



Discipline-Specific (Specialized) Accreditation #300.012

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POLICY STATEMENT

Florida International University seeks and takes action to maintain discipline-specific accreditation for its colleges, schools, and academic programs for which there are established standards for programmatic accreditation.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all academic programs who seek initial or continuing discipline-specific accreditation.

REASON FOR POLICY

Florida International University considers the award of discipline-specific accreditation as the highest recognition of academic quality and public accountability of its programs. Therefore, colleges, schools, and academic programs for which there are established standards for accreditation should consider seeking and maintaining accreditation or provide a rationale for not seeking or maintaining accreditation to the Provost, or designee, for review and approval prior to taking any action.

Discipline-specific accreditation is required for academic programs in which graduation from an accredited program is a prerequisite to achieving licensure or certification for professional practice.

DEFINITIONS	
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Discipline-specific (specialized) accreditation	Specialized or programmatic accreditation normally applies to programs, departments, or schools that are part of an institution. The accredited unit may be as large as a college or school within a university or as small as a curriculum within a discipline.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The President delegates responsibility for maintenance of discipline-specific (specialized) accreditation to the Provost.

The Provost delegates this responsibility to the academic deans with the requirement that an academic dean inform the Provost of any change in accreditation status including, but not limited to, warnings, probation, or withdrawal of accreditation. Voluntary withdrawal of accreditation is contingent upon Provost, or designee, approval of rationale for not maintaining accreditation.

The Provost is responsible for immediately notifying the FIU Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair when an accredited academic program is placed on warning or probation, or when the accreditation status is revoked by a discipline-specific accrediting body. The notification must include a report of any adverse accreditation findings provided by the discipline-specific accrediting body that outlines the basis for the change in accreditation status. After consultation with the BOT Chair, the Provost must then notify the Florida Board of Governors (BOG).

Academic Planning and Accountability (APA) shall maintain records of discipline-specific accreditation. As such, APA will prepare all communications required by this policy for the Provost to notify the BOT Chair, and subsequently the BOG, of accreditation agency actions.

RELATED RESOURCES

Authority/Source

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 3.006 - www.flbog.edu

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