 181,500	\$ 16,500	-



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Davidson, S.; Learnan, K.	Grad Health & Rehab Sciences	Foundation for Physical Therapy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Villone, E.	Criminal Justice and Consumer Science	Ford Foundation	\$ 15,000	-	-
Villone, E.	Criminal Justice and Consumer Science	Board of Commissioners Mahoning County	\$ 10,000	-	-
Powe, N.	Grad Health & Rehab Sciences	Centers for Disease Control	\$ 680,038	\$ 7,067	\$ -
Italiano, K.	Teacher Education & Leadership	Youngstown City School District	\$ 159,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 22,500
Protivnak, J.	Psychological Sciences and Counseling	Youngstown City School District	\$ 82,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 52,500
Bralich, J.	Humanities and Social Sciences	City of Youngtown	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ -
Bralich, J.	Humanities and Social Sciences	City of Youngtown	\$ 13,550	\$ -	\$ -
Bralich, J.	Humanities and Social Sciences	City of Youngtown	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ -
Bralich, J.	Humanities and Social Sciences	City of Youngtown	\$ 51,000	\$ -	\$ -
Bonhomme, B.	Humanities and Social Sciences	Ohio History Connection	\$ 140,000	\$ 31,190	\$ -
Bralich, J.	Humanities and Social Sciences	City of Girard	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -
Berlinski, C.	McDonough Museum Chemical and	Ohio Arts Council	\$ 12,200	\$ -	\$ 12,200
Panaitof, C.	Biological Sciences	National Science Foundation	\$ 251,181	\$ 41,269	\$ -
Ruller, J.	Workforce Education and Innovation	National Science Foundation	\$ 400,000	\$ 80,951	\$ -
Pesch, A.	Engineering	National Science Foundation	\$ 445,515	\$ -	\$ -
Steelant, W.	Workforce Education and Innovation	Datamine Petro	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
Steelant, W.	Workforce Education and Innovation	Datamine ODOT	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
Prieto-Langarica, A.	Mathematics and Statistics	Mathematical Association of America	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -



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Borra, V.	Engineering Computer Science, Information and Engineering Technology	Intel via Lorain County Community College	\$ 43,000	\$ -	\$ -
Arslanyilmaz, A.	Engineering	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 549,208	\$ -	\$ -
Sharma, S.	Workforce Education and Innovation	ODHE via Ohio State University	\$ 40,739	\$ 2,237	\$ -
Ruller, J.	Physics, Astronomy, Geo and Env Sciences	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 198,699	\$ -	\$ -
Dick, J.	Workforce Education and Innovation	State of Ohio	\$ 25,030	\$ -	\$ -
Janofa, D.	Engineering	Cuyahoga Community College	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -
Park, B.	Engineering	Ohio Space Grant Consortium	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Borra, V.	Engineering	Central State University	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ -
Park, B.	Engineering	Ohio Space Grant Consortium	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 1,584
Ruller, J.	Workforce Education and Innovation	Ohio Dept of Development	\$ 13,792	\$ -	\$ -
Sharma, S.	Engineering Small Business Development Center	NOAA via Ohio State University	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,082	\$ 5,793
Veisz, K.	Small Business Development Center	Ohio Dept of Development	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -
Loveland, S.	Development Center	Ohio Dept of Development Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -
Tyus, J.	Communication Office of Community Engagement	Dept of Education	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,041	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	Dept of Education	\$ 200,000	\$ 14,789	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	Dept of Education	\$ 200,000	\$ 14,815	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Andrews Student Rec and Wellness Center	Dept of Education Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley	\$ 150,000	\$ 11,111	\$ -
McNicholas, R.	Andrews Student Rec and Wellness Center		\$ 5,000	\$ 1,041	\$ -
McNicholas, R.		Trumbull Memorial Health Foundation	\$ 23,700	\$ 3,380	\$ -



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McNicholas, R.	Andrews Student Rec and Wellness Center Information	Western Reserve Health Foundation	\$ 23,784	\$ 3,392	\$ -
Yukech, J.	Technology Services	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 405,655	\$ -	\$ -
McNicholas, R.	Andrews Student Rec and Wellness Center	Ohio Dept of Natural Resources	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -
Williams, R.	Police	Ohio Dept of Public Safety	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL			\$ 4,740,871	\$ 250,052	\$ 97,577

Current Accreditation Activity

BOT Report

December 11, 2024

Summary of recent site visits:

- The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) peer review team’s visit occurred in October 2024. The visit was positive, and the final response regarding YSU’s undergraduate and graduate business programs’ Continuous Improvement Review from the AACSB Board of Directors is expected in March 2025.

Summary of recent accreditation actions:

- On August 5, 2024, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) approved YSU’s Quality Initiative Proposal (“Pursuing 2026 Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement”).
- On August 3, 2022, the HLC notified YSU of successful completion of the Year 4 Assurance Review with no recommended monitoring.
- On July 30, 2018, the HLC continued the accreditation of YSU with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation scheduled to occur in 2027-28.

Details:

Program	Status
Art National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)	The annual affirmation and audit statements were submitted on June 20, 2024. NASAD was notified of a change of institutional representative for 2024. A request for a one-year postponement to Art’s on-site visit, originally scheduled for Spring 2026, was approved for Spring 2027. An optional accreditation review consultative visit is scheduled and confirmed for Spring 2025. NASAD site evaluation team members are confirmed for a visit during Spring 2027. An application for new curricula and an application for a substantive change were submitted Sept. 17. Results of those applications are pending.
Athletic Training Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)	The Master of Athletic Training program was granted initial accreditation for five years by CAATE in 2018. The MAT program is currently in good standing with CAATE. The program completed its self-study site visit with the CAATE peer reviewers in March 2023. A ten-year reaccreditation was awarded in August 2023.

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<p>Business AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business</p> <p>Business (continued)</p>	<p>AACSB International approved the extension of accreditation in January 2020. Accreditation of the undergraduate and graduate business programs was extended for the standard five years. An AACSB pre-visit occurred in March 2024. The Continuous Improvement Review report was submitted in August 2024, and the peer review team’s visit occurred in October 2024. The visit was positive, and the final response from the AACSB Board of Directors is expected in March 2025.</p>
<p>Chemistry American Chemical Society (ACS)</p> <p>Chemistry (continued)</p>	<p>The Committee on Professional Training (CPT) of the American Chemical Society (ACS) notified YSU in September 2023 that its BS Chemistry program has met all requirements in the ACS guidelines for reaccreditation. The CPT recommended continuation of ACS accreditation through 2029.</p>
<p>Counseling Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)</p>	<p>The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) granted full accreditation to the MS. Ed. in Counseling—Addiction Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Student Affairs/College Counseling program tracks for the full eight-year period, until March 31, 2031.</p>
<p>Dental Hygiene Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)</p>	<p>The self-study for continuing accreditation of the Dental Hygiene program was submitted in September 2017. This was the initial site visit following the transition from the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) degree. A site visit occurred in November 2017, and the program was awarded full accreditation status, Approval Without Reporting Requirements, at the 2018 ADA CODA Summer Commission meeting. The accreditation cycle for allied dental programs is seven years. The next site visit will be in 2025.</p>
<p>Dietetics Program Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND)</p> <p>Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)</p>	<p>The two ACEND-accredited dietetics programs are the Didactic Program in Dietetics and the Dietetics Future Model/DFM (MPH-RDN graduate track).</p> <p>The graduate level MPH-DFM (Master’s in Public Health-Dietetic Future Model) continues in good standing, but the decision has been made to not</p>

Program	Status
Dietetics (continued)	<p>seek future reaccreditation in 2023 due to lack of enrollment. An accreditation decision letter was issued in July 2023 approving the close-out plan. The program will remain accredited until December 31, 2026. The program director will provide the accrediting body with yearly reports on program progress and support until the close date.</p> <p>The BSAS-Didactic Program in Dietetics is in good standing and accredited through June 2028. A DPD Compliance Report showing alignment of clinical coursework with 2022 Accreditation Knowledge requirements was submitted in January 2024.</p> <p>The DPD-MHHS 4+1 (Didactic Program in Dietetics-Master’s in Health & Human Services) allows students to meet the new eligibility requirements for the Registered Dietitian credential (RDN) that specify a master’s degree or higher (as applied for supervised practice). Graduates of the DPD who do not wish to become Registered Dietitians may graduate with the BSAS and earn the Nutrition and Dietetic Technician credential without further educational or experiential learning requirements.</p>
<p>Education and Licensure Programs The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)</p> <p>Accreditation occurs at the unit (BCOE) level.</p>	<p>The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) conducted a site visit of YSU’s Beeghly College of Education on April 2-4, 2017. CAEP’s Accreditation Council granted accreditation status effective Fall 2017 through Fall 2024. The next site visit will occur in Fall 2024.</p>
<p>Engineering Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)</p>	<p>The Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering programs are fully accredited by ABET until 2026. Industrial Engineering went from “program deficiency” to “program weakness,” a finding which means that the program has been removed from “show cause.” Industrial Engineering is now fully accredited until 2026.</p>
<p>Engineering Technology Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ETAC-ABET)</p>	<p>The AAS and BSAS Engineering Technology programs (CCET, EET, and MET) are accredited through September 30, 2024.</p> <p>Applications to renew accreditations for all AAS & BSAS Engineering Technology Programs were</p>

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	<p>submitted. The accreditation team’s comprehensive visit occurred Fall 2023.</p> <p>Following its October 2023 visit, the ABET accreditation team expressed one concern for all programs related to insufficiency of staffing in the STEM advising office (the team’s concerns do not impact accreditation). Once hiring of additional staff to help with advising students in ET is completed, it will be reported to remove this concern.</p> <p>The team expressed one specific concern for the MET BSAS and AAS programs regarding a procedure to collect and use data toward improving the programs. YSU has submitted a proposed procedure, and progress will be reported to remove this concern. A detailed response letter was submitted on January 14, 2024. In March 2024, an annual report for the AAS and BSAS MET programs addressing Continuous Improvement Process (CIP) concerns was submitted to the ABET accreditation team. After review, the ABET team found that the submitted document adequately addressed the CIP concerns.</p> <p>In May 2024, the ABET accreditation team was notified that one additional staff member had been hired and another new staff member was hired and would start in June 2024 in the STEM advising office to address concerns regarding the student-to-advisor ratio for ET programs. In May 2024, the ABET accreditation team determined that all concerns had been resolved.</p>
<p>Exercise Science Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES) / Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)</p>	<p>The Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES) granted initial accreditation of the undergraduate Exercise Science program on May 18, 2018. The accreditation is for five years. The yearly report was submitted in July 2023. A site visit is expected this academic year.</p>
<p>Forensic Science American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)</p>	<p>Application for initial accreditation is pending. Program self-study and site visit will follow.</p>

Program	Status
<p>Long-Term Care Administration National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB)</p>	<p>The Long-Term Care Administration program submitted its accreditation review to the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) in Spring 2022, and the submission was approved by NAB. Due to the discontinuation of the Long-Term Care program, the decision was made to bring the long-term care administration track into the Master of Health and Human Services program. This program received NAB accreditation of the Health Services Executive program as part of the Master of Health and Human Services Healthcare Administration track in June 2024.</p>
<p>Medical Laboratory Technology National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)</p>	<p>The Medical Laboratory Technology program self-study and response were submitted in Spring 2020. A virtual site visit was conducted in July 2020. The program was awarded ten years of accreditation through 2030. The annual report was submitted in October 2022.</p>
<p>Medical Laboratory Science National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)</p>	<p>The Medical Laboratory Science completion program submitted its self-study on April 1, 2022. The site visit was completed in October 2022, and no issues were cited. The program has been awarded the maximum ten-year accreditation through 2032.</p>
<p>Music National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)</p>	<p>In 2012, the NASM Commission on Accreditation voted to continue YSU and the Dana School of Music in good standing. In July 2016, the NASM Commission on Accreditation accepted YSU's Application for Plan Approval of Dana's Bachelor of Music in Music Recording.</p> <p>The NASM Commission on Accreditation held an accreditation site visit on April 7-9, 2024. YSU has received the site visit report and is preparing an Optional Response, which is due on October 15th. The NASM Commission on Accreditation will evaluate the self-study, site visit report, and optional response and decide on reaccreditation during its November meeting.</p>
<p>Nursing Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN)</p>	<p>The OBN granted full approval for five years. The next visit will be 2029.</p>

Program	Status
<p>Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)</p> <p>Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)</p> <p>Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) St. Elizabeth Health Center School for Nurse Anesthetists, Inc. (YSU MSN nurse anesthesia option only)</p>	<p>A candidacy application will be submitted to ACEN for the new Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program in Fall 2025.</p> <p>ACEN recently granted continuing accreditation for the BSN programs for the maximum eight years. The next evaluation visit will occur in Spring 2030.</p> <p>CCNE recently granted continuing accreditation for the BSN, MSN, and post-graduate APRN certificate programs for the maximum ten years. The next evaluation visit will occur in Spring 2032.</p> <p>The last MSN class will graduate in December 2022. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program matriculated on May 17, 2021. Both programs are accredited. The next evaluation will occur in Spring 2027.</p>
<p>Physical Therapy Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)</p> <p>Physical Therapy (continued)</p>	<p>The MPT has been discontinued. Accreditation now applies to the DPT program approved by HLC in 2008. Ten-year accreditation was reaffirmed in 2014 with a compliance report due in 2015. This report was submitted, and CAPTE granted the program continuing accreditation.</p> <p>The current status of the program is accredited. A progress report was submitted September 1, 2022. After review, the program was granted continued accreditation. Annual reports are required, and a site visit will occur in Spring 2025.</p>
<p>Public Health (Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health) Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)</p>	<p>The MPH is offered by a consortium of institutions including YSU. Initial accreditation was earned in 2003. In October 2009, the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) renewed accreditation for seven years until 2016.</p> <p>A 2016 site visit resulted in all compliant findings. In June 2017, the program received official notification of full accreditation with the seven-year accreditation term ending July 1, 2024. In order to align with site visit workload, CEPH offered on December 6, 2021, to extend the CEOMPH accreditation term until July 1, 2025, which was accepted.</p>

Program	Status
<p>Respiratory Care Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)</p> <p>Respiratory Care (continued)</p>	<p>Continuing re-accreditation status for the next ten years was conveyed for the BSRC entry into practice on July 21, 2021, at the CoARC quarterly meeting. Both the BSRC degree advancement (completion program) and the Master of Respiratory Care programs were conferred accreditation status in July 2021 at CoARC's quarterly board meeting.</p> <p>Virtual site visits for these two programs were completed May 10-11, 2021, without programmatic issues. Provisional initial accreditation was conferred at the CoARC quarterly board meeting. In the interest of substantial financial savings, the site visits were scheduled as one CoARC visit.</p> <p>All three programs performed a Report of Current Status (RCS) evaluation in July 2022 that was accepted by CoARC to have met or exceeded all accreditation standards for the year. The program continues to meet CoARC's high academic standards.</p> <p>YSU has increased capacity of the BSRC entry into practice program, placing initial cohort enrollment at 25 allowable students per cohort to enter, which is maximum for classroom capacity, clinical rotation sites, and accreditation standards.</p>
<p>Social Work Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)</p>	<p>At its February 2021 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) voted to reaffirm accreditation for eight years, ending in October 2027 due to a one-meeting deferment.</p> <p>The BSW program requested permission from CSWE to offer the program fully online (virtual synchronous). The request for online delivery status was submitted December 2022 and approved by email notification on May 19, 2023, with a formal approval notice forthcoming.</p> <p>The BSW and MSW programs are scheduled for re-accreditation assessment in 2027.</p>
<p>Theatre National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)</p>	<p>Due to cuts in the number of tenure-track faculty and ongoing staffing issues, the Dana School of Music and University Theatre officially resigned</p>

Program	Status
	its NAST accreditation effective May 3, 2018, and will not seek reaccreditation until these issues have been resolved. Additional faculty reduction preceding the 2021-2022 academic year has further delayed the program's ability to reapply for specialized accreditation.
World Languages and Cultures American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Recognition for Italian Education and Spanish Education	The appropriate accrediting bodies were notified that the Italian Education and Spanish Education programs have been deactivated.

Update on Assessment of Student Learning

YSU has made and continues to make progress in fostering meaningful and relevant assessment of student learning.

Assessment of Student Learning Activities

- **Academic Assessment:** Academic programs engage in assessment reporting on a five-year cycle through an Assessment Plan, Assessment Update, or a Cycle Reflection. Reports were due on October 31, 2024. Programs could request a submission extension. Programs identified for sunset with enrolled students completed a shortened Teach Out Update. As of November 25th, 65% of academic programs had submitted reports, with another 21% requesting extensions through the end of the fall semester. Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) staff will outreach to the remaining 14% of programs to support their annual assessment submission. Assessment Council Volunteer Reviewers have begun reviewing submissions. Feedback will then be shared with programs and made available to chairs and deans. Additionally, ITL staff piloted assessment peer review with three academic program areas this fall: Chemistry, Mathematics, and English. ITL will review feedback from peer review and make decisions about using this review model in the future.
- **Co-Curricular Assessment:** Co-curricular programs continue to engage at high levels with student learning assessment. Reports were due at the end of June 2024, with all but two programs submitting. In September, five peer review feedback groups met to discuss submissions and provide feedback on assessment processes. Feedback was summarized and sent to programs via Taskstream AMS.
- **Statewide Collaboration:** The Assistant Director of Assessment continues to meet monthly with other Ohio Assessment Coordinators from Bowling Green State University, Cleveland State University, University of Akron, Kent State University, University of Toledo, and Shawnee State University to ensure YSU meets standards related to the assessment of student learning. Recent discussions have focused heavily on the revision of the Higher Learning Commission criteria.

Current Student Data Collection

- **Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory:** ITL will administer the Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory, the Adult Student Priorities Survey, and the Priorities Survey for Online Learners beginning on March 10, 2025. Data will be available in summer 2025.

Academic Programs Updates

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Undergraduate Program Development:

Undergraduate Program Actions Requiring Board of Trustees Action and/or Notification or Approval by the Ohio Department of Higher Education

Since the last set of YSU Board of Trustees meetings, the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) has approved the following undergraduate program changes:

- No changes to report.

Graduate Program Development:

Graduate Program Actions Requiring Board of Trustees Action and/or Notification or Approval by the Chancellor's Council on Graduate Studies (CCGS)

- A request to discontinue the **MFA in Creative Writing** has been submitted to CCGS to inform the Chancellor of this change in status of an approved graduate program.
- A request to discontinue the **Master of Accountancy** has been submitted to CCGS to inform the Chancellor of this change in status of an approved graduate program.
- A request to discontinue the **MA in Art Education** has been submitted to CCGS to inform the Chancellor of this change in status of an approved graduate program.
- A request to discontinue the **MA in Gerontology** has been submitted to CCGS to inform the Chancellor of this change in status of an approved graduate program.