CAAHEP/CoAES Accreditation

The Longwood Kinesiology program is recognized as an accredited Bachelor's degree program by the American College of Sports Medicine’s (ACSM) Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES) under the auspices of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). This accreditation process requires that the Longwood Kinesiology program meet or exceed a number of criteria concerning curriculum, internships, national certification exams, and post graduate employment.

One example of these expectations that is shown below is the results from the Internship Employer Survey. This survey is completed by the on-site internship supervisor at the completion of a student’s 400 hour summer internship. Students are rated on a 1 to 4 scale (1-Outstanding, 2-Above Average, 3-Average, and 4-Below Average) for a wide array of demonstrated behavior over their internship. These ratings are categorized into Personal Qualities, Work Performance, and Knowledge/Skill.

To receive a Satisfactory rating for a given category, a student must be rated by their supervisor as Outstanding or Above Average for 85% of the specific measures under that category. The percentages shown in the table below are the percentages of students who earned Satisfactory ratings for the Summer 2017 Internship period.

Two additional metrics utilized as part of the accreditation process are Retention Rate and Graduation Rate. Retention rate for the 2017 graduation cohort is calculated based on the number of students still in the Kinesiology program who were admitted to the program in the 2015-2016 academic year. Graduation rate for the 2017 graduation cohort is calculated based on the number of students who graduated from the program during the 2016-17 academic year who were admitted to the Kinesiology program in the 2015-16 academic year.