

#### 14.4 Representation to other agencies

The institution (a) represents itself accurately to all U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting agencies with which it holds accreditation and (b) informs those agencies of any change of accreditation status, including the imposition of public sanctions.

**Compliance Judgment:** In Compliance

#### Rationale

**Federally Recognized Regional Accrediting Agency.** The University of South Carolina Aiken is accredited by one U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). USC Aiken was last reaffirmed by the Commission on Colleges in 2011.

**Specialized Program Accreditation.** Table 14.4-1 shows that several of USC Aiken programs are accredited by professional or specialized accrediting agencies. All externally accredited programs go through the same or similar steps to initiate accreditation, become accredited, and maintain accreditation status in good standing. These steps include reviewing standards, preparing a self-study document allowing the program to measure its performance against the established standards, on-site evaluation which allows accreditation team members to determine and validate first-hand that the applicant meets the established standards, ongoing monitoring to assure that the program continues to meet standards throughout the granted period of accreditation, and periodic re-evaluation to ascertain whether continuation of accreditation status is warranted.

**Table 14.4-1. Accrediting Agencies for USC Aiken and its Academic Programs**

Agency (link to last Self Study or Report)	Institution or Area Covered	Last Review
<a href="#">Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)</a> <sup>[1]</sup>	University of South Carolina Aiken	2011
<a href="#">Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)</a> <sup>[2]</sup>	School of Business Administration degree programs	2020
<a href="#">Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)</a> <sup>[3]</sup>	School of Education degree programs	2020
<a href="#">Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT)</a> <sup>[4]</sup>	Master of Education in Educational Technology	2016
<a href="#">National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)</a> <sup>[5]</sup>	Bachelor of Arts in Education (Early Childhood Education)	2018
<a href="#">Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)</a> <sup>[6]</sup>	Bachelor of Arts in Education (Elementary Education)	2020
<a href="#">Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE)</a> <sup>[7]</sup>	Bachelor of Arts in Education (Middle Level Education)	2018
<a href="#">National Council for Social Studies (NCSS)</a> <sup>[8]</sup>	Bachelor of Arts in Education (Secondary Education – Social Studies)	2019
<a href="#">National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)</a> <sup>[9]</sup>	Bachelor of Arts in Education (Secondary Education – English)	2018
<a href="#">National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)</a> <sup>[10]</sup>	Bachelor of Science in Education (Secondary Education – Sciences)	2018
<a href="#">National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)</a> <sup>[11]</sup>	Bachelor of Science in Education (Secondary Mathematics)	2019
<a href="#">Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)</a> <sup>[12]</sup>	Bachelor of Arts in Special Education (Special Education)	2019
<a href="#">National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)</a> <sup>[13]</sup>	Bachelor of Arts (Music)	2015
<a href="#">Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)</a> <sup>[14]</sup>	School of Nursing degree programs	2016
<a href="#">Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) Initial Accreditation</a> <sup>[15]</sup>	Bachelor of Science in Industrial Process Engineering	2017
<a href="#">Master in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council (MPCAC)</a> <sup>[16]</sup>	Master of Science in Applied Clinical Psychology	2014

**Descriptive Statements to Agencies.** USC Aiken accurately describes itself to each recognized accrediting body with regard to purpose, governance, programs, degrees, personnel, finances, and constituencies, and keeps each accrediting body

apprised of any change in its status with any other accrediting body. Differences across reports to agencies of the number of programs, degrees, and enrollment reflect differences in the timing of reports. USC Aiken has developed several new programs in the past three years and has experienced enrollment growth.

**Notification of Change of Status or Sanctions.** USC Aiken complies with the Commission on Colleges policy [Accrediting Decisions of Other Agencies](#).<sup>[17]</sup> USC Aiken is in good standing and has no terminations, sanctions, or negative actions taken against the institution or its programs by any U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting agency.

### Supporting Documentation

1. [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges \(SACSCOC\) Accreditation Report](#)
  2. [Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business \(AACSB\) Accreditation Report](#)
  3. [Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation \(CAEP\) Accreditation Report](#)
  4. [Association for Educational Communications and Technology \(AECT\) Accreditation Report](#)
  5. [National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\) Accreditation Report](#)
  6. [Association for Childhood Education International \(ACEI\) Accreditation Report](#)
  7. [Association for Middle Level Education \(AMLE\) Accreditation Report](#)
  8. [National Council for Social Studies \(NCSS\) Accreditation Report](#)
  9. [National Council of Teachers of English \(NCTE\) Accreditation Report](#)
  10. [National Science Teachers Association \(NSTA\) Accreditation Report](#)
  11. [National Council of Teachers of Mathematics \(NCTM\) Accreditation Report](#)
  12. [Council for Exceptional Children \(CEC\) Accreditation Report](#)
  13. [National Association of Schools of Music \(NASM\) Accreditation Report](#)
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17. [SACSCOC policy "Accrediting Decisions of Other Agencies"](#)