

Accreditation Acronyms

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ABHE (www.abhe.org)

Association for Biblical Higher Education

AACU - or - AAC&U (www.aacu-edu.org)

Association of American Colleges & Universities

AACC (www.aacc.nche.edu)

American Association of Community Colleges

AACN(www.aacn.nche.edu)

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

AACRAO (www.aacrao.org)

Am Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers

AACSB International (www.aacsb.edu)

*Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business**

AACTE (www.aacte.org)

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

AAFCS-CFA (www.aafcs.org)

Council for Accreditation: American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

AAFS (www.aafs.org)

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

AAHE

American Association for Higher Education

AALE (www.aale.org)

American Academy for Liberal Education

AALS (www.aals.org)

Association of American Law Schools

AANA (www.aana.com)

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

AARTS

*Association of Advanced Rabbinical & Talmudic Schools**

AASCU (www.aascu.org)

American Association of State Colleges & Universities

AAU (www.aau.edu)

Association of American Universities

ABA (www.abanet.org/legaled)

Legal Education & Bar Admissions Section: American Bar Association

ABAP (www.abapinc.org)

*American Board for Accreditation in Psychoanalysis, Inc.**

ABCOP (www.opoffice.org/abc)

American Board for Certification in Orthotics & Prosthetics

ABET (www.abet.org)

Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology

ABFSE (www.abfse.org)

American Board of Funeral Services Education: Committee on Accreditation

ABHES (www.abhes.org)

*Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools**

ACAOM (www.acaom.org)

*Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine**

ACBSP (www.acbsp.org)

Association of Collegiate Business Schools & Programs

ACCE (www.acce-hq.org)

*American Council for Construction Education**

ACCET (www.accet.org)

Accrediting Council for Continuing Ed & Training

ACCME (www.accme.org)

Accrediting Council for Continuing Medical Education

ACCSCT (www.accsct.org)

Accrediting Commission for Career Schools & Colleges of Technology

ACE (www.acenet.edu)

American Council on Education

ACEHSA (www.cahmeweb.org)

*Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration**

ACEJMC (www2.ku.edu/~acejmc)

Accrediting Council on Ed in Journalism & Mass Communications

ACF (www.acfcchefs.org)

American Culinary Federation, Inc.

ACGME (www.acgme.org)
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

ACICS (www.acics.org)
Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges & Schools

ACNM (www.midwife.org)
American College of Nurse-Midwives

ACOE (www.aoanet.org/accreditation.html)
*Accreditation Council on Optometric Education: American Optometric Association**

ACOTE (www.aota.org)
*Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education: American Occupational Therapy Association**

ACPE (www.acpe-accredit.org)
*American Council for Pharmacy Education**

ACPE (www.acpe.edu)
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. - Accrediting Commission

ACS (www.acs.org/education/cpt/guidelines.html)
American Chemical Society - Cmtee on Professional Training

ADA-CADE (www.eatright.org/cade)
Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education: American Dietetics Association

ADA-CDA (www.ada.org)
*Commission on Dental Accreditation: American Dental Association**

AGB (www.agb.org)
Association of Governing Boards of Universities & Colleges

ALA-CoA (www.ala.org/accreditation.html)
*Committee on Accreditation: American Library Association**

AOA-BPE (www.osteopathic.org)
*Bureau of Professional Education: American Osteopathic Association**

APA-CoA (www.apa.org/ed/accred.html)
*Committee on Accreditation: American Psychological Association**

ARC-PA (www.arc-pa.org)
*Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant**

ARI (www.ari.org)
Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Institute

ASAHP (www.asahp.org)

Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions

ASHA-CAA (www.professional.asha.org)

*Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association**

ASM (www.asm.org)

American Society for Microbiology / American College of Microbiology

ATS (www.ats.edu)

Association of Theological Schools in the US & Canada

AVMA-COE & CVTEA (www.avma.org)

*American Veterinary Medical Association: Council on Education and Committee on Veterinary Technician Education & Activities**

CAA (www.caaaccreditation.org/intro.html)

Council on Aviation Accreditation

CAAHEP(www.caahep.org)

*Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs**

CACREP (www.cacrep.org)

*Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs**

CAPTE (www.capteonline.org)

*Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education: American Physical Therapy Association**

CCE-CoA (www.cce-usa.org)

*Commission on Accreditation: Council on Chiropractic Education**

CCNE (www.aacn.nche.edu/accreditation)

*Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education**

CEA (www.cea-accredit.org)

Commission on English Language Program Accreditation

CEPH(www.ceph.org)

*Council on Education for Public Health**

CHEA (www.chea.org)

Council for Higher Education Accreditation

CLEAR (www.clearhq.org)

Council on Licensure, Enforcement & Regulation

CNME (www.cnme.org)

*Council on Naturopathic Medical Education**

COA (www.COAccreditation.com)

Commission on Opticianry Accreditation

COAMFTE (www.aamft.org)

*Commission on Accreditation for Marriage & Family Therapy Education: American Association for Marriage & Family Therapy**

COA-NA (www.aana.com)

*Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs**

COE (www.council.org)

Council on Occupational Education

COMTA (www.comta.org)

*Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation**

CORE (www.core-rehab.org)

*Commission on Standards & Accreditation: Council on Rehabilitation Education**

CPME (www.apma.org/cpme/index.html)

*Council on Podiatric Medical Education: American Podiatric Medical Association**

CQAIE (www.cqaie.org)

Center for Quality Assurance in International Education

CSAB (www.csab.org)

Computing Sciences Accreditation Board

CSUDH (www.csudh.edu)

California State University Dominguez Hills

CSWE (www.cswe.org)

*Division of Standards & Accreditation: Council on Social Work Education**

DETC (www.detc.org)

Distance Education Training Council

ECS (www.ecs.org)

Education Commission Of States

EHAC(www.depts.washington.edu/aehap/)

National Environmental Health Science & Protection Accreditation Council

FIDER (www.fider.org)

*Foundation for Interior Design Education Research**

IACBE (www.iacbe.org)

International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education

IACET (www.iacet.org)

International Association for Continuing Education & Training

IFSAC (www.ifsac.org)

International Fire Service Accreditation Congress: Oklahoma State University

JRCERT (www.jrcert.org)

*Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology **

JRCNMT (www.jrcnmt.org)

*JRC on Ed Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology**

LAAB-ASLA (www.asla.org)

*Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board: American Society of Landscape Architects**

LCME (www.lcme.org)

*Liaison Committee on Medical Education**

MACTE-CoA (www.macte.org)

*MACTE Commission: Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education**

MEAC (www.MEACschools.org)

Midwifery Education Accreditation Council

MPAC

Masters of Psychology Accreditation Council

MSA (www.msache.org)

Middle States Association of Colleges & Schools: Commission on Higher Education

NAAB(www.naab.org)

*National Architectural Accrediting Board**

NAACLS (www.naacls.org)

*National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences**

NACCAS (www.naccas.org)

National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences

NACIQI (www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/naciqi.html?src=ln)

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality & Integrity: U.S. Department of Education

NAICU (www.naicu.edu)

National Association of Independent Colleges & Universities

NAIT (www.nait.org)

*National Association of Industrial Technology**

NASAD (www.arts-accredit.org)

*National Association of Schools of Art & Design**

NASC (www.nwccu.org)

Northwest Association of Schools & of Colleges & Universities: Commission on Colleges & Universities

NASD (www.arts-accredit.org)
*National Association of Schools of Dance**

NASM (www.arts-accredit.org)
*National Association of Schools of Music**

NASPAA-COPRA (www.naspaa.org)
*Commission on Peer Review & Accreditation: National Association of Schools of Public Affairs & Administration**

NAST (www.arts-accredit.org)
*National Association of Schools of Theatre**

NASULGC (www.nasulgc.org)
National Association of State Universities & Land-Grant Colleges

NCA (www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org)
The Higher Learning Commission: North Central Association of Colleges & Schools

NCATE (www.ncate.org)
*National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education**

NEASC (www.neasc.org)
New England Association of Schools & Colleges (Jr): Commission on Technical & Career Institutions

NEASC (www.neasc.org)
New England Association of Schools & Colleges (Sr): Commission on Institutions of Higher Education

NEMA (www.nemaweb.org)
National Emergency Management Association

NLNAC (www.nlnac.org)
*National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission**

NN2 (www.NN2.org)
National Network of Deans & Directors of Health Career Programs at Two-Year Colleges

NOCA (www.noca.org)
National Organization for Competency Assurance

NPWH (www.npwh.org)
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health

NRPA/AALR-CoA (www.nrpa.org/content/default.aspx?documentId=1037)
*Council on Accreditation: National Recreation & Park Association**

OSU (www.okstate.edu)
Oklahoma State University-School of Accounting

PAB (www.showcase.netins.net/web/pab_fi66)

Planning Accreditation Board: An Inst of Certified Planners/Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning

SACS (www.sacscoc.org)

Southern Association of Colleges & Schools: Commission on Colleges

SAF-CoA (www.safnet.org)

*Committee on Accreditation: Society of American Foresters**

SIUE (www.siue.edu)

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

TEAC (www.teac.edu)

*Teacher Education Accreditation Council**

TRACS (www.tracs.org)

Transnational Association of Christian Colleges & Schools Accrediting Commission

UNCG (www.uncg.edu)

University of North Carolina Greensboro

USCC (www.usccbcca.org)

US Catholic Conference - Commission on Certification & Accreditation

USDE (www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/index.html?src=ln)

Accreditation & State Liaison: US Department of Education

WASC (www.wascweb.org)

Western Association of Schools & Colleges (Jr): Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges

WASC (www.wascsenior.org)

Western Association of Schools & Colleges (Sr): Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges & Universities

Additional Resources:

Common academic acronyms are both listed and defined in these two *Chronicle of Higher Education* articles:

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