

Regional Accrediting Association Information

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Note: Acceptable college degrees are those that are accredited by one of the following regional accrediting associations. If a college or university is not listed, we will **not** recognize the degree/hours as qualifying. You may find the listings at the selected site under such titles as “accredited institutions”, “directory of institutions”, “institutions”, “membership roster”, “affiliated institutions”, or “membership directory.”

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (www.sacscoc.org) is the recognized regional accrediting body in the eleven U.S. Southern states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia) and in Latin America for those institutions of higher education that award associate, baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degrees.

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (www.msche.org) accredits degree-granting colleges and universities in the Middle States region, which includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and several locations internationally.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (www.neasc.org) serves more than 2,000 public and independent schools, colleges and universities in the six states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and American/international schools in more than 60 nations worldwide.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (www.ncahlc.org) accredits institutions in: **Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, New Mexico, South Dakota, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Wyoming.**

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (www.nwccu.org) is the regional authority on educational quality and institutional effectiveness of higher education institutions in the seven-state Northwest region of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (www.accjc.org) through its Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) accredits associate degree granting institutions in California, Hawaii, the Territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (www.wascsenior.org) through its *Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities* is responsible for the evaluation of the quality and effectiveness of colleges and universities offering the baccalaureate degree and above in California, Hawaii, Guam and the Pacific Basin.

The Council on Social Work Education (www.cswe.org) is a national association responsible for developing accreditation standards that define competent preparation and ensuring that social work programs meet them. We accept social work degrees only from colleges that are accredited by this association, either master or baccalaureate level as required by the minimum qualification requirements. Once you have accessed the site, click on “Membership”, then “Database of Affiliated Programs”, and complete the requisite information. You do not have to log in with a membership number to get this information.