

AER Accreditation Program

Decision Summary

Name of University: Western Michigan University

Program: Assistive Technology Instruction (ATI)

Degree level: Graduate Certificate

Name of Program Director: Dae Kim, Ph.D.

Name of University Dean/University Representative: Dawn Anderson, Ph.D.

Date Application Submitted: January 21, 2022

Date Recommendation Completed: October 25, 2023

**Panel’s Narrative:**

The Assistive Technology Program is applying for the first time for accreditation, having been in operation as required for over a year and having at least one student.

Summary of Findings:

The program scored 100% on the CORE standards.

In the review panel’s judgment, the program appears to meet all of the Core Standards required for accreditation.

This evaluation has been made on the review panel’s review of the Self-Study and associated evidence, and interviews with the programmatic and institutional stakeholders.

In the review panel’s judgment, the program appears to meet all the AT Curricular Standards required for accreditation.

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*Commendations or Recognition of Exemplary Practices:*

Students report faculty have strong reputations in the field and are readily and consistently available for mentoring.

**Summary of AERAC’s Conclusions:**

AER Accreditation Council received the recommendation for Full Accreditation from the Higher Education Accreditation Commission on December 12, 2023, along with all supporting documents from the university and working consensus reports from the review panel. The members of the panel had been previously approved, at the start of the review process.

In due consideration of the materials, AER Accreditation Council concurred with the recommendation.

**AERAC Decision:**

* Full Accreditation

**Western Michigan University’s Assistive Technology Instruction Program is Fully Accredited through December 11, 2028.**

**Summary of Accreditation Actions:**

12-12-2023 HEAC Recommendation:  Full Accreditation

12-12-2023 AERAC Decision:

* Full Accreditation of the Assistive Technology Instruction Program through December 11, 2028.

**History of AERAC Accreditations:**

* Initial Accreditation of Assistive Technology Instruction program, 2023