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The University of Dayton conducted an exhaustive self-assessment of its Intensive English Program to gain membership in the American Association of Intensive English Programs.

The academic coordinator and instructors for the IEP evaluated all aspects of the program, including its statement of purpose and goals; the qualifications of IEP instructors; the program's curriculum and policies; student services for IEP students; and the admission process and marketing and recruitment.

"Membership in AAIEP indicates that we, through our Intensive English Program, are committed to upholding the high standards expected by AAIEP," said Karin Avila-John, IEP academic coordinator and Spanish instructor.

The process helped solidify a strong curriculum and procedures to ensure the quality of the program now and in the future, she said.

The University of Dayton Intensive English Program experienced record enrollment during the fall 2008 term, enrolling over 75 students in the program.

Enrollment in the program is likely to climb as a result of earning the AAIEP credential because it is a standard of quality that many students and sponsors seek, Avila-John said. The Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission, which typically selects the universities of government-sponsored students, prefers to send students to institutions with AAIEP credentials.

UD's Intensive English Program, located in the Center for International Programs, develops students' English skills in preparation for an undergraduate or graduate program or for employment. Course offerings include grammar, reading and writing, listening and speaking, pronunciation and preparation for the Test of English as a Foreign Language.

Five other Ohio schools are members in the AAIEP. They are Ashland University, Case Western Reserve University, Xavier University, The University of Findlay and Bowling Green State University.