



# PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR THE EXERCISE SCIENCES

## DEGREE LEVELS ACCREDITED

**ASSOCIATES:** Personal Fitness Training\*, • **BACHELORS:** Exercise Science\* • **GRADUATE:** Applied and Clinical Exercise Physiology\*

\*Accreditation status awarded does not need to be the same as the title of the program.



### HOW DO YOU START?

Submit a Request for Accreditation Services via the CAAHEP website: [ras.caahep.org](http://ras.caahep.org) or email CoAES Director William Coale: [wcoale@coaes.org](mailto:wcoale@coaes.org).

### SELF-STUDY APPLICATION

The self-study is received and submitted electronically. Program Directors have the option of being assigned an accreditation mentor to guide and assist throughout completion of the self-study.



### SELF-STUDY SUBMISSION & REVIEW

CoAES staff reviews self study, validates, and provides the program director with feedback when necessary.

### SITE VISIT COORDINATION

Once the self-study has been confirmed finalized with the Program Director, the PD provides CoAES a few dates for the initial accreditation site visit. CoAES then recruits a site visit team for the on-site visit.



### SITE VISIT

The site visit team validates the findings of the self-study and completes a site visit report to illustrate any citations from the visit.

### COMPLETION OF SITE VISIT

The CoAES office sends the site the official site visit review and allows for a two-week period to respond to the findings from the visit.



### CoAES SITE VISIT REVIEW

CoAES board reviews the finalized findings from the site visit and votes to recommend the program for accreditation to CAAHEP. Recommendation for accreditation is submitted to CAAHEP.

### CAAHEP REVIEW OF COAES RECOMMENDATIONS

CoAES recommendations for accreditation are reviewed by the CAAHEP Board of Directors and an accreditation action decision is made. CAAHEP awards or denies program accreditation.



### ONGOING SUPPORT

CoAES continues to work with the program throughout the continuing accreditation process regarding all matters related to ongoing accreditation (e.g., annual reports, annual fees, policy changes, standards and guidelines revisions, and continuing accreditation).