



HLC Accreditation 2016-2017

# **Federal Compliance Form**

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## **Appendix W School of Business Accreditation**

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**Additional information:**



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Dear Dean Desai:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Focused Review Team 1 recommendation to extend accreditation for the **undergraduate and master's** degree programs in business offered by Wichita State University is concurred with by the Continuous Improvement Review Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors. Congratulations to you, the faculty, the students, the staff, and all supporters of the W. Frank Barton School of Business.

In the interest of continuous improvement, the school should begin to address the following items and be prepared to update the Committee on progress made in the Continuous Improvement Review Application that is discussed below:

1. Continue to be diligent in Assurance of Learning (AOL) efforts. Show complete and mature AOL by next review, especially in the current lacking areas of the MBA (goals 3 and 4) and the Executive MBA. (2013 Standard 8: Curricula Management and Assurance of Learning)
2. Focus on effective and efficient deployment of faculty to ensure proper coverage of all programs, with special attention to the undergraduate program (due to the current shortage of SA deployment). Hire good faculty and help develop **those that are currently classified as 'Other'**. (2013 Standard 15: Faculty Qualifications and Engagement)
3. **Growth in the master's programs is encouraging, but quality should not be sacrificed to increase quantity.** Continue to refine the plan for **maintaining and/or growing the master's programs while (at least) maintaining the current quality.** (2013 Standard 4: Student Admissions, Progression, and Career Development)

Wichita State University has achieved accreditation for five additional years from the time of the original visit. The next on-site continuous improvement review occurs in the fifth year, 2017-2018. A timeline specific to **the school's** visit year is attached.

Your Continuous Improvement Review Application has been submitted. This application initiates the continuous improvement review process. In this application, please provide an update on progress in addressing the concerns stated above in addition to other relevant information for initiation of the next continuous improvement review.

Please refer to the [Continuous Improvement Review Handbook](#) for more information regarding the processes for continuous improvement reviews. The handbook is evolving and will be updated frequently to provide the latest revisions to the CIR process. Continue to monitor the website for the most current version of the handbook.

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Again, congratulations from the Accreditation Council and AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Thank you for participating in the continuous improvement review process and for providing valuable feedback that is essential to a meaningful and beneficial review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. H. Glick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

William H. Glick, Chair  
Board of Directors

cc: Bill Hardgrave, Focus Review Team Chair  
Craig McAllaster, Focus Review Team Member

SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION  
Continuous Improvement Review April, 2016

**Name of Institution:** Wichita State University

**Name of Business Academic Unit:** W. Frank Barton School of Business

**List of Degree Programs Reviewed:**

BBA

MBA

MAcc

MA-Economics

EMBA

# CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT REVIEW TIMELINE

## 2017-2018 Visit Year

The Continuous Improvement Review Process is displayed below as a timeline. This five-year review cycle remains constant throughout the cycle of consecutive review for a school, irrespective of whether a continuous improvement review 2 is required. Therefore, Year 1 represents the academic year immediately following an on-site review, regardless of whether or not an accreditation decision has been made. The next visit will occur in Year 5. The Continuous Improvement Review Committee is responsible for oversight of the Continuous Improvement Review process for review.

Year 1 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)	Year 2 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015)	Year 3 (July 1, 2015 – July 1, 2016)	Year 4 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)	Year 5 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Key Data and Accreditation Data Sections of the <i>Business School Questionnaire</i> for prior academic year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Key Data and Accreditation Data Sections of the <i>Business School Questionnaire</i> for prior academic year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Key Data and Accreditation Data Sections of the <i>Business School Questionnaire</i> for prior academic year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Key Data and Accreditation Data Sections of the <i>Business School Questionnaire</i> for prior academic year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Key Data and Accreditation Data Sections of the <i>Business School Questionnaire</i> for prior academic year</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 1, 2015 - Submit Continuous Improvement Review Application(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer Review Team and visit date confirmed. See <a href="#">Accreditation Policies &amp; Procedures</a> for Volunteer Deployment and Selection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribute Completed Continuous Improvement review Report(s) 60 Days Prior to Visit</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date and Peer Review Team Nomination Request sent to school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin communications with Peer Review Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accreditation Statistical Reports will be distributed to applicant and team members by AACSB at least 60 days prior to visit date upon request only</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return Date and Peer Review Team Nominations form to AACSB</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with Peer Review Team Chair to finalize the Visit Schedule</li> </ul>
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer Review Team Visit</li> </ul>