

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.

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

I. Regional Institutional Accrediting Associations - continued

Directory Listing	Regional Institutional Accrediting Associations, (with regional commissions and states in region)
North Central	<p>North Central Association of Colleges and Schools 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>
Northwest	<p>Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Colleges (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington)</p>
Southern	<p>Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia)</p>
Western	<p>Western Association of Schools and Colleges 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.

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

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

II. National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies — continued

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

II. National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies — continued

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

II. National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies — continued

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

II. National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies — continued

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

II. National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies — continued

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

II. National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies — continued

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

II. National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies — continued

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

II. National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies — continued

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

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".

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. 33rd Place, Suite 120
Bellevue, Washington 98004
Telephone (206) 827-2005

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 18th Street NW, Suite 204
Washington, DC 20036
Telephone (202) 452-8611

American Association for Marriage And Family Therapy

1133 15th 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, 18th 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

National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies — continued
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 15th 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

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**

11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21
 Reston, Virginia 22090
 Telephone (703) 437-0700

National Association of Schools of Dance

11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21
 Reston, Virginia 22090
 Telephone (703) 437-0700

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**

11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21
 Reston, Virginia 22090
 Telephone (703) 437-0700

**National Council for Accreditation
of Teacher Education**

2010 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 200
 Washington, DC 20036-1023
 Telephone (202) 466-7496

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

6307 Huntover Lane
 Rockville, Maryland 20852
 Telephone (301) 231-5205

National League for Nursing, Accrediting Commission

360 Hudson Street
 New York, New York 10014
 Telephone (800) 669-1656

New York State Board of Regents

State Education Department
 The University of the State of New York
 Albany, New York 12224
 Telephone (518) 474-5844

**Transnational Association of Christian
Colleges and Schools**

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

United States Catholic Conference 1/

4455 Woodson Road
 St. Louis, Missouri 63134-0889
 Telephone (314) 428-2000

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.