

# Accrediting Agencies

The following regional, national, professional and specialized accrediting agencies are recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) dates specified are the date of initial listing as a U.S. Department of Education recognized agency, the date of the U.S. Secretary's most recent grant of renewed recognition based on the last full review of the agency by the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, and the date of the agency's next scheduled review for renewal of recognition.<sup>1</sup> The Council for Higher Education (CHEA) date reflects initial or continued recognition by CHEA.

## Regional Accrediting Bodies

*Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands*

Commission on Higher Education  
**Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools M**  
USDE: 1952/2007/2012 CHEA: 2002  
3624 Market Street, Second Floor West  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-2680  
(267) 284-5000 Fax (215) 662-5950  
Elizabeth H. Sibolski, President  
E-mail: info@msche.org  
URL: www.msche.org

*Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont*

Commission on Institutions of Higher Education  
**New England Association of Schools and Colleges EH**  
USDE: 1952/2008/2013 CHEA: 2002  
209 Burlington Road  
Bedford, MA 01730-1433  
(781) 271-0022 Fax (781) 271-0950  
Barbara E. Brittingham, Director  
E-mail: bbrittingham@neasc.org  
URL: www.neasc.org

*Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming*

The Higher Learning Commission  
**North Central Association of Colleges and Schools NH**  
USDE: 1952/2008/2013 CHEA: 2003  
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500  
Chicago, IL 60604-1413  
(800) 621-7440 Fax (312) 263-7462  
Sylvia Manning, President  
E-mail: info@hlcommission.org  
URL: www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org

*Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington*

**Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities NW**  
USDE: 1952/2008/2012 CHEA: 2001  
8060 165th Avenue, NE, Suite 100  
Redmond, WA 98052  
(425) 558-4224 Fax (425) 376-0596  
Sandra E. Elman, President  
E-mail: selman@nwccu.org  
URL: www.nwccu.org

*Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia*

Commission on Colleges  
**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools SC**  
USDE: 1952/2006/2012 CHEA: 2003  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033-4097  
(800) 248-7701 Fax (404) 679-4528  
Belle S. Wheelan, President  
E-mail: bwheelan@sacscoc.org  
URL: www.sacscoc.org

*California, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau*

Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities  
**Western Association of Schools and Colleges WC**  
USDE: 1952/2007/2012 CHEA: 2003  
985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100  
Alameda, CA 94501  
(510) 748-9001 Fax (510) 748-9797  
Ralph A. Wolff, Executive Director  
E-mail: wascsr@wascsenior.org  
URL: www.wascweb.org

Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges  
**Western Association of Schools and Colleges WJ**  
USDE: 1952/2008/2013 CHEA: 2003  
10 Commercial Boulevard, Suite 204  
Novato, CA 94949  
(415) 506-0234 Fax (415) 506-0238  
Barbara A. Beno, President  
E-mail: accjc@accjc.org  
URL: www.wascweb.org

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Department of Education, Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies, [www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/accreditation.html](http://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/accreditation.html).

## National, Professional and Specialized Accrediting Bodies

### Acupuncture

#### **Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM)**

USDE: 1988/2006/2011  
Maryland Trade Center 3  
14502 Greenview Drive, Suite 300B  
Laurel, MD 20708  
(301) 313-0855 Fax (301) 313-0912  
William W. Goding, Interim Executive Director  
E-mail: william.goding@acaom.org  
URL: www.acaom.org

First-professional master's degree, professional master's level certificate and diploma programs and professional post-graduate doctoral programs in acupuncture and Oriental medicine, and freestanding institutions that offer such programs **ACUP**

### Allied Health

#### **Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)**

USDE: 1969/2005/2011  
7777 Leesburg Pike, Suite 314N  
Falls Church, VA 22043  
(703) 917-9503 Fax (703) 917-4109  
Carol MoneyMaker, Executive Director  
E-mail: cmoneymaker@abh.es.org  
URL: www.abhes.org

Institutions specializing in allied health education **ABHES**

Specialized programs for  
Medical laboratory technician **MLTAB**  
Medical assistant **MAAB**  
Surgical technologist **SURTEC**

#### **Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)**

CHEA: 2001  
1361 Park Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756  
(727) 210-2350 Fax (727) 210-2354  
Kathleen Megivern, Executive Director  
E-mail: mail@caahep.org  
URL: www.caahep.org

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is recognized as an accrediting agency for accreditation of education for the allied health occupations. In carrying out its accreditation activities, CAAHEP cooperates with the Committees on Accreditation sponsored by various allied health and medical specialty organizations. CAAHEP is the coordinating agency for accreditation of education for the following allied health occupations:

Anesthesiologist assistant **AA**  
Blood bank technology **BBT**  
Cardiovascular technologist **CVT**  
Cytotechnologist **CYTO**  
Diagnostic medical sonographer **DMS**  
Electroneurodiagnostic technologist **EEG**  
Emergency medical technician-paramedic **EMT**  
Exercise science **EXSC**  
Kinesiotherapy **KIN**  
Medical assistant **MAC**  
Medical illustrator **MIL**  
Orthotist/prosthetist **OPE**  
Perfusionist **PERF**  
Polysomnographic technologist **POLYT**  
Surgeon assistant **SURGA**

Surgical technologist **SURGT**

### Anesthesiologist Assistant

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (see listing under Allied Health)

#### **Accreditation Review Committee for the Anesthesiologist Assistant**

2027 Burnside Drive  
Allen, TX 75013  
(469) 656-1103  
Jennifer Anderson Warwick, Executive Director  
E-mail: arcaamember@gmail.com  
Post-baccalaureate programs for anesthesiologist assistant **AA**

### Art

#### **Commission on Accreditation National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)**

USDE: 1966/2008/2012  
11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21  
Reston, VA 20190  
(703) 437-0700 Fax (703) 437-6312  
Samuel Hope, Executive Director  
E-mail: info@arts-accredit.org  
URL: www.arts-accredit.org

Institutions and departments within institutions offering degree and non-degree granting programs in art/design and art/design-related programs **ART**

### Aviation

#### **Aviation Accreditation Board International**

CHEA: 2002  
3410 Skyway Drive  
Auburn, AL 36830  
(334) 844-2431 Fax (334) 844-2432  
Gary W. Kiteley, Executive Director  
E-mail: bavenva@auburn.edu  
URL: www.aabi.aero  
Non-engineering programs for aviation **AAB**

### Bible College Education

#### **Commission on Accreditation Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)**

USDE: 1952/2007/2012 CHEA: 2001  
5850 T. G. Lee Boulevard, Suite 130  
Orlando, FL 32822  
(407) 207-0808 Fax (407) 207-0840  
Randall E. Bell, Director  
E-mail: rebell@abhe.org  
URL: www.abhe.org

Bible colleges and institutions offering undergraduate programs **BI**

### Blood Bank Technology

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (see listing under Allied Health)

#### **American Association of Blood Banks (AABB)**

8101 Glenbrook Road  
Bethesda, MD 20814-2749  
(301) 907-6977 Fax (301) 907-6895  
Sharon Moffett, Director of Education  
E-mail: aabb@aabb.org  
URL: www.aabb.org

Programs for blood bank technologist **BBT**

### Business

#### **AACSB International-The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business**

CHEA: 2002  
777 South Harbour Island Boulevard, Suite 750  
Tampa, FL 33602  
(813) 769-6500 Fax (813) 769-6559  
Jerry Trapnell, Executive Vice President and Chief Accreditation Officer  
E-mail: accreditation@aacsb.edu  
URL: www.aacsb.edu

Programs for:  
Business and management education **BUS**  
Accounting **BUSA**

#### **Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS)**

USDE: 1956/2006/2011 CHEA: 2001  
750 First Street NE, Suite 980  
Washington, DC 20002-4223  
(202) 336-6780 Fax (202) 842-2593  
Albert C. Gray, Executive Director  
E-mail: agray@acics.org  
URL: www.acics.org

Private, postsecondary institutions offering specialized associate, associate, baccalaureate and master's degree programs to educate students for professional, technical, or occupational careers **ACICS**

#### **Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)**

CHEA: 2001  
11520 West 119th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66213  
(913) 339-9356 Fax (913) 339-6226  
Douglas Viehland, Executive Director  
E-mail: info@acbbsp.org  
URL: www.acbbsp.org

Business administration, management, accounting and related business fields **ACBSP**

#### **International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education**

CHEA: 2011  
P.O. Box 3960  
Olathe, KS 66063  
(913) 631-3009 Fax (913) 631-9154  
Dennis N. Gash, President  
E-mail: iacbe@iacbe.org  
URL: www.iacbe.org

Undergraduate and graduate level business programs in institutions that grant bachelor's and/or graduate degrees **IACBE**

### Cardiovascular Technology

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (see listing under Allied Health)

#### **Joint Review Committee on Education in Cardiovascular Technology (JRC-CVT)**

6 Pine Knoll Drive  
Beverly, MA 01915-1425  
(978) 456-5594  
William W. Goding, Executive Director  
E-mail: office@jrccvt.org  
URL: www.jrccvt.org

Programs for cardiovascular technology **CVT**

### Chiropractic

#### **The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE)**

USDE: 1974/2006/2011 CHEA: 2005

8049 North 85th Way  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258-4321  
(480) 443-8877 Fax (480) 483-7333  
Lee Van Dusen, Executive Director  
E-mail: cce@cce-usa.org  
URL: www.cce-usa.org

Programs leading to and institutions offering the  
Doctorate of Chiropractic (D.C.) degree **CHIRO**

### Christian Studies Education

Accreditation Commission  
**Transnational Association of Christian  
Colleges and Schools (TRACS)**  
USDE: 1991/2005/2011 CHEA: 2001  
15935 Forest Road  
Forest, VA 24551  
(434) 525-9539 Fax (434) 525-9538  
T. Paul Boatner, President  
E-mail: info@tracs.org  
URL: www.tracs.org

Christian liberal arts institutions which offer a  
certificate/diploma, associate, baccalaureate  
and graduate degrees **TRACS**

### Clinical Laboratory Sciences

**National Accrediting Agency for Clinical  
Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)**  
CHEA: 2002  
5600 North River Road, Suite 720  
Rosemont, IL 60018  
(773) 714-8880 Fax (773) 714-8886  
Dianne M. Cearlock, Chief Executive Officer  
E-mail: naacinfo@naacils.org  
URL: www.naacils.org

Programs for:

diagnostic molecular scientist **DMOLS**  
histologic technician/technologist **HT**  
medical laboratory technician **MLTAD**  
medical technologist **MT**  
pathologists' assistant **PA**

### Clinical Pastoral Education

Accreditation Commission  
**Association for Clinical Pastoral Education,  
Inc. (ACPEI)**  
USDE: 1969/2007/2012  
1549 Clairmont Road, Suite 103  
Decatur, GA 30033-4635  
(404) 320-1472 Fax (404) 320-0849  
Teresa E. Snorton, Executive Director  
E-mail: acpe@acpe.edu  
URL: www.acpe.edu

Basic, advanced and supervisory clinical pastoral  
education programs **PAST**

### Construction Education

**American Council for Construction  
Education (ACCE)**  
CHEA: 2011  
1717 North Loop 1604 East, Suite 320  
San Antonio, TX 78232-1570  
(210) 495-6161 Fax (210) 495-6168  
Michael Holland, Executive Vice President  
E-mail: mholland@acce-hq.org  
URL: www.acce-hq.org

Associate and baccalaureate degree programs  
**CONST**

### Continuing Education

Accrediting Commission  
**Accrediting Council for Continuing  
Education and Training (ACCET)**  
USDE: 1978/2008/2013  
1722 N Street NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 955-1113 Fax (202) 955-1118  
Roger J. Williams, Executive Director  
E-mail: rjwilliams@accet.org  
URL: www.accet.org

Institutions offering noncollegiate continuing  
education and institutions offering occupational  
associate degree programs **CNCE**

### Cosmetology

**National Accrediting Commission of Career  
Arts and Sciences (NACCAS)**  
USDE: 1970/2006/2010  
4401 Ford Avenue, Suite 1300  
Alexandria, VA 22302-1432  
(703) 600-7600 Fax (703) 379-2200  
Anthony Mirando, Executive Director  
E-mail: naccas@naccas.org  
URL: www.naccas.org

Postsecondary schools and departments of cos-  
metology arts and sciences and massage ther-  
apy **COSME**

### Counseling and Related Educational Programs

**Council for Accreditation of Counseling  
and Related Educational Programs  
(CACREP)**  
CHEA: 2002  
1001 North Fairfax Street, Suite 510  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 535-5990 Fax (703) 739-6209  
Carol L. Bobby, Executive Director  
E-mail: cacrep@cacrep.org  
URL: www.cacrep.org

Master's degree programs in addiction counsel-  
ing, career counseling, marriage, couple and  
family counseling, mental health counseling,  
school counseling, student affairs and college  
counseling and doctorate degree programs in  
counselor education and supervision **CACREP**

### Culinary Arts

Accrediting Commission  
**American Culinary Federation**  
CHEA: 2004  
180 Center Place Way  
St. Augustine, FL 32095  
(904) 824-4468 Fax (904) 825-4758  
Candice Childers, Assistant Director of  
Accreditation  
E-mail: acf@acfchefs.net  
URL: www.acfchefs.org

Programs in culinary arts which award certi-  
ficates, diplomas or associate degrees and bach-  
elor degree programs in culinary management  
**ACFEI**

### Cytotechnology

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health  
Education Programs (see listing under Allied  
Health)  
Cytotechnology Programs Review Committee  
**American Society of Cytopathology**  
100 West 10th Street, Suite 605

Wilmington, DE 19801  
(302) 543-6583 Fax (302) 543-6597  
Debby MacIntyre, CPFC Coordinator  
E-mail: dmacintyre@cytopathology.org  
URL: www.cytopathology.org

Programs for the cytotechnologist **CYTO**

### Dance

Commission on Accreditation  
**National Association of Schools of Dance  
(NASD)**  
USDE: 1983/2008/2012  
11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21  
Reston, VA 20190  
(703) 437-0700 Fax (703) 437-6312  
Samuel Hope, Executive Director  
E-mail: info@arts-accredit.org  
URL: www.arts-accredit.org

Institutions and departments within institutions  
offering degree and non-degree-granting pro-  
grams in dance and dance-related disciplines  
**DANCE**

### Dental and Dental Auxiliary Programs

Commission on Dental Accreditation  
**American Dental Association (ADA)**  
USDE: 1952/2006/2012  
211 East Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611  
(800) 621-8099 Fax (312) 440-2915  
Anthony Ziebert, Director  
E-mail: zieberta@ada.org  
URL: www.ada.org

Programs leading to:

D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree, advanced  
general dentistry and specialty programs  
**DENT**  
Dental hygiene **DH**  
Dental assisting **DA**  
Dental laboratory technology **DT**

### Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health  
Education Programs (see listing under Allied  
Health)  
**Joint Review Committee on Education in  
Diagnostic Medical Sonography**  
6021 University Boulevard, Suite 500  
Ellicott City, MD 21043-6090  
(443) 973-3251 Fax (866) 738-3444  
Cindy Weiland, Executive Director  
E-mail: mail@jrcdms.org  
URL: www.jrcdms.org

Programs for the diagnostic medical sono-  
grapher **DMS**

### Dietetics

Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics  
Education  
**American Dietetic Association**  
USDE: 1974/2007/2012  
120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000  
Chicago, IL 60606-6995  
(312) 899-4872 Fax (312) 899-4817  
Ulric K. Chung, Executive Director  
E-mail: uchung@eatright.org  
URL: www.eatright.org/cade  
Coordinated programs in dietetics **DIETC**  
Didactic programs **DIETD**  
Post-baccalaureate internships **DIETI**  
Dietetic technician programs **DIETT**