

## **Appendix A**

### **Accrediting Agencies and Associations Recognized by the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education**

The Secretary of Education is required by statute to publish a list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations which the Secretary determines to be reliable authorities as to the quality of training offered by educational institutions and programs. The National Advisory Committee on Accreditation and Institutional Eligibility assists the Secretary in determining which accrediting bodies should be listed. Accrediting bodies that achieve recognition are reviewed at least every 4 years thereafter.

The commissions of the regional associations and the national institutional and specialized accrediting agencies which are recognized by the Secretary have no legal control over educational institutions or programs. They promulgate standards of quality or criteria of institutional excellence and approve or admit to membership those institutions that meet the standards or criteria.

#### **I. Regional Institutional Accrediting Associations**

The regional associations recognized by the Secretary of Education appear in the following listing. Regional accreditation applies to the entire institution and indicates that each of its parts is contributing to the achievement of an institution's objectives, although not necessarily all on the same level of quality.

All regional accreditations listed in the Directory are self-reported by the institution and have not been verified by NCES, so the prospective student should verify accreditations of importance to him or her in the selection of a school by contracting the accrediting agencies. Appendix B provides the addresses and telephone numbers of the accrediting agencies for this purpose.

<b>Directory Listing</b>	<b>Regional Institutional Accrediting Associations, (with regional commissions and states in region)</b>
<b>Middle States</b>	<b>Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools</b> Commission on Higher Education Commission on Secondary Schools (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)
<b>New England</b>	<b>New England Association of Schools and Colleges</b> Commission on Institutions of Higher Education Commission on Technical and Career Institutions (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)

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<b>Directory Listing</b>	<b>Regional Institutional Accrediting Associations, (with regional commissions and states in region)</b>
<b>North Central</b>	<p><b>North Central Association of Colleges and Schools</b>            Commission on Institutions of Higher Education            Commission on Schools            (Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming)</p>
<b>Northwest</b>	<p><b>Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges</b>            Commission on Colleges            (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington)</p>
<b>Southern</b>	<p><b>Southern Association of Colleges and Schools</b>            Commission on Colleges            (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia)</p>
<b>Western</b>	<p><b>Western Association of Schools and Colleges</b>            Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges            Accrediting Commission for Schools            Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities            (California, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas)</p>

## I. National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies

The national institutional and specialized accrediting agencies recognized by the Secretary of Education, and their scope of recognition, appear in the following listing. Institutional accreditation normally applies to an entire institution, indicating that each of its parts is contributing to the achievement of an institution's objectives, although not necessarily all on the same level of quality. Some national accrediting agencies perform institutional accreditation.

Specialized accreditation normally applies to evaluation of programs, departments, or schools which usually are parts of a total collegiate or other postsecondary institution. The unit accredited may be as large as a college or school within a university or as small as a curriculum within a discipline. Most of the specialized accrediting agencies review units within a postsecondary institution, which is accredited by one of the regional accrediting commissions. However, certain of the specialized accrediting agencies do accredit professional schools and other specialized or vocational or other postsecondary institutions which are free-standing in their operations. Thus, a "specialized" or "programmatic" accrediting agency may also function in the capacity of an "institutional" accrediting agency. In addition, a number of specialized accrediting agencies accredit educational programs within non-educational settings, such as hospitals.

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<b>Directory Listing</b>	<b>National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies and Scope of Recognition Covered by Directory Listing</b>
<b>ACUP</b>	<b>National Accreditation Commission for Schools and Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine</b> Acupuncture (first professional master's degree and professional master's level certificate and diploma program in acupuncture and oriental medicine)
<b>ADNUR</b>	<b>National League for Nursing, Inc.</b> Nursing (associate degree programs)
<b>AHE</b>	<b>Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools</b> Allied Health Education (private postsecondary institutions)
<b>ANEST</b>	<b>American Association of Nurse Anesthetists</b> Nurse Anesthesia (generic nurse anesthesia educational programs/schools)

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<b>Directory Listing</b>	<b>National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies and Scope of Recognition Covered by Directory Listing</b>
<b>ARCH</b>	<b>National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc. 1/</b> Architecture (first professional degree programs)
<b>ART</b>	<b>National Association of Schools of Art and Design</b> Art and Design (degree-granting schools and departments and non-degree-granting schools)
<b>AUD</b>	<b>American Speech-Language-Hearing Association</b> Audiology (master's degree programs)
<b>BI</b>	<b>Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges</b> Bible College Education (Bible colleges and institutes offering undergraduate Programs)
<b>BUAD</b>	<b>Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs</b> Business (associate degree programs in business and business-related field)
<b>BUBD</b>	<b>Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs</b> Business (baccalaureate degree programs in business and business-related files)
<b>BUMD</b>	<b>Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs</b> Business (master's degree programs in business and business-related files)
<b>CE</b>	<b>Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools</b> Christian Education (Christian postsecondary institutions that offer certificates, diplomas, and associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degrees)
<b>CHE</b>	<b>Council on Education for Public Health</b> Community Health Education (graduate programs offered outside schools of public health)
<b>CHIRO</b>	<b>Council on Chiropractic Education, The</b> Chiropractic (programs leading to the D.C. degree)
<b>CHPM</b>	<b>Council on Education for Public Health</b> Community Health/Preventive Medicine (graduate programs offered outside schools of public health)
<b>CLPSY</b>	<b>American Psychological Association</b> Clinical Psychology (doctoral programs)
<b>CNCE</b>	<b>Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training</b> Continuing Education (noncollegiate continuing education institutions and programs)
<b>COPSY</b>	<b>American Psychological Association</b> Counseling Psychology (doctoral programs)
<b>COSME</b>	<b>National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences</b> Cosmetology (postsecondary schools and departments)

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<b>Directory Listing</b>	<b>National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies and Scope of Recognition Covered by Directory Listing</b>
<b>CPE</b>	<b>United States Catholic Conference 1/</b> Pastoral Education (centers/programs, including those that offer clinical pastoral education, that award certificates, baccalaureate, and master's degrees for training for specialized Ministries in the Catholic Church)
<b>CYTO</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Cytotechnology (programs for the cytotechnologist )
<b>DA</b>	<b>American Dental Association</b> Dental Assisting (programs in dental assisting)
<b>DANCE</b>	<b>National Association of Schools of Dance</b> Dance (institutions and units within institutions offering degree-granting and non-degree-granting programs)
<b>DENT</b>	<b>American Dental Association</b> Dentistry (programs leading to the D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree; advanced general Dentistry and specialty programs, and general practice residency programs)
<b>DH</b>	<b>American Dental Association</b> Dental Hygiene (programs in dental hygiene)
<b>DIET</b>	<b>American Dietetic Association, The</b> Dietetics (coordinated undergraduate programs)
<b>DIETI</b>	<b>American Dietetic Association, The</b> Dietetics (postbaccalaureate internship programs)
<b>DIST</b>	<b>Distance Education and Training Council</b> Distance Education and Training (home study schools including associate, baccalaureate, or master's degree-granting home study school)
<b>DMS</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (programs for the diagnostic medical sonographer)
<b>DNUR</b>	<b>National League for Nursing, Inc.</b> Nursing (diploma programs)
<b>DT</b>	<b>American Dental Association</b> Dental Technology (programs in dental technology)
<b>EHSP</b>	<b>National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council</b> Environment Health Science and Protection (program leading to a baccalaureate or higher degree)

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<b>Directory Listing</b>	<b>National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies and Scope of Recognition Covered by Directory Listing</b>
<b>EMTP</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (programs for the emergency medical Technician-paramedic)
<b>ENDT</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist (programs for the electroneurodiagnostic Technologist)
<b>ENG</b>	<b>Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.</b> Engineering (basic baccalaureate and advanced master's level programs in engineering)
<b>ENGR</b>	<b>Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.</b> Engineering-related (engineering-related programs at the baccalaureate and advanced degree level)
<b>ENGT</b>	<b>Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.</b> Engineering Technology (associate and baccalaureate degree programs in engineering technology)
<b>FIDER</b>	<b>Foundation for Interior Design Education Research 1/</b> Interior Design (two-year preprofessional assistant level programs (certificate and Associate degree), first professional degree level programs (master's and Baccalaureate degree and three-year certificate) and post-professional master's Degree programs)
<b>FUSER</b>	<b>American Board of Funeral Service Education</b> Funeral Service Education (institutions and programs awarding diplomas, associate Degrees and bachelor's degrees)
<b>HSA</b>	<b>Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration 1/</b> Health Services Administration (graduate programs in health services administration)
<b>HT</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Histologic Technician/Technologist (programs for the histologic technician/technologist )
<b>IPSY</b>	<b>American Psychological Association</b> Professional Psychology (predoctoral internship programs)
<b>JOUR</b>	<b>Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications</b> Journalism and Mass Communications (units within institutions offering professional Undergraduate, and graduate (master's) degree programs)

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<b>Directory Listing</b>	<b>National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies and Scope of Recognition Covered by Directory Listing</b>
<b>JRCB</b>	<b>Accrediting Commission for Independent Colleges and Schools</b> Business (private junior colleges)
<b>LAW</b>	<b>American Bar Association</b> Law (professional schools)
<b>LBRL</b>	<b>American Academy for Liberal Education</b> Liberal Education (institutions of higher education and programs within institutions of higher Education that offer liberal arts degree(s) at the baccalaureate level or a documented Equivalency)
<b>LIB</b>	<b>American Library Association</b> Librarianship (master's programs leading to the first professional degree)
<b>MA</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Medical Assistant (one- and two-year medical assistant programs)
<b>MAAB</b>	<b>Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools</b> Medical Assistant Education (private schools and programs)
<b>MED</b>	<b>American Medical Association and Association of American Medical Colleges, Liaison Committee on Medical Education, Council on Medical Education</b> Medicine (programs leading to the M.D. degree)
<b>MFCC</b>	<b>American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy</b> Marriage and Family Therapy (clinical training programs)
<b>MFCD</b>	<b>American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy</b> Marriage and Family Therapy (graduate degree programs)
<b>MIDWF</b>	<b>American College of Nurse-Midwives</b> Nurse Midwifery (basic certificate and basic master's degree programs)
<b>MLTAB</b>	<b>Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools</b> Medical Laboratory Technician Education (private schools and programs)
<b>MLTAD</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Medical Laboratory Technician (associate degree programs for the medical laboratory technician)
<b>MLTC</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Medical Laboratory Technician (certificate programs for the medical laboratory technician)
<b>MONTE</b>	<b>Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education</b> Montessori Education (montessori teacher education programs and institutions)

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<b>Directory Listing</b>	<b>National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies and Scope of Recognition Covered by Directory Listing</b>
<b>MRA</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Medical Record Administrator (programs for the medical record administrator)
<b>MRT</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Medical Record Technician (programs for the medical record technician)
<b>MT</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Medical Technologist (professional programs for the medical technologist)
<b>MUS</b>	<b>National Association of Schools of Music</b> Music (baccalaureate and graduate degree programs)
<b>MUSA</b>	<b>National Association of Schools of Music</b> Music (community and junior college programs)
<b>MUSN</b>	<b>National Association of Schools of Music</b> Music (nondegree programs)
<b>NATTS</b>	<b>Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology</b> Occupational Education (private postsecondary degree-granting institutions that are predominately organized to educate students for trade, occupational, or technical careers)
<b>NATUR</b>	<b>Council on Naturopathic Medical Education</b> Naturopathy (programs leading to the N.D. or N.M.D. degree)
<b>NDNAT</b>	<b>Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology</b> Occupational Education (private nondegree-granting institutions that are predominately organized to educate students for trade, occupational, or technical careers)
<b>NMT</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Nuclear Medicine Technologist (programs for the nuclear medicine technologist )
<b>NUR</b>	<b>National League for Nursing, Inc.</b> Nursing (baccalaureate and higher degree programs)
<b>NY</b>	<b>New York State Board of Regents (a nationally recognized state agency)</b> Accreditation of collegiate degree-granting programs or curriculums offered by institutions of higher education and of credit-bearing certificate and diploma programs offered by degree-granting institutions of higher education
<b>OCCED</b>	<b>Council on Occupational Education</b> Occupational Education - occupational education programs (formerly Commission on Occupational Education Institution of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools)



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<b>OMA</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Ophthalmic Medical Assistant (programs of six months or longer for the ophthalmic medical assistant)
<b>OPD</b>	<b>Commission on Opticianry Accreditation</b> Opticianry (2-year programs for the ophthalmic dispenser)
<b>OPLT</b>	<b>Commission on Opticianry Accreditation</b> Opticianry (1-year programs for the ophthalmic laboratory technician)
<b>OPT</b>	<b>American Optometric Association</b> Optometry (professional degree programs)
<b>OPTR</b>	<b>American Optometric Association</b> Optometry (residency programs)
<b>OPTT</b>	<b>American Optometric Association</b> Optometry (technician programs)
<b>OSTEO</b>	<b>American Osteopathic Association</b> Osteopathic Medicine (programs leading to the D.O. degree)
<b>OT</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Occupational Therapist (professional programs for the occupational therapist)
<b>PA</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Physician Assistant (programs for the physician assistant, i.e., assistant to Primary care physician)
<b>PAST</b>	<b>Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc.</b> Pastoral Education (basic, advanced, and supervisory clinical pastoral education programs)
<b>PERF</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Perfusionist (programs for the perfusionist)
<b>PH</b>	<b>Council on Education for Public Health</b> Public Health (graduate schools of public health)
<b>PHAR</b>	<b>American Council on Pharmaceutical Education</b> Pharmacy (professional degree programs)
<b>PNUR</b>	<b>National League for Nursing, Inc.</b> Nursing (practical nursing programs)
<b>POD</b>	<b>American Podiatric Medical Association</b> Podiatry (colleges of podiatric medicine, including first-professional and graduate Degree programs)

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Directory Listing	National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies and Scope of Recognition Covered by Directory Listing
<b>PPB</b>	<b>Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools</b> Business (private postsecondary schools)
<b>PSPSY</b>	<b>American Psychological Association</b> Professional/Scientific Psychology (doctoral programs)
<b>PTA</b>	<b>American Physical Therapy Association</b> Physical Therapy (professional programs for the physical therapist)
<b>PTAA</b>	<b>American Physical Therapy Association</b> Physical Therapy (programs for the physical therapist assistant)
<b>RABN</b>	<b>Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools</b> Rabbinical and Talmudic Education (advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic schools)
<b>RAD</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Radiographer (programs for the radiographer )
<b>RADTT</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Radiologic Therapy Technologist (programs for the radiation therapy technologist )
<b>REST</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Respiratory Therapist (programs for the respiratory therapist )
<b>RESTT</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Respiratory Therapy Technician (programs for the respiratory therapy technician)
<b>SA</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Surgeon's Assistant (programs for the surgeon's assistant)
<b>SBBT</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Specialist in Blood Bank Technology (programs for the specialist in blood bank technology)
<b>SCPSY</b>	<b>American Psychological Association</b> School Psychology (doctoral programs)
<b>SP</b>	<b>American Speech-Language-Hearing Association</b> Speech-Language Pathology (master's degree programs)
<b>SRCB</b>	<b>Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools</b> Business (private senior colleges)

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<b>ST</b>	<b>American Medical Association, Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation</b> Surgical Technologist (programs for the surgical technologist)
<b>TED</b>	<b>National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education</b> Teacher Education (baccalaureate and graduate programs for the preparation of teachers and other professional personnel for elementary and secondary schools)
<b>THEA</b>	<b>National Association of Schools of Theater</b> Theater (institutions and units within institutions offering degree-granting and/or nondegree-granting programs)
<b>THEOL</b>	<b>Association of Theological schools in the United States and Canada</b> Theology (freestanding schools, as well as schools affiliated with larger institutions, offering graduate professional education for ministry and graduate study of theology)
<b>VET</b>	<b>American Veterinary Medical Association</b> Veterinary Medicine (colleges of veterinary medicine offering programs leading to a professional degree)

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1/ Accrediting agency was active when the IPEDS 1996 Institutional Characteristics Survey was mailed to institutions in July 1996, but is no longer listed in the “Current List of Nationally Accrediting Agencies and the Criteria for Recognition by the U.S. Secretary of Education, May 1997”.

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## **Appendix B**

### **Addresses and Telephone Numbers of Accrediting Agencies and Associations Recognized by the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education, 1996-97**

#### **Regional Institutional Accrediting Associations**

##### **Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools**

Commission on Higher Education and  
Commission on Secondary Schools  
3624 Market Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104  
Telephone (215) 662-5606

##### **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools**

Commission on Colleges  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097  
Telephone (404) 679-4501

##### **New England Association of Schools and Colleges**

Commission on Institutions of Higher Education  
Commission on Technical and Career Institutions  
209 Burlington Road  
Bedford, Massachusetts 01730-1433  
Telephone (617) 271-0022

##### **Western Association of Schools and Colleges**

Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities  
C/o Mills College, Box 9990  
Oakland, California 94613  
Telephone (415) 632-5000

##### **North Central Association of Colleges and Schools**

Commission on Institutions of Higher Education  
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400  
Chicago, Illinois 60602  
Telephone (800) 621-7440

##### **Western Association of Schools and Colleges**

Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges  
3402 Mendocino Avenue  
Santa Rosa, California 95403  
Telephone (707) 569-9177

##### **North Central Association of Colleges and Schools**

Commission on Schools  
Arizona State University  
Tempe, Arizona 85287-3011  
Telephone (800) 525-9517

##### **Western Association of Schools and Colleges**

Accrediting Commission for Schools  
533 Airport Boulevard, Suite 200  
Burlingame, California 90410  
Telephone (415) 375-7711

##### **Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges**

Commission on Colleges  
11130 N.E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Place, Suite 120  
Bellevue, Washington 98004  
Telephone (206) 827-2005

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## National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies

### Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.

111 Market Place, Suite 1050  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
Telephone (410) 347-7700

### Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges

Box 1523  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72702  
Telephone (501) 521-8164

### Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools

2700 S. Quincy St. Suite 210  
Arlington, Virginia 22206  
Telephone (703) 998-1200

### Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology

2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 302  
Arlington, Virginia 22201  
Telephone (703) 247-4212

### Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration 1/

1911 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 503  
Arlington, Virginia 22009  
Telephone (703) 524-0511

### Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training

1200 Nineteenth St., NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20036  
Telephone (202) 955-1113

### Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

750 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002-4242  
Telephone (202) 336-6700

### Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications

c/o University of Kansas School of Journalism  
Stauffer-Flint Hall  
Lawrence, Kansas 66045  
Telephone (913) 864-3986

### American Academy for Liberal Education

1015 18<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 204  
Washington, DC 20036  
Telephone (202) 452-8611

### American Association for Marriage And Family Therapy

1133 15<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20005-2710  
Telephone (202) 452-0109

### American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

222 South Prospect, Suite 304  
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068-4010  
Telephone (847) 692-7050

### American Bar Association

c/o Indiana University  
550 West North Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202  
Telephone (317) 264-8340

### American Board of Funeral Service Education

13 Gurnet Road, #316  
P. O. Box 1305  
Brunswick, Maine 04011  
Telephone (207) 798-5801

### American College of Nurse-Midwives

818 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 900  
Washington, DC 20006  
Telephone (202) 728-9877

### American Council on Pharmaceutical Education

311 West Superior  
Chicago, Illinois 60610  
Telephone (312) 664-3575

### American Dental Association

211 East Chicago Avenue, 18<sup>th</sup> floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Telephone (312) 440-2500

### American Dietetic Association, The

216 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 800  
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6995  
Telephone (312) 899-4872

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**American Library Association**

50 East Huron Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Telephone (312) 944-6780

**American Medical Association and Association of American Medical Colleges, Liaison Committee on Medical Education, Council on Medical Education**

515 North State Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60610  
Telephone (312) 464-4657

**American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation**

515 North State Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60610  
Telephone (312) 464-4660

**American Optometric Association**

243 North Lindbergh Boulevard  
St Louis, Missouri 63141  
Telephone (314) 991-4100

**American Osteopathic Association**

142 East Ontario Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Telephone (312) 280-5800

**American Physical Therapy Association**

Trans Potomac Plaza  
1111 North Fairfax Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
Telephone (703) 684-3245

**American Podiatric Medical Association**

9312 Old Georgetown Road  
Bethesda, Maryland 20814-2752  
Telephone (301) 571-9200

**American Psychological Association**

750 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002-4242  
Telephone (202) 336-5979

**American Speech-Language-Hearing Association**

10801 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Maryland 20852  
Telephone (301) 897-5700

**American Veterinary Medical Association**

1931 North Meacham Road, Suite 100  
Schaumburg, Illinois 60173  
Telephone (847) 925-8070

**Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc.**

1549 Claremont Road, Suite 103  
Decatur, Georgia 30033  
Telephone (404) 320-1472

**Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools**

175 Fifth Avenue, Room 711  
New York, New York 10010  
Telephone (212) 477-0950

**Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs**

6201 College Boulevard, Suite 210  
Overland Park, Kansas 66211  
Telephone (913) 339-9356

**Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada**

10 Summit Park Drive  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15275-1103  
Telephone (412) 788-6505

**Commission on Opticianry Accreditation**

10111 Martin Luther King, JR Highway  
Suite 100  
Bowie, Maryland 20720-4299  
Telephone (301) 459-8075

**The Council on Chiropractic Education, Commission on Education**

7975 North Hayden Road, A. 210  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85285  
Telephone (602) 443-8877

**Council on Education for Public Health**

1015 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 403  
Washington, DC 20005  
Telephone (202) 789-1050

**Council on Naturopathic Medical Education**

P O Box 11426  
Eugene, Oregon 97440-3626  
Telephone (514) 484-6028

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**National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies — continued**
**Council on Occupational Education**

41 Perimeter Center East, NE, Suite 640  
Atlanta, Georgia 30346  
Telephone (770) 396-3898, (800) 917-2081

**Distance Education and Training Council**

(formerly National Home Study Council)  
1601 18th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
Telephone (202) 234-5100

**Foundation for Interior Design**

**Education Research 1/**  
60 Monroe Center NW  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503  
Telephone (616) 458-0400

**Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher**

**Education**  
P. O. Box 278  
Oxford, Maryland 21654  
Telephone (410) 226-5527

**National Accreditation Commission for  
Schools and Colleges of Acupuncture  
And Oriental Medicine**

1010 Wayne Ave, Suite 1270  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910  
Telephone (301) 608-9680

**National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology  
Arts and Sciences**

910 N Stuart Street, Suite 900  
Arlington, Virginia 22203  
Telephone (703) 527-7600

**National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc. 1/**

1735 New York Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
Telephone (202) 783-2007

**National Association of Schools of Art  
And Design**

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Reston, Virginia 22090  
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**National Association of Schools of Dance**

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**National Association of Schools of Music**

11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21  
Reston, Virginia 22190  
Telephone (703) 437-0700

**National Association of Schools of Theater  
Commission on Accreditation**

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Reston, Virginia 22090  
Telephone (703) 437-0700

**National Council for Accreditation  
of Teacher Education**

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Washington, DC 20036-1023  
Telephone (202) 466-7496

**National Environmental Health Science and Protection  
Accrediting Council**

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Rockville, Maryland 20852  
Telephone (301) 231-5205

**National League for Nursing, Accrediting Commission**

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New York, New York 10014  
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**New York State Board of Regents**

State Education Department  
The University of the State of New York  
Albany, New York 12224  
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**Transnational Association of Christian  
Colleges and Schools**

2114 Arrow Court  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130  
Telephone (615) 890-8384

**United States Catholic Conference 1/**

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## Appendix C

### Carnegie Foundation Classification

The 1994 classification system created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching is included in the *Directory* to help users of this information further delineate institutions by type. This classification, which dates back to 1970, currently includes approximately 3,600 colleges and universities in the United States that are degree-granting and accredited by an agency recognized by the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education. The 10 categories that make up the new classification scheme are based largely on academic mission and are **not** intended to measure quality. Institutions are classified according to their highest level of offering, the number of degrees conferred by discipline, and the amount of federal support for research received by the institution. Some categories also rely on the selectivity of the institution's admissions.

Information provided by the Carnegie Foundation was matched against the IPEDS "Institutional Characteristics" file and the codes are indicated in the institutional listings where matches were certain. It is important for users to note that IPEDS includes separate listings for all branches of an institution, whereas, in some instances, Carnegie lists only one campus (which encompasses the main campus and all branches). Each of the categories, and the coding scheme used in this *Directory*, are explained below:

#### **RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES I (RES I)**

These institutions offer a full range of baccalaureate programs, are committed to graduate education through the doctorate, and give high priority to research. They award 50 or more doctoral degrees each year. In addition, they receive annually \$40 million or more in federal support.

#### **RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES II (RES II)**

These institutions offer a full range of baccalaureate programs, are committed to graduate education through the doctorate, and give high priority to research. They award 50 or more doctoral degrees each year. In addition, they receive annually between \$15.5 million and \$40 million in federal support.

#### **DOCTORAL UNIVERSITIES I (DOC I)**

These institutions offer a full range of baccalaureate programs and are committed to graduate education through the doctorate. They award at least 40 doctoral degrees annually in five or more disciplines.

#### **DOCTORAL UNIVERSITIES II (DOC II)**

These institutions offer a full range of baccalaureate programs and are committed to graduate education through the doctorate. They award annually at least 10 doctoral degrees (in three or more disciplines), or 20 or more doctoral degrees in one or more disciplines.

#### **MASTER'S (COMPREHENSIVE) UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES I (MAST I)**

These institutions offer a full range of baccalaureate programs and are committed to graduate education through the master's degree. They award 40 or more master's degrees annually in three or more disciplines.



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### MASTER'S (COMPREHENSIVE) UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES II (MAST II)

These institutions offer a full range of baccalaureate programs and are committed to graduate education through the master's degree. They award 20 or more master's degrees annually in one or more disciplines.

### BACCALAUREATE (LIBERAL ARTS) COLLEGES I (BACC I)

These institutions are primarily undergraduate colleges with major emphasis on baccalaureate degree programs. They award 40 percent or more of their baccalaureate degrees in liberal arts fields and are restrictive in admissions.

### BACCALAUREATE COLLEGES II (BACC II)

These institutions are primarily undergraduate colleges with major emphasis on baccalaureate degree programs. They award less than 40 percent of their baccalaureate degrees in liberal arts fields or are less restrictive in admissions.

### ASSOCIATE OF ARTS COLLEGES (AA)

These institutions offer associate of arts certificate or degree programs and, with few exceptions, offer no baccalaureate degrees.

### SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS

These institutions offer degrees ranging from the baccalaureate to the doctorate. At least 50 percent of the degrees awarded by these institutions are in a single discipline.

- (THEO)**      **Theological seminaries, Bible colleges and other institutions offering degrees in religion:** This category includes institutions at which the primary purpose is to offer religious instruction or train members of the clergy.
- (MED)**      **Medical schools and medical centers:** These institutions award most of their professional degrees in medicine. In some instances, their programs include other health professional schools, such as dentistry, pharmacy, or nursing.
- (HEALTH)**    **Other separate health profession schools:** Institutions in this category award most of their degrees in such fields as chiropractic, nursing, pharmacy, or podiatry.
- (ENG)**      **Schools of engineering and technology:** The institutions in this category award at least a bachelor's degree in programs limited almost exclusively to technical fields of study.
- (BUS)**      **Schools of business and management:** The schools in this category award most of their bachelor's or graduate degrees in business or business-related programs.
- (FINE ARTS)**    **Schools of art, music, and design:** Institutions in this category award most of their bachelor's or graduate degrees in art, music, design, architecture, or some combination of such fields.
- (LAW)**      **Schools of law:** The schools in this category award most of their degrees in law. The list includes only institutions that are separate entities or campuses.
- (TEACH)**    **Teachers colleges:** Institutions in this category award most of their bachelor's or graduate degrees in education or education-related fields.

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- (OTHER)**      **Other specialized institutions:** Institutions in this category include graduate centers, maritime academies, military institutes, and institutions that do not fit any other classification category.
- (TRIBAL)**      **Tribal colleges:** These colleges are, with few exceptions, tribally controlled and located on reservations. They are all members of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.
- (NEW)**          **New schools:** Newly accredited institutions for which insufficient data were available to classify into one of the aforementioned categories.