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ANNUAL ACCREDITATION REPORT

Action Requested: Receive the Annual Accreditation Report

Executive Summary: In compliance with Board of Regents policy 3.9, the three universities submitted reports and findings from programmatic reaccreditations for the Annual Accreditation Report to the Board. Accreditation provides quality assurance from external experts in the areas of faculty, curriculum, administrative and student support. In many professions, licensing boards and employers require completion of an accredited program to ensure employees have the necessary skills. Each accreditor sets its own timeline for the accreditation cycle, including for follow-up after site visits, so there is wide variance in the visit dates, final actions from accreditors and renewal periods.

In addition, each university is accredited at the institution-level by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

The table at the end of this report contains the outcomes of the most recent programmatic reviews at each institution. Included are the following programs:

Iowa State University

Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center
Veterinary Diagnostic Lab
Community and Regional Planning (Bachelor and Master)

University of Northern Iowa

Social Work (Bachelor and Master)

University of Iowa

Tippie College of Business (all degrees)
Library & Information Science (Master)
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Dance (Bachelor and Master)
Physician Assistant

Accreditation Actions and Status: All programs listed in the table at the end of the report are in full accreditation status. Reports from all listed programs included areas of commendation and recommendations for improvement. As is common, some accreditors requested interim progress reports on specific topics. Requests for interim progress reports were completed or in-process at the time of this report. This process of peer review is an important part of continuous improvement for academic programs, as well as assures that graduates in some programs are eligible for state licensure in related professions. For the Veterinary Medical Center and Diagnostic Laboratory, accreditation assures quality standards are met and provides support in student and faculty recruitment as well as grant-seeking opportunities.

2023-2024 Accreditation Report

University of Northern Iowa

<i>Program</i>	<i>Accreditor short</i>	<i>Accreditor full</i>	<i>Review Month-year</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Notes from accreditor</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Renewal Date</i>
Social Work (Bachelor and Master)	CSWE	Council on Social Work Education	Feb-24	Accredited	Progress report due Dec 2024 re: faculty numbers and qualifications, as well as faculty-student ratios.	7 years	2030-31

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Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center	AAHA	American Animal Hospital Association	Oct-23	Accredited	Passing scores in all areas of evaluation.	3 years	2026-27
Veterinary Diagnostic Lab	AAVLD	American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians	Aug-23	Accredited	Noted strong support for facility upgrades with Phase 1 and Phase 2 of VDL	5 years	2028-29
Community and Regional Planning (Bachelor and Master)	PAB	Planning Accreditation Board	Apr-24	Accredited	Progresss report due July 2026 focused on learning outcomes assessment	5 years	2029-30

University of Iowa

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Tippie College of Business (all degrees, all levels)	AACSB	Association to Advance of Collegiate Schools of Business	Mar-24	Accredited	All standards met or exceeded.	5 years	2029-30
Physician Assistant	ARC-PA	Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant	Apr-23	Accredited	A request for follow-up on 3 items was completed and accepted by ARC-PA in October 2023.	10 years	2032-33
Master of Arts in Library & Information Science	ALA	American Library Association	Jun-24	Accredited	All standards met or exceeded.	7 years	2031-32
School of Journalism and Mass Communication (Bachelor of Arts)	ACEJMC	Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication	May-24	Accredited	Noted improvements in fostering a supportive environment with participation of diverse groups and perspectives.	6 years	2029-30
Dance (Bachelor and Master)	NASD	National Association of Schools of Dance	Oct-23	Accredited	After initial review, progress reports were required with 6 follow-up items relating to facilities and specific curriculum details (due Aug 2024 and Aug 2026).	10 years	2032-33