

Abbreviations, Explanatory Notes and Symbols

Abbreviations

Listed below are the abbreviations used in this Directory for the recognized regional accrediting commissions and the recognized national, professional and specialized accrediting bodies. Addresses for these associations can be found under our listing of Accrediting Agencies beginning on page viii.

The recognized regional accrediting commissions are indicated throughout this Directory by the following abbreviations:

EH	New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE)
EV	New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Technical and Career Institutions (NEASC-CTCI)
M	Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education (MSA/CHE)
NH	North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, The Higher Learning Commission (NCA)
NW	Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Colleges (NASC)
SC	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACS)
WC	Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC-Sr)
WJ	Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (WASC-ACCJC)

National, professional and specialized accrediting agencies and associations are listed below. Wherever possible, degree levels are shown by the following symbols: (C) diploma/certificate; (A) associate; (B) baccalaureate; (M) master's; (S) beyond master's but less than doctorate; (FP) first professional; (D) doctorate.

AA	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: anesthesiologist assistant (M)
AAB	Aviation Accreditation Board International: aviation (A,B)
AAFCS	American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences: family and consumer sciences (B)
AALE	American Academy for Liberal Education: liberal education (B)
ABHES	Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools: allied health (C,A)
ACBSP	Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs: business administration, management, accounting and related business fields (A,B,M)
ACCSC	Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology: occupational, trade and technical education (A,B)
ACFEI	American Culinary Federation, Inc.: culinary arts and food service management (C,A)
ACICS	Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools: business and business related programs (A,B,M)
ACUP	Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine: acupuncture (C,FP,M)
ADNUR	National League for Nursing: nursing (A)
ANEST	American Association of Nurse Anesthetists: nurse anesthesia (C,M,D)

ARCPA	Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant: physician assisting programs
ART	National Association of Schools of Art and Design: art and design (C,A,B,M,D)
AUD	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association: audiology (M,D)
BBT	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: blood bank technology (C,M)
BI	Association for Biblical Higher Education: Bible college education (C,A,B)
BUS	AACSB-The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business: business and management (B,M,D)
BUSA	AACSB-The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business: accounting (B,M,D)
CACREP	American Counseling Association, Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Education programs: community counseling, marriage and family counseling, mental health counseling, school counseling, student affairs practice in higher education and counselor education and supervision (M,D)
CEA	Commission on English Language Program Accreditation: English language (C)
CHE	Council on Education for Public Health: community health education (graduate)
CHIRO	Council on Chiropractic Education: chiropractic education (FP)
CHPM	Council on Education for Public Health: community health/preventive medicine (graduate)
CIDA	Council for Interior Design Accreditation: interior design (C,A,B)
CLPSY	American Psychological Association: clinical psychology (D)
CNCE	Accrediting Council for Continuing Educational Training (C,A)
COE	Council on Occupational Education: occupational, trade and technical education (A)
COMTA	Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation: massage therapy and bodywork (C,A)
CONST	American Council for Construction Education: construction education (A,B)
COPSY	American Psychological Association: counseling psychology (D)
CORE	Council on Rehabilitation Education: rehabilitation counseling (M)
COSME	National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences: cosmetology (C)
CS	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.: computer science (B)
CVT	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: cardiovascular technology (C,A,B)
CYTO	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: cytotechnology (C,B,M)
DA	American Dental Association: dental assisting (C,A)

DANCE	National Association of Schools of Dance: dance (C,B,M,D)	MACTE	Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education: Montessori teacher education
DENT	American Dental Association: dentistry (FP)	MEAC	Midwifery Education Accreditation Council: midwifery education (C,A)
DETC	Distance Education and Training Council: home study schools (A,B,M)	MED	Liaison Committee on Medical Education: medicine (FP)
DH	American Dental Association: dental hygiene (C,A)	MFCD	American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: marriage and family therapy (M,D)
DIETC	American Dietetic Association: coordinated dietetics programs (B,M)	MIDWF	American College of Nurse-Midwives: nurse midwifery (C,M, D)
DIETD	American Dietetic Association: didactic dietetics programs	MIL	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: medical illustrator (M)
DIETI	American Dietetic Association: dietetic post-baccalaureate internships	MLTAB	Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools: medical laboratory technician (C)
DIETT	American Dietetic Association: dietetic technician (A)	MLTAD	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences: medical laboratory technician (A)
DMS	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: diagnostic medical sonography (C,A,B)	MLTC	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences: medical laboratory technician (C)
DNUR	National League for Nursing: nursing (C)	MT	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences: medical technology (C,B)
DT	American Dental Association: dental laboratory technology (C,A)	MUS	National Association of Schools of Music: music (B,M,D)
EEG	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: electroneurodiagnostic technology (C,A)	NAIT	National Association of Industrial Technology: industrial technology (A,B)
EMT	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: emergency medical technician-paramedic (C,A,B,M)	NATUR	Council on Naturopathic Medical Education: naturopathic medical education (FP)
ENG	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.: engineering (B,M)	NMT	Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology: nuclear medicine technology (C,A,B)
ENGR	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.: engineering-related (B,M)	NPRH	National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health: women's health nurse practitioner
ENGT	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.: engineering technology (A,B)	NRPA	National Recreation and Park Association: recreation, park resources, and leisure studies (B)
FOR	Society of American Foresters: forestry (B,M,FP)	NUR	National League for Nursing: nursing (B,M)
FORTEC	Society of American Foresters: forest technology (A)	NURSE	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education: nursing (B,M)
FUSER	American Board of Funeral Service Education: funeral service education (C,A,B)	NY	New York State Board of Regents: Degree-granting institutions of higher education in New York that designate the agency as their sole or primary nationally recognized accrediting agency for purposes of establishing eligibility to participate in Higher Education Act programs
HSA	Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education: health services administration (M)	OPD	Commission on Opticianry Accreditation: ophthalmic dispensing (A)
HT	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences: histologic technology (C,A,B)	OPE	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: orthotics and prosthetics (C,B)
IPSY	American Psychological Association: pre-doctoral internships in professional psychology	OPLT	Commission on Opticianry Accreditation: ophthalmic laboratory technician (C)
JOUR	Accrediting Council on Education for Journalism and Mass Communications: journalism and mass communications (B,M)	OPT	American Optometric Association: optometry (FP)
KIN	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: kinesiotherapy	OPTR	American Optometric Association: optometric residency programs
LAW	American Bar Association: law (FP)	OPTT	American Optometric Association: optometric technician (A)
LIB	American Library Association: librarianship (FP)	OSTEO	American Osteopathic Association, Office of Osteopathic Education: osteopathic medicine (FP)
LSAR	American Society for Landscape Architects: landscape architecture (B,M)	OT	American Occupational Therapy Association: occupational therapy (C,B,M)
MAAB	Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools: medical assisting (C)		
MAC	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: medical assisting (C,A,B)		

OTA	American Occupational Therapy Association: occupational therapy assistant (C,A)
PA	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences: pathologists' assistant (C,B,M)
PAST	Association for Clinical Pastoral Education: clinical pastoral education
PDPSY	American Psychological Association: post-doctorate residency in professional psychology
PERF	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: perfusionist (C,A,B)
PH	Council on Education for Public Health: public health (graduate)
PHAR	Accreditation Council for Pharmaceutical Education: pharmacy (B,FP)
PLNG	American Institute of Certified Planners/Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning: certified planning (B,M)
PNUR	National League for Nursing: practical nursing (C)
POD	American Podiatric Medical Association: podiatry (FP)
PSPSY	American Psychological Association: combined professional-scientific psychology (D)
PTA	American Physical Therapy Association: physical therapy (C,B,M)
PTAA	American Physical Therapy Association: physical therapy assistant (A)
RABN	Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools: Rabbinical and Talmudic education
RAD	Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology: radiography (C,A,B)
RSTH	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: respiratory therapy (C,A,B)
RSTHT	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: respiratory therapy technician (C,A,B)
RTT	Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology: radiation therapist/technologist (C,A,B)
SCPSY	American Psychological Association: school psychology (D)
SP	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association: speech-language pathology (M,D)
SPAA	National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration: public affairs and administration (M)
SURGA	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: surgeon's assistant (C,A)
SURGT	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: surgical technology (C,A)
SW	Council on Social Work Education: social work (B,M)
TEAC	Teacher Education Accreditation Council: teacher education
TED	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education: teacher education (B,M,S,D)
THEA	National Association of Schools of Theatre: theatre (B,M,D)
THEOL	Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada: theology (M,FP,D)

TRACS Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools: Christian studies education (C,A,B,M,D)

VET American Veterinary Medical Association: veterinary medicine (FP)

Explanatory Notes and Symbols

Associate degree: includes junior colleges, community colleges, technical institutes, and schools offering at least a two-year program of college-level studies, either leading to an associate degree wholly or principally creditable toward a baccalaureate degree.

Baccalaureate: includes those institutions offering programs of studies leading to the customary bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degrees.

First professional degree: includes those institutions that offer the academic requirements for selected professions based on programs that require at least two academic years of previous college work for entrance and a total of at least six years of college work for completion.

Master's: includes those institutions offering the customary first graduate degree, master of arts or master of science degree in the liberal arts and sciences, or the next degree in the same field after the first professional degree.

Beyond master's but less than doctorate: includes those institutions offering "postgraduate pre-doctoral degrees".

Graduate non-degree granting: includes institutions offering work beyond the bachelor's level but not conferring degrees. In some instances the degrees are conferred by cooperating institutions.

Doctorate: includes those institutions offering a Ph.D. or its equivalent in any field.

Postdoctoral research only: includes institutions operating solely for the purpose of research at the postdoctoral level.

First Talmudic degree: undergraduate degree granted by accredited Rabbinical schools. The schools in New York "using this designation do not imply that the 'First Talmudic Degree' is equivalent to any secular academic degree recognized by the Board of Regents".*

Second Talmudic degree: graduate degree granted by accredited Rabbinical schools. The schools in New York "using this designation do not imply that the 'Second Talmudic Degree' is equivalent to any secular academic degree recognized by the Board of Regents".*

*The University of the State of New York, The State Education Department, Albany, New York, letter August 17, 1983.

Type of Program

Occupational: refers to programs beyond high school designed to provide students with knowledge and skills necessary for immediate employment.

Two-year principally bachelor's creditable: refers to the first two years of college work.

Liberal arts and general: refers to four or five year baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree programs in the liberal arts and sciences.

Teacher preparatory programs: refers to programs of at least four years duration.

Professional programs: refers to separate programs of at least four years beyond high school and organized around a professionally oriented academic discipline.

Business, fine arts, music, nursing, religious, or technical emphasis: refers to programs that are organized around a specific discipline.

Symbols

* The institution is part of a system or is a branch of an institution.

Used preceding any of the acronyms for the accrediting agencies the following symbols indicate that:

The accrediting agency has stated publicly that the institution or program is provisionally accredited, accredited with some reservations, or approved on probation.

@ The institution or program has attained a pre-accredited status.

& The institution is covered under the regional accreditation of the parent institution.

U.S. Postal Abbreviation of States and Territories

Alabama	AL
Alaska	AK
American Samoa	AS
Arizona	AZ
Arkansas	AR
California	CA
Colorado	CO
Connecticut	CT
Delaware	DE
District of Columbia	DC
Florida	FL
Georgia	GA
Guam	GU
Hawaii	HI
Idaho	ID
Illinois	IL
Indiana	IN
Iowa	IA
Kansas	KS
Kentucky	KY
Louisiana	LA
Maine	ME
Maryland	MD
Marshall Islands	MH
Massachusetts	MA
Michigan	MI
Micronesia	FM
Minnesota	MN
Mississippi	MS
Missouri	MO
Montana	MT
Nebraska	NE
Nevada	NV
New Hampshire	NH
New Jersey	NJ
New Mexico	NM
New York	NY
North Carolina	NC
North Dakota	ND
Northern Marianas	MP
Ohio	OH
Oklahoma	OK
Oregon	OR
Palau	PW
Pennsylvania	PA
Puerto Rico	PR
Rhode Island	RI
South Carolina	SC
South Dakota	SD
Tennessee	TN
Texas	TX
Utah	UT
Vermont	VT
Virgin Islands	VI
Virginia	VA
Washington	WA
West Virginia	WV
Wisconsin	WI
Wyoming	WY