I.5 The Office for Accreditation

The Office for Accreditation provides planning, leadership, and a secretarial function in implementing the ALA accreditation process. In fulfilling these roles, the Office serves multiple constituencies: the COA, ALA members, the LIS profession, graduate programs, students, employers, and the general public.

I.5.1 Responsibilities of the Office for Accreditation

- Coordinating and supporting activities that are directly related to the accreditation of master's programs of education for library and information studies;
- Maintaining relationships with other accrediting agencies within the accreditation community, including CHEA and ASPA;
- Maintaining contact with programs. This may include programs that are in the process of undergoing a comprehensive review or those that are interested in seeking accreditation from the ALA;
- Providing information to graduate programs, potential students, employers, ALA members, the press, and the general public about the accreditation process, policies, and procedures, as well as the accreditation status of specific graduate LIS programs;
- Manage conflicts of interest that may compromise the integrity of the accreditation process;
- Providing publications, programs, and other activities to promote the awareness and enhance the knowledge of ALA members, other library and information associations, and the general public about the ALA accreditation process, trends in library and information studies education, and trends in higher education accreditation;
- Maintaining a schedule of comprehensive reviews and making it publicly available;
- Maintaining the Directory of ALA-Accredited Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies.

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I.5.2 Directory of ALA-accredited programs

A current directory of ALA-accredited master's programs in Library and Information Studies is available in two formats on the Office for Accreditation website.

- [Directory of ALA-accredited programs in a searchable database format](#)
- [Directory of ALA-accredited programs in pdf format](#)

A historical list of all ALA-accredited programs accredited since 1925 is available on the Office for Accreditation website.

- [Historical list of accredited programs](#)

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I.5.3 Schedule of reviews

The Office for Accreditation maintains a schedule of comprehensive reviews that is available on its website. This schedule assures the profession and the public that the COA reviews programs in a regular and timely manner.