

3.13.1

Policy Compliance: Accrediting Decisions of Other Agencies

Applicable Policy Statement. Any institution seeking or holding accreditation from more than one U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting body must describe itself in identical terms to each recognized accrediting body with regard to purpose, governance, programs, degrees, diplomas, certificates, personnel, finances, and constituencies, and must keep each institutional accrediting body apprised of any change in its status with one or another accrediting body.

Documentation: The institution should (1) list federally recognized agencies that currently accredit the institution or any of its programs, (2) provide the date of the most recent review by each agency and indicate if negative action was taken by the agency and the reason for such action, (3) provide copies of statements used to describe itself for each of the accrediting bodies, (4) indicate any agency that has terminated accreditation, the date, and the reason for termination, and (5) indicate the date and reason for the institution voluntarily withdrawing accreditation with any of the agencies.

Judgment

Compliance Partial Compliance Non-Compliance Not Applicable

Narrative

Tennessee Technological University (TTU) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The academic programs at TTU hold accreditation from 10 nationally recognized accrediting agencies and follow the required guidelines in regard to describing the University to the agencies.

SACSCOC and Other Accreditation

TTU holds accreditation from the SACSCOC. The University is not seeking or holding accreditation from any other regional accrediting body.

TTU maintains programmatic accreditations from 12 specialized program accreditors, including six recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The 12 accrediting agencies that accredit TTU programs are:

1. Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB-International)
2. American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)
3. ABET, Inc
4. American Chemical Society (ACS)
5. Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing – TBR RODP (ACEN)*
6. Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) *
7. Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineers (ATMAE)
8. Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)
9. Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) – formerly National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) *
10. Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)*
11. National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) *
12. National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) *

The six federally recognized accrediting agencies are marked with an "*" mark.

Table 1 [1] presents the details of the accreditation information for the institution and its programs, including (1) federally recognized agencies and programmatic accrediting agencies that currently accredit the institution and its programs; (2) the date of the most recent review by each agency; and (3) whether any negative action was taken by the agency and the reason for such action. The information in Table 1 is reported to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) as a part of the University's Performance Funding Report. No negative action was taken by any of the accrediting agencies.

The attached Description Statements of the Institution for Accrediting Agencies [2] contains copies of excerpts from the most recent program self-study documents for each of the accrediting bodies. The information provided to each accrediting body is based on standard documents such as the Undergraduate Catalog, the Graduate Catalog, the University Strategic Plan (Flight Plan), and University Web pages. The standard statements/identical terms in those primary documents are used when certain university-level information is provided such as mission, governance, and constituencies, to have consistent representation of the required information. The way the University represents itself is largely mediated by the forms and formats prescribed by the accrediting body. Not every accrediting agency requires the standard information related to the University overall.

No program at TTU has been terminated for accreditation by any of the agencies. No program has voluntarily withdrawn accreditation with any of the accrediting agencies.

Conclusion

TTU clearly demonstrates compliance with this standard as evidenced by the supplied documentation. Therefore, TTU is in compliance with Comprehensive Standard 3.13.1.

Sources

 [1] Table 1_Institutional and Its Programs Accreditation for CS 3 13 1_5_28_15

 [2] Description Statements of the Institution for Accrediting Agencies