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## **Institutional Accreditation**

# Policy Name: Institutional Accreditation

## Policy Purpose

This policy specifies the accrediting agencies or associations that may serve as an accreditor for ETSU.

## Responsible Official, Office, and Interpretation

The Academic, Research, and Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees is responsible for the review and revision of this policy. For questions about this policy, please contact the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Office of University Counsel, has the final authority to interpret this policy.

## Defined Terms

*A defined term has a specific meaning within the context of this policy.*

### Approved Accrediting Agency

An accrediting agency or association recognized by the US Department of Education that ETSU may use for accreditation purposes and includes: (1) Higher Learning Commission (HLC); (2) Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE); (3) New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE); (4) Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU); (5) Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC); and (6) Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).

**Policy Effective Date:** November 15, 2024  
**Procedure Effective Date:** N/A

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ETSU is free to choose any Approved Accrediting Agency, as appropriate, for the programs offered by the institution. The ETSU President shall communicate the selected institutional accreditor to the Board of Trustees.

## **Authority and Revisions**

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-8-203; 49-7-187

**Previous Policy:** N/A

The ETSU Board of Trustees is charged with policy making pursuant to TCA § 49-8-203, et seq. This policy may only be revised by the Board of Trustees. Before a substantive change to the policy section may take effect, the requested changes must be: (1) presented to the Academic, Research, and Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees for review and approval; and (2) if approved by the Academic Committee, presented for a vote of the Board of Trustees and approved by a majority of the Board of Trustees. The Secretary of the Board will provide a notification to the Board of Trustees if a technical revision to this policy is implemented or a revision to the procedure section is implemented.

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