

College Degree Accreditation

Education & Employment Information Center
Connecticut Department of Higher Education

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Accreditation is a legally required process that ensures that the education provided by postsecondary institutions meets standards of quality. As you select a college to attend, it is important to verify that the program and school you have chosen are accredited by legitimate organizations. The Education & Employment Information Center has compiled the following list of websites for you to use in researching accredited programs. For more details about accreditation and related information, call or email the Education & Employment Information Center, a statewide clearinghouse operated by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education.

www.ctdhe.org/database/DHESearchAdv.htm – Database maintained by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education for use in searching approved private occupational schools and colleges located in Connecticut.

www.ctdlc.org – Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium list of accredited online courses, certificates and degrees in Connecticut.

www.ed.gov/students/prep/college/diplomamills/index.html – Information about diploma mills and accreditation from the U.S. Department of Education.

<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx> – U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education search for accredited institutions.

www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt149.htm – Federal Trade Commission information about what to look for when exploring degree programs.

www.bbb.org/alerts/article.asp?ID=185 – Better Business Bureau recommendations for choosing postsecondary programs.

www.shceo.org/agencies.asp – List of higher education agencies in each state.

www.chea.org/Directories/index.asp – Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) list and links to accrediting organizations recognized by CHEA.

Regional Accrediting Offices

www.neasc.org – New England Association of Schools and Colleges

www.msche.org – Middle States Commission on Higher Education

www.sacscoc.org – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org – North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

www.northwestaccreditation.org – Northwest Association of Accredited Schools

www.wascweb.org – Western Association of Schools and Colleges