

Foreword

The 2008 edition of the *Higher Education Directory*[®] contains listings of accredited, degree-granting institutions of postsecondary education in the United States and its outlying areas.

Criteria for Listing in this Directory

To be listed in this Directory, an institution must meet the following guidelines:

- (1) They are degree-granting (legally authorized to offer and are offering a program of college-level studies leading toward a degree¹);
- (2) They have submitted the information required for listing; and
- (3) They meet one of the following criteria for listing:
 - A. The institution is accredited at the college level by an accrediting agency that is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education;
 - B. The institution holds pre-accredited status with an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education whose recognition includes the pre-accreditation status;
 - C. The institution is accredited at the college level by an accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

“College level” means a postsecondary associate, baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, or rabbinical education program.

Verification of Accreditations

Verification of each accreditation for all institutions was done by comparing the accreditation against the current Directory (and updated lists) for each respective regional, national, professional and specialized association or agency, along with telephone calls to numerous accrediting associations whenever there was a question of accuracy. Approximately 17,800 accreditations were verified through September 11, 2007.

The reader is reminded that many institutions have programs which may not be recognized by a professional or specialized association, but are considered fine programs. The institutions may or may not have sought such recognition.

General Organization of the Directory

Our approach to the organization of the material is to make the desired information readable and easy to find. There are four indexes which are cross-referenced to the main institutional listing.

A. Prologue

1. Accrediting agencies with addresses. Regional accrediting commissions are listed alphabetically while national, professional and specialized bodies are listed alphabetically under headings showing their specialties.
2. Acronyms used in the Directory for accrediting bodies are listed alphabetically.
3. Explanatory notes and symbols.
4. U.S. postal abbreviations of states.
5. Institution changes.
6. Administrative officers' description and job codes.
7. U.S. Department of Education offices.
8. Statewide agencies of higher education.
9. Higher education associations.
10. Consortia of institutions of higher education.
11. Association name index.
12. Religious affiliation by denomination.
13. Carnegie classification codes.
14. Statistical data.

B. College and university listings by state with institutional characteristics and administrative officers.

1. Institution Name. If an * appears before the institution's name, it is a part of a system or is a branch of an institution. A line between institutions separates two systems.
2. Alpha Code. The first institution listed on a page is coded (A), the second (B), etc. The Administrators' index is also coded to enable the reader to locate the desired institution quickly.
3. Address.
4. County.
5. FICE Identification. This was the Federal Interagency Commission on Education number originally assigned by the Department of Education. We continue to use the term FICE. However, the Dept. of Education in their Office of Student Financial Assistance uses OPEID, Office of Postsecondary Education Identification. OPEID consists of the first six digits of the FICE plus two more digits indicating branch campuses. Numbers beginning with 66 are for accredited institutions for which we cannot locate a FICE or OPEID number. These are identification numbers for the record file only.
6. Telephone Number.
7. Unit ID Number. A unique number developed by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) for the Education Department's IPEDS Reports.
8. Carnegie Classification Code. (see page **xlix**)
9. Main FAX Number.
10. School Calendar.
11. URL (Universal Resource Locator).
12. Date Established.
13. Annual Tuition & Fees for 2007-08 school year.
14. Fall 2006 Enrollment.
15. Type of Student Body.
16. Affiliation or Control.
17. IRS Status.
18. Highest Degree Offered.
19. Program. This is the general type of education offered.
20. Accreditation (see page **viii**). **N.B. Institutional accreditation is in bold face.**
21. Administrative and academic officers with job classification code (see page **xxviii** for descriptions).

C. Index of administrators is an alphabetical listing of all the administrators with their most direct phone number and E-mail address. The page and reference letter indicate the page on which the administrator's institution listing begins.

D. Index of regional, national, professional and specialized accreditation alphabetically by state. This index standardizes and simplifies reviewing of the 132 accrediting classifications.

E. FICE number index. Numeric listing of FICE number and school.

F. Alphabetic index of institutions.

¹The *Higher Education Directory*[®] lists degree-granting institutions approved by regional, national, professional or specialized accrediting agencies.