

# Accreditation Decisions

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## ACCREDITATION HANDBOOK—CHAPTER XII: INFORMING THE PUBLIC

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The CAA's decisions of the accreditation status of graduate education programs in audiology and speech-language pathology are based on compliance with current standards—addressing administrative structure and governance, faculty, academic and clinical curriculum, students, assessment, and program resources. The CAA's accreditation is sought voluntarily by education programs that offer clinical doctoral degrees in audiology or master's degrees in speech-language pathology designed for graduates entering the professions. The CAA applies accreditation status classifications to each program that reflect CAA's evaluation of the extent to which an education program complies with the Standards for Accreditation.

The CAA provides public notice of final accreditation decisions in accordance with its [Policy on Public Notice of Accreditation Actions](#).

## Summary of Accreditation Actions

The following actions were taken at the **May 28, 2026** CAA meeting. The complete list of [CAA-Accredited Graduate Education Programs \[PDF\]](#) is updated regularly to reflect recent actions and accreditation statuses. For information about a specific education program, contact the director of the audiology or speech-language pathology program at the institution listed.

### Awarded Candidacy

Although compliance with all standards is not required at the time of award of candidacy, CAA's decision to award candidacy status is based on the program's and institution's demonstrated commitment and ability to implement the program fully and to comply with all Standards for Accreditation. Candidacy status may be held for no longer than 5 years. Programs are required to file annual progress reports to document continuing compliance with and development towards the accreditation standards throughout the candidacy cycle.

#### **Bethel University**

St. Paul, MN

*Master's program in speech-language pathology*

Accreditation dates: May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2031

Progress report requested on continued development in accordance with CAA's expectations for candidacy programs.

**McDaniel College**

Westminster, MD

*Master's program in speech-language pathology*

Accreditation dates: May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2031

Progress report requested on continued development in accordance with CAA's expectations for candidacy programs.

Report requested on Standard(s): 6.4 Program Equipment and Materials

**South College**

Knoxville, TN

*Master's program in speech-language pathology*

Accreditation dates: May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2031

Progress report requested on continued development in accordance with CAA's expectations for candidacy programs.

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**Awarded Accreditation (Initial)**

Programs awarded accreditation demonstrated compliance with the Standards for Accreditation, for which a 5-year accreditation cycle was awarded. Programs are required to file annual reports to document continuing compliance with the accreditation standards throughout the accreditation cycle.

**N/A**

**Continued Accreditation (Reaccreditation)**

Programs awarded continued accreditation demonstrated compliance with the Standards for Accreditation, for which an 8-year accreditation cycle was awarded. Programs are required to file annual reports to document continuing compliance with the accreditation standards throughout the accreditation cycle.

**N/A**

**Awarded/Continued Accreditation – With Monitoring**

A program that is accredited with monitoring is judged to have standards-related deficiencies identified in the review that result in a noncompliance citation. Those deficiencies cited may not affect the program's capability to provide acceptable educational experiences for students and must be corrected within one year. If unresolved within one year, the CAA must give a second noncompliance citation, which will result in a probation decision.

**N/A**

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## Approved Substantive Change

The CAA evaluates whether a proposed substantive change affects the accredited or candidate program’s ability to maintain compliance with the Standards for Accreditation, and will take action accordingly. Programs are required to include information about all approved modalities in annual reports to document continuing compliance with the accreditation standards throughout the accreditation cycle.

**N/A**

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## Removed Probation/Continued Accreditation

When a program’s probation status is removed, the program demonstrated that it was able to rectify the deficiencies noted and achieve compliance with the Standards for Accreditation.

### **Ohio University**

Athens, OH

*Clinical doctoral program in audiology*

Accreditation dates: September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2027

The program was at the expected level of compliance with all standards and has met CAA's expectations (thresholds) for student outcomes.

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## Placed on Probation

A program placed on probation is judged to be not in compliance with all accreditation standards, as indicated by clear evidence of circumstances that jeopardize the capability of the program to provide acceptable educational experiences for the students. A program also may be placed on probation because the program has not corrected deficiencies noted earlier by the CAA. A program placed on probation is considered accredited. A program may be placed on probation as a result of CAA’s review of an annual report or application for continued accreditation; if the latter, a new accreditation cycle is initiated based on the end date of the previous accreditation cycle. A program is placed on probation for a period of one year, at which time the program must file a probation report. The CAA will maintain the Accreditation Action Report in the public notice for the duration of the probationary period, consistent with the Public Notice of Accreditation Actions policy (Accreditation Handbook—Chapter XII: Informing the Public). The probation date is included in the program listing.

## Placed on Probation as a Result of an Annual Report Review

### **Gannon University**

Ruskin, FL

*Master’s program in speech-language pathology*

Accreditation dates: February 1, 2024 – January 31, 2029

**Probation date: May 28, 2026**

Probation report requested on Standard(s): 2.3 Faculty Qualifications

**Stephen F. Austin State University**

Nacogdoches, TX

*Master's program in speech-language pathology, including distance education*

Accreditation dates: April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2030

**Probation date: May 28, 2026**

Probation report requested on Standard(s): 2.3 Faculty Qualifications

**Placed on Probation as a Result of an Application for Continued Accreditation Review**

**N/A**

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**Continued Probation**

When a program's probation is continued, the CAA has judged the program to remain not in compliance with all accreditation standards, which may include consideration of extenuating circumstances. The CAA will maintain the Accreditation Action Report in the public notice for the duration of the probationary period, consistent with the Public Notice of Accreditation Actions policy (Accreditation Handbook—Chapter XII: Informing the Public).

**Placed on Probation as a Result of Annual Report Review**

**N/A**

**Placed on Probation as a Result of an Application for Continued Accreditation Review**

**N/A**

**Extended Probation for Good Cause**

**N/A**

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**Withdraw/Deny Accreditation Status (Pending Action)**

The CAA withholds or withdraws an accreditation status (candidacy or accredited) from a program when it judges that the program is not in compliance with all Standards for Accreditation. A program whose accreditation is withheld or withdrawn has the opportunity to request a further consideration of the decision by the CAA and subsequently to appeal the decision. The CAA took an initial adverse action against the following programs, which is subject to further consideration and appeal.

**Applicant Programs**

**Mount Vernon Nazarene University**

Mount Vernon, OH

*Master’s program in speech-language pathology; distance education*

Accreditation dates: n/a

***Withhold Candidacy: May 28, 2026, pending further consideration and appeal***

Report requested on Standard(s): 1.5 Program Strategic Plan; 1.9 Public Information; 2.3 Faculty Qualifications; 6.4 Program Equipment and Materials

**Candidacy Programs**

N/A

**Accredited Programs**

N/A

**Withdraw/Deny Accreditation Status (Final Action)**

The CAA withholds or withdraws an accreditation status (candidacy or accredited) from a program when it judges that the program is not in compliance with all Standards for Accreditation. The CAA took final adverse action against the following programs, after the opportunity for further consideration and appeal were exhausted. The CAA removes the program from all lists of its current accredited and candidate programs at the effective date of the final adverse action, noted below.

N/A

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**Voluntarily Withdrawal – Program Closed**

Programs that intend to close are required to notify the CAA of this event. Closed programs relinquish their accreditation status as of the date of closure. The CAA removes the program from all lists of its current accredited and candidate programs once the program closes.

**University of Northern Colorado**

Greeley, CO

*Clinical doctoral program in audiology*

**Anticipated date of closure: June 12, 2028**

**Voluntarily Withdrawal – Program Remains Open**

Programs that intend to voluntarily relinquish their accreditation status are required to notify the CAA. The CAA removes the program from all lists of its current accredited and candidate programs once the program’s accreditation status ends.

N/A

## Programs Currently on Probation

In addition to the programs placed on probation at the CAA's most recent meeting, the CAA maintains for all programs placed on probation the Accreditation Action Report in the public notice for the duration of the probationary period, consistent with the Policy on Public Notice of Accreditation Actions (Accreditation Handbook—Chapter XII: Informing the Public). The probation date is included in the program listing. The CAA did not take any new actions on the programs listed below at its latest decision-making meeting.

### Placed on Probation as a Result of Annual Report Review

#### **Adelphi University**

Garden City, NY

*Master's program in speech-language pathology; including satellite location (Brooklyn, NY)*

Accreditation dates: May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2032

**Probation date: February 13, 2026**

Probation report requested on Standard(s): 5.6 Praxis Examination Pass Rate (non-compliance)

#### **Inter American University of Puerto Rico**

Rio Pedras, PR

*Master's program in speech-language pathology*

Accreditation dates: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2028

**Probation date: February 21, 2025**

Probation report requested on Standard(s): 5.5 Program Completion Rate (non-compliance); 5.6 Praxis Examination Pass Rate (non-compliance)

#### **South Carolina State University**

Orangeburg, SC

*Master's program in speech-language pathology*

Accreditation dates: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2028

**Probation date: July 19, 2025**

Probation report requested on Standard(s): 5.6 Praxis Examination Pass Rate (non-compliance)

#### **SUNY at Cortland**

Cortland, NY

*Master's program in speech-language pathology*

Accreditation dates: February 1, 2023 – January 31, 2031

**Probation date: July 19, 2025**

Probation report requested on Standard(s): 5.5 Program Completion Rate (non-compliance)

#### **Texas A&M University, Kingsville**

Kingsville, TX

*Master's program in speech-language pathology; including distance education*

Accreditation dates: May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2029

**Probation date: February 13, 2026**

Probation report requested on Standard(s): 5.6 Praxis Examination Pass Rate (non-compliance)

## **Placed on Probation as a Result of an Application for Continued Accreditation Review**

### **Carlos Albizu University**

San Juan, PR

*Master's program in speech-language pathology*

Accreditation dates: February 1, 2025 – January 31, 2033

**Probation date: February 21, 2025**

Probation report requested on Standard(s): 5.6 Praxis Examination Pass Rate (non-compliance)