

**ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT  
Candidacy Application Review**

The Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology took the following accreditation action at its May 28, 2026 meeting, as indicated below.

**Name of Program: McDaniel College**

**File #: 396**

**Professional Area:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>Audiology</b>                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>Speech-Language Pathology</b> |

**Modality:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>Residential</b>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>Distance Education</b>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>Satellite Campus</b>        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>Contractual Arrangement</b> |

**Degree Designator(s): MS**

**Action Taken: Award Candidacy**

**Effective Date: May 28, 2026**

**Candidacy Accreditation Cycle: 05/01/2026 - 04/30/2031**

**Next Review: 1st Annual Progress Report due August 1, 2027**

**Notices:** The program is advised to adhere to the following notices that are appended to this report.

- PROGRAM COMPLIANCE EXPECTATIONS
- PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF DECISION AND ACCREDITATION STATUS

The CAA conducted its comprehensive review in the context of the institutional and program mission statements and in consideration of the credentials for which the program is preparing students, and determined that the program demonstrated sufficient compliance with the Standards for Accreditation of Graduate Education Programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, unless noted below.

**Standard 6.4 The program's equipment and educational and clinical materials are appropriate and sufficient to achieve the program's mission and goals.**

*Requirement(s) of the Standard to be met:*

- The program must demonstrate that the equipment is maintained in good working order.
- The program must demonstrate that any equipment for which there are ANSI or other standards-setting body requirements meets standards established by ANSI or other standards-setting bodies.

Compliance Expectation Determined: Planned

Compliance Expectation for Award of Candidacy Status: Initiated

**CAA Concern/Feedback:**

During the site visit, the Site Visit Team was unable to verify compliance with requirements related to maintaining equipment in good working order and ensuring that equipment meets applicable American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards. At that time, the program had not yet purchased the required equipment, materials, or assessment tools. In response to the site visit report, the program reported that it has established procedures to ensure that all equipment subject to ANSI or other applicable professional standards meets those requirements at the time of purchase and throughout ongoing use. However, as the equipment had not yet been acquired, the CAA was unable to verify implementation of these procedures.

**Steps to Be Taken:**

At the time of the first annual progress report, the program must provide evidence that equipment is maintained in good working order and that all equipment meets standards established by ANSI or other standards-setting bodies.

## **PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

The CAA evaluated this program regarding its performance with respect to student achievement and provides the following report, required as an accrediting agency recognized by the US Secretary of Education [[34 CFR 602.17\(f\)](#)]. Upon award of Candidacy status, no students are enrolled in the program; thus student achievement data has not been collected. However, the CAA assessed the program's process for collecting and reporting student achievement data and found the program to meet or exceed the established CAA expectations as described in the Candidacy Compliance Continuum for accreditation standard 5.0 – Assessment.

## **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THIS DECISION AND ACCREDITATION STATUS**

The CAA publishes a notice of final accreditation actions on its website after comprehensive reviews are completed in accordance with its published policies. In the event an adverse action is taken and becomes final (i.e., withdrawal or withholding of an accreditation status), the CAA is required to publish a brief statement summarizing the reasons for withholding or withdrawing the accreditation status of a program, together with the comments, if any, that the affected program may wish to make.

The Criteria for Recognition by the U.S. Secretary of Education requires all recognized accrediting agencies to provide for the public correction of incorrect or misleading information an accredited or preaccredited program releases about accreditation or preaccreditation status, contents of site visit reports, and accrediting or preaccrediting actions with respect to the program. [[34 CFR 602.23\(d\) and 602.23\(e\)](#)] The program must make accurate public disclosure of the accreditation or preaccreditation status awarded to the program, using the language provided in the [Accreditation Handbook](#) (see Chapter XII Informing the Public) on the academic accreditation website. If the program chooses to disclose any additional information within the scope of the ED rule, such disclosure also must be accurate. Any public disclosure of information within the scope of the rule must include the CAA's name, address, and telephone number as described in the [Accreditation Handbook](#). If an institution or program misrepresents or distorts any action by the CAA with respect to any aspect of the accreditation process, its accreditation status, the contents of the site visit report, or final CAA accreditation actions or decisions, the CAA will inform the chief executive officer of the institution and the program director that corrective action must be taken. If corrective action is not taken, the CAA will release a public statement that provides correct information and may invoke other sanctions as may be appropriate.