Charter and Accreditation

CHARTER

LAU is chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. The University of the State of New York is the sole entity authorized by the State of New York to incorporate higher education institutions and authorize them to confer degrees.

Beirut College for Women (which was to become LAU) was granted a provisional charter by the Board of Regents in 1950, and an absolute charter five years later. Since then, the charter has been amended several times in response to the institution's growth.

The University of the State of New York is a large system of educational services, including thousands of schools, colleges, universities, museums, libraries and other institutions. Its Board of Regents sets overall education policy for the State of New York and chooses a Commissioner of Education, who serves as president of the University of the State of New York and heads the New York State Education Department.

ACCREDITATION

Degrees awarded by the Lebanese American University are officially registered with the Ministry of Higher Education in Lebanon and with the Board of Education in the State of New York.

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

LAU was granted accreditation by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (CIHE-NEASC) for a five-year period as of November 2009. In 2014 LAU underwent a comprehensive evaluation and was re-accredited for a ten-year period.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The Lebanese American University School of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), 135 South LaSalle Street, Suite 4100, Chicago, IL 60503, 312/664-3575; FAX 312/664-4652, web site www.acpe-accredit.org. It was first accredited in 2002 and currently remains the only such program that is accredited by ACPE outside the United States.

The **Bachelor of Engineering** degree program in **Civil Engineering** is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), www.abet.org.

The **Bachelor of Engineering** degree program in **Computer Engineering** is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, www.abet.org.

The **Bachelor of Engineering** degree program in **Electrical Engineering** is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, www.abet.org.

The **Bachelor of Engineering** degree program in **Industrial Engineering** is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, www.abet.org.

The **Bachelor of Engineering** degree program in **Mechanical Engineering** is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, www.abet.org.

On October 1, 2011 the **Bachelor of Science** degree program in **Computer Science** was formally accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, www.abet.org. This accreditation action extends retroactively from October 1, 2010.

The **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** at the Lebanese American University-**Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing** is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202-887-6791.

LAU has earned accreditation for its **Adnan Kassar School of Business**. Its undergraduate and graduate programs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The programs are: B.S. in Business Studies, B.S. in Economics, B.S. in Hospitality and Tourism Management, Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA).

The **Bachelor of Architecture** degree is officially recognized by the French Government, which allows our graduates to practice in France and the European Union. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) which accredits all architecture programs in the United States has formally granted the professional architecture program **Bachelor of Architecture** initial candidacy. The candidacy period is effective January 1, 2013.