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# Academic Affairs Update

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- Academic Program Review Update
- Accreditation
- Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Research





# Academic Program Review

Fall 2025

Program/Department	Professional Organization/Office	Most Current Review	Review Cycle	Next Review	College
M.S. Family and Consumer Sciences	APUR	Fall 2020	5	Fall 2025	SOE
Pharmaceutical Sciences BS/MS	APUR	Fall 2020	5	Fall 2025	CHAS
Spanish BS	APUR	Fall 2020	5	Fall 2025	CASH
Kinesiology (BS) & Kinesiology & Recreation Admin (MS)	APUR	Fall 2020	5	Fall 2025	CHAS
Environmental and Geographic Sciences/Geosciences BS/MS	APUR	Fall 2020	5	Fall 2025	CHAS



# Academic Program Review

Spring 2026

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<b>Chemistry and Biochemistry BS/MS</b>	APUR	Spring 2021	5	Spring 2026	CHAS
<b>Interdisciplinary Studies BA</b>	APUR	Spring 2021	5	Spring 2026	CASH
<b>Criminal Justice</b>	NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission	2016	10	2026	CASH
<b>Mass Communication BA</b>	Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (ACEJMC) Pre-Visit*	Spring 2021	5	Spring 2026	CASH
<b>Music</b>	National Association of Schools and Music	2021	5	2026-27	CASH
<b>Business</b>	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	2021	7	2026-27	SOB
<b>Communication Disorders</b>	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	2019	6	2026	CHAS
<b>Mathematics BS/MS</b>	APUR	Spring 2021	5	Spring 2026	CHAS
<b>Physics BS/MS</b>	APUR	Spring 2021	5	Spring 2026	CHAS
<b>Higher Education Administration</b>	APUR	N/A	5	Spring 2026	SOE

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Information Science - Graduate (MIS) School of Library Science	APUR	N/A	5	Fall 2026	SLIS

Spring 2027

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Social Work Undergraduate BSW	The Council on Social Work Education	2021	7	2027	CASH
Didactic Dietetic Foods and Nutrition BS	Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics	2019	7	2027	CHAS
Dietetic Internship Graduate Program	Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics	2021	5	2027	CHAS
Chemistry	American Chemical Society	2021	5	2027	CHAS
Psychology BA/MA	APUR	2022	5	2027	CHAS
Instructional Design	APUR	N/A	5	2027	SOE



# Commission for Public Higher Education Accreditation (CPHE)



- Founded by six university systems – the State University System of Florida, the University System of Georgia, the University of North Carolina System, the University of South Carolina System, the Texas A&M University System, and the University of Tennessee System.
- Institutional accrediting agency for state public colleges and universities that award associates, bachelor's, and/or higher degrees.
- Guided by core principles:
  - A return to true peer-review – for publics, by publics
  - A focus on student outcomes, not inputs
  - A reduction of unnecessary bureaucracy, opacity, and expense
- CPHE will submit an application for recognition to the U.S. Department of Education in late 2027.

# Commission for Public Higher Education Accreditation (CPHE)



- Accreditation Standards

- Integrity, Transparency, and Compliance
- Continuous Improvement
- Governance and Leadership
- Mission, Public, Purpose, and Academic Excellence
- Faculty
- Academic Freedom and Intellectual Diversity
- Curricula
- Measures of Program Length
- Student Learning, Student Success, and Student Support Services
- Fiscal and Administrative Capacity
- Facilities and Other Resources
- Records of Student Complaints



# Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Research (IAIER)

## Goal

- Establish First HBCU AI research institute
- Strengthen and enrich cross-campus university-wide collaborations in AI for research, teaching and learning, and service
- Focus on the challenges and opportunities of artificial intelligence to ensure its benefits are accessible for everyone.
- Partner with leading organizations across technology, research, and education to create opportunities for impactful AI development, hands-on learning, and workforce advancement

## Accomplishments

- Completed 3-year planning and development phase
- Created the leadership team, advisory board, organization structure; hired staff, and identified campus home location
- Raised visibility of NCCU leadership in AI at local, state and national levels
- Earned external funding including \$1M funding from Google.org
- Engaged faculty and students from across all academic units and institutes
- [2025 Annual Report](#)





# Impact of IAIER

## OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS

# IAIER Annual Impact Snapshot



2025 Dashboard

Email Subscribers Growth

**+159**

Total Increase 12%

Total Newsletter Subscribers

**1,471**

Mailchimp + beehiiv

Media Impressions

Reach

**13.53M**

Total Articles & Broadcasts

**198**

Positive Sentiment

**90.4%**

Micro-Credentials

IBM SkillsBuild Credential Earners

**1,007**

Dell AI Certifications

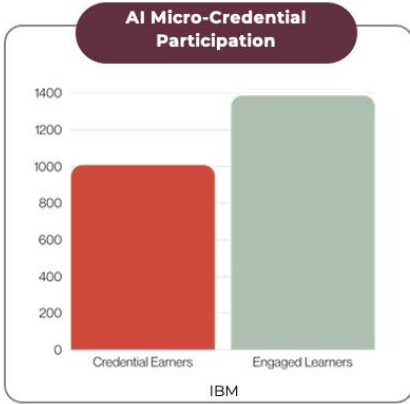
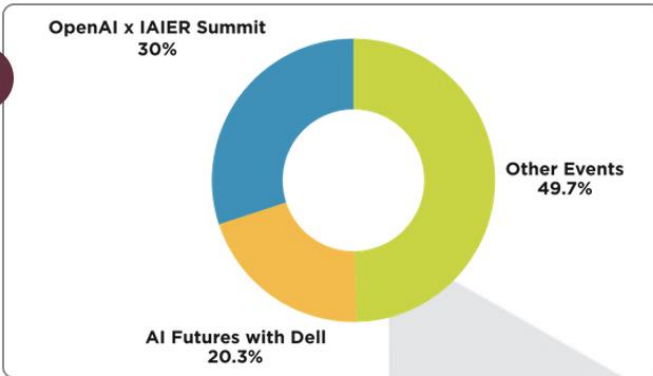
**+50**

Event Attendance

**1,479**

TOTAL IAIER PARTICIPANTS

across summits, workshops, book clubs, and training sessions



IAIER Funding Overview

**\$36,500** In-Kind Donations

**\$110,000** Seed Grant Funding  
(Funds awarded by IAIER to NCCU faculty projects.)

**\$1.125M** Corporate Support  
(Google, FICO, & Cisco)

**\$4.5M** Advertising Value Equivalency

# WHERE PURPOSE TAKES FLIGHT

