

Higher Education

Universities, Community Colleges, Research Institutions & Seminaries

"Accreditation-ready. Evidence-organized. Continuously compliant."

Higher education institutions carry a unique compliance burden: protecting student data under FERPA, securing financial systems under the GLBA Safeguards Rule, meeting federal research security requirements under NIST CSF, and maintaining continuous evidence for multi-year accreditation cycles. Auditerra brings platform technology and human expertise together to make all of it manageable — and auditable at any moment.

FERPA

GLBA Safeguards

NIST CSF

CMMC

ATS/HLC/SACSCOC

The Challenge

- Accreditation evidence must be collected continuously across departments, programs, and academic cycles — not assembled in a last-minute scramble before a site visit.
- The GLBA Safeguards Rule (updated 2023) requires institutions handling student financial aid data to implement a formal information security program with designated oversight.
- FERPA violations are increasingly scrutinized; institutions must document access controls and data sharing agreements with precision.
- Seminaries and faith-based institutions face accreditation bodies (ATS, HLC, TRACS) with specific outcome-based evidence requirements that intersect with cybersecurity and data governance.
- Research institutions with federal grants face NIST CSF and CMMC obligations that most academic IT teams are not resourced to manage alone.

Compliance Frameworks We Cover

FERPA

Governs the privacy and security of student education records. Institutions must document who accesses student data, under what authority, and with what controls — a continuous evidence obligation.

GLBA Safeguards Rule

Requires institutions that handle student financial information to maintain a written information security program, conduct risk assessments, and oversee service providers.

NIST CSF 2.0

Increasingly adopted by research universities managing federal grants and sensitive research data. Provides a risk-based approach to cybersecurity governance across complex, distributed environments.

CMMC (Research)

Research institutions with DoD contracts or grants may be subject to CMMC requirements for handling Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) within research environments.

ATS / HLC / SACSCOC / TRACS Accreditation

Accreditation bodies require continuous, organized evidence of institutional effectiveness, data governance, and security practices — evaluated on multi-year review cycles.

How Auditerra Engages — Our Process

Step 1 — Demo

A no-pressure, industry-tailored demo so you see exactly how our platform and auditors work together before any commitment.

Step 2 — Readiness Check

We conduct a gap assessment to map your current compliance posture, identify risk areas, and build a prioritized remediation roadmap.

Step 3 — Active Engagement

Our certified auditors don't hand you a to-do list. They work alongside your team — reviewing evidence, walking through controls, and personally resolving gaps in real time.

Step 4 — Continuous Monitoring

Compliance doesn't end at certification. Auditerra monitors your posture year-round, alerts you to drift, and keeps you audit-ready at all times — not just during audit season.

Why Not Big 5 or SaaS-Only?

Provider	What You Get	What's Missing
Big 5 Consulting	Deep expertise, global reach	Enterprise pricing — out of reach for most
SaaS-Only Platforms	Evidence collection platform	No human auditor — you're on your own
Auditerra	Platform + certified human auditors	Nothing. Custom pricing. Full engagement.

Accreditation Evidence Management — A Continuous Cycle

Accreditation is not a one-time event. Bodies like the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), SACSCOC, and TRACS evaluate institutions on multi-year cycles and expect organized, continuous evidence of institutional effectiveness. Auditerra's platform serves as a structured evidence repository — mapping course evaluations, student outcome data, policy documents, security controls, and governance records to the specific standards your accreditor requires. When a site visit arrives, your evidence is already organized, timestamped, and auditor-ready. For seminaries specifically, we understand the intersection of theological mission, academic governance, and the ATS Standards of Accreditation — and we build your compliance program to reflect that.

What You Get with Auditerra

- ✓ Accreditation evidence repository mapped to your specific body's standards (ATS, HLC, SACSCOC, TRACS)
 - ✓ GLBA Safeguards Rule information security program development and annual review
 - ✓ FERPA access control documentation and data-sharing agreement audit
 - ✓ Continuous monitoring of security controls across academic and administrative systems
 - ✓ NIST CSF gap assessment and remediation roadmap for research environments
 - ✓ Site visit readiness package — evidence organized, indexed, and auditor-ready
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Ready to See It in Action?

Book your no-obligation demo at auditerra.com/demo or reach out directly at compliance@auditerra.com. We'll tailor the conversation to your industry, your frameworks, and your timeline — no generic pitch decks.