

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Selected Regional, Specialized, and Professional Accrediting Organizations:*
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Institutional Regional Accrediting Organization

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools ([SACS](#)) Commission on Colleges ([COC](#))

- The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is a private, non-profit, voluntary organization founded in 1895 in Atlanta, Georgia, for the purpose of setting standards and improving education in the colleges and schools of the South.

Specialized and Professional Accrediting Organizations
[CHEA](#) Participants (2005-2006)

[AACSB](#) International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

- Baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degree programs in business and accounting.

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. ([ABET](#))

- ABET accredits first professional programs in engineering, engineering technology, and engineering-related programs.

Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education ([ACPE](#))

- Professional degree programs leading to the baccalaureate and doctoral degrees in pharmacy.

Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. ([ARC-PA](#))

- Accredits qualified physician's assistant programs at the baccalaureate level and above offered by institutions chartered by and physically located within the United States.

Items in italicized blue print are links to individual web sites. All were "live" links at date of this document.

**Source: Council for Higher Education Accreditation, Database of Institutions and Programs Accredited by Recognized United States Accrediting Organizations, http://www.chea.org/pdf/CHEA_USDE_AllAccred.pdf and US Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education, Institutional Accreditation System, <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.asp>.*

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*Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications
([ACEJMC](#))*

- Journalism and mass communications in institutions of higher learning.

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy ([AAMFT](#))/ Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education ([COAMFTE](#))

- Clinical training programs in marriage and family therapy at the master's level and above.

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences ([AAFCS](#)) Council for Accreditation ([CFA](#))

- Accredits educational programs leading to a baccalaureate degree or degrees through which professionals are prepared for a career in family and consumer sciences.

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists ([AANA](#)) Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs ([CoA-NA](#))

- The Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs is recognized as the sole accrediting authority for nurse anesthesia programs. This council provides for systematic self-study and on-site evaluation of all nurse anesthesia educational programs. Most nurse anesthesia programs range from 45 to 75 graduate semester credits of courses pertinent to the practice of anesthesia.

American Council for Construction Education ([ACCE](#)) Board of Trustees

- Four-year baccalaureate degree programs.

American Dietetic Association Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education ([CADE-ADA](#))

- Baccalaureate and graduate degree coordinated dietetics programs.

American Library Association ([ALA](#)) Committee on Accreditation ([CoA](#))

- Master's level programs of education for library and information studies.

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American Occupational Therapy Association ([AOTA](#)) Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education ([ACOTE](#))

- Entry-level professional occupational therapy programs and OT assistant programs.

American Physical Therapy Association ([APTA](#)) Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education ([CAPTE](#))

- Professional programs that prepare physical therapists to enter the profession at the baccalaureate, master's, and clinical doctorate degree levels; and entry-level paraprofessional programs that prepare physical therapist assistants at the associate degree level.

American Psychological Association ([APA](#)) Committee on Accreditation ([CoA](#))

- Doctoral programs in clinical, counseling, school, and combined professional-scientific psychology; pre-doctoral internship programs in professional psychology; and postdoctoral residency programs in professional psychology.

American Society of Landscape Architects ([ASLA](#)) Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board ([LAAB](#))

- First professional degrees at the bachelor's or master's level.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association ([ASHA](#)) Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

- Master's and entry-level doctoral programs in speech-language pathology and audiology.

American Veterinary Medical Association ([AVMA](#)) Council on Education ([CoE](#))

- Programs leading to professional degrees in veterinary medicine.

Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs ([ACBSP](#))

- Baccalaureate/graduate business schools and programs.

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

- Certificates, associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees. CAAHEP accredits programs upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Committee on Education for the Anesthesiologist Assistant ([ARC-AA](#)); the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Athletic Training ([JRC-AT](#)); the Joint Review Committee on Education in Cardiovascular Technology; the Cytotechnology Programs Review Committee; the Council on Accreditation of the American Health Information Management Association ([AHIMA](#)); the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care ([CoARC](#)); and the Accreditation Review Committee on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. ([ARC PA, Inc.](#)), as well as other committees in the allied health professions. Additionally, the National Commission on Orthotics and Prosthetics Education ([NCOPE](#)) serves in cooperation with CAAHEP for accreditation of educational programs.

Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education ([CAHME](#))
(formerly Commission on Education for Health Services Administration - ACEHSA)

- Graduate programs in healthcare management and health services administration.

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education ([CCNE](#))

- Ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate and graduate education programs preparing effective nurses.

Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs ([CACREP](#))

- Master's degree programs designed to prepare individuals for community counseling, marriage and family counseling/therapy, mental health counseling, school counseling, and student affairs practice in higher education. Doctoral-level programs in counselor education and supervision.

Council for Interior Design Accreditation ([CIDA](#)) *(formerly Foundation for Interior Design Education Research)*

- Professional level programs in interior design.

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Council on Rehabilitation Education ([CORE](#)) Commission on Standards and Accreditation

- Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation Counseling.

Council on Social Work Education ([CSWE](#)) Office of Social Work Accreditation and Educational Excellence

- Baccalaureate and master's degree programs in social work.

Joint Review Committee on Education Programs in Radiologic Technology ([JRCERT](#))

- Programs for radiographers and radiation therapists.

Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology ([JRCNMT](#))

- Programs preparing individuals to enter the nuclear medicine technology profession. Educational programs may be located in colleges and universities, community and junior colleges, nuclear medicine laboratories, hospitals and medical centers, medical schools, postsecondary vocational technical schools and institutions, and other institutions or consortia meeting comparable standards for education in nuclear medicine technology.

National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences ([NAACLS](#))

- Degrees in clinical laboratory science/medical technology, clinical laboratory technician/medical laboratory technician, pathologist assistant, histotechnologist, and histotechnician.

National Association of Industrial Technology ([NAIT](#))

- Primary purpose is to provide recognition of the attainment of certain professional goals and standards for Industrial Technology.

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

- Institutions and units within institutions offering degree and non-degree programs in art, design, or art/design-related disciplines.

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National Association of Schools of Dance Commission on Accreditation ([NASD](#))

- Institutions and units within institutions offering degree and non-degree programs in dance or dance-related disciplines.

National Association of Schools of Music Commission on Accreditation ([NASM](#))

- Institutions and units within institutions offering degree and non-degree programs in music or music-related disciplines.

*National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration ([NASPAA](#))
Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation ([COPRA](#))*

- Master's degree programs in public affairs, public policy, and administration.

National Association of Schools of Theatre ([NAST](#)) Commission on Accreditation

- Institutions and units within institutions offering degree and non-degree programs in theatre or theatre-related disciplines.

National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education ([NCATE](#))

- Professional education units that prepare educators to staff PK-12 schools.

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. ([NLNAC](#))

- Programs in practical nursing and diploma, associate, baccalaureate, and higher degree nursing programs.

National Recreation & Park Association/ American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation Council on Accreditation ([NRPA/AAPAR](#))

- Baccalaureate programs in recreation, park resources, and leisure services.

Planning Accreditation Board ([PAB](#))

- Accredits bachelor's and master's programs in planning.

Society of American Foresters ([SAF](#))

- First professional degrees in forestry (usually a bachelor of science degree in forestry and sometimes master's degree in forestry) and certification of two-year programs leading to an associate's degree in forest technology.

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Teacher Education Accreditation Council ([TEAC](#))

- Accrediting undergraduate and graduate professional teacher education programs.

**Other Specialized and Professional Accrediting Organizations -
USDE Recognized; Non-CHEA Participants (2005-06)**

American Academy for Liberal Education ([AALE](#))

- Accredits undergraduate liberal arts institutions.

American Bar Association Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar ([ABA](#))

- Accredits the first degree (Juris Doctor) at Colleges and Schools of Law.

American College of Nurse-Midwives ([ACNM](#)) Division of Accreditation ([DOA](#))

- Accreditation of education programs in nurse-midwifery and midwifery.

American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation ([ADA](#))

- Dental education programs leading to the DDS or DMD degrees; dental auxiliary education programs (dental assisting, dental hygiene, and dental laboratory technology); and advanced dental educational programs.

Commission on English Language Program Accreditation ([CELPA](#))

- Accredits English language programs and institutions in the United States.

Council on Education for Public Health ([CEPH](#))

- Schools of public health, community health education programs, and community health/preventive medicine programs.

Liaison Committee on Medical Education ([LCME](#))

- Medical education programs leading to the MD.

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National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc. ([NAAB](#))

- The sole agency authorized to accredit US professional degree programs in architecture.

National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health ([NPWH](#))

- Accredits programs educating nurse practitioners for specialty of women's health care.

*National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council
([NEHSPAC](#))*

- Undergraduate and graduate programs that train students who intend to become environmental health science and protection practitioners/professionals.