

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 Commission of Higher Education
HLC	Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association
M	Middle States Commission on Higher Education
NW	Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
SC	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges
WC	Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Senior College and University Commission
WJ	Western Association of Schools and Colleges, The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges

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,M,D)
AAQEP	Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation: professional educators (C,B,M)
ABAI	Association for Behavior Analysis International Accreditation Board: behavior analysis (M,D)
ABHES	Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools: allied health (C,A,B,M)
ACAE	Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education: audiology (D)
ACATE	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: art therapy (M)
ACBSP	Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs: business administration, management, accounting and related business fields (A,B,M,D)
ACCSC	Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges: occupational, trade and technical education (C,A,B,M)
ACFEI	American Culinary Federation, Inc.: culinary arts and culinary management (C,A,B)
ACPHA	Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration: hospitality administration/management (A,B)
ACS	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: advanced cardiovascular sonography (C)
ACUP	Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine: acupuncture (C,M,D)
ADNUR	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing: nursing (A)
AIJS	Association of Institutions of Jewish Studies: Jewish studies (C,A,B)

ANEST	Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs: nurse anesthesia (C,M,D)
ARCPA	Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant: physician assisting programs (A,B,M)
ART	National Association of Schools of Art and Design: art and design (C,A,B,M,D)
AT	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: anesthesia technology (A)
ATECH	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: assistive technology (C,M)
AUD	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association: audiology (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,M,FP,D)
CAATE	Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education: athletic training (B,M,D)
CACREP	Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Education programs: counseling and its specialties (M,D)
CAEP	Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation: teacher education (B,M,D)
CAEPN	Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation: teacher education (B,M,D)
CAEPT	Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation: teacher education (B,M,D)
CAHIIM	Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education: health information management and health informatics (A,B,M)
CAMPEP	Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Programs, Inc.: medical physics (C,M,D)
CAPRT	Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions: recreation, park resources, and leisure studies (B)
CARTE	Commission on Accreditation of Recreational Therapy Education: recreational therapy (B,M)
CEA	Commission on English Language Program Accreditation: english language (C)
CGTECH	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences: cytogenetic technologist (B)
CHIRO	Council on Chiropractic Education: chiropractic education (FP,D)
CIDA	Council for Interior Design Accreditation: interior design (B,M)
CLPSY	American Psychological Association: clinical psychology (D)
CNCE	Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training: continuing education (C,A)
CNEA	Commission for Nurse Education Accreditation: nursing (C,A,B,M,D)
COARC	Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care: respiratory care (A,B,M)
COARCP	Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care: polysomnography (C)

COE	Council on Occupational Education: occupational, trade, and technical education (C,A)	HT	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences: histologic technology (C,A,B)
COMTA	Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation: massage therapy, bodywork, aesthetics/esthetics and skin care (C,A)	IACBE	International Accreditation Council for Business Education: business programs, accounting and business related (A,B,M,D)
CONST	American Council for Construction Education: construction education (A,B,M)	IPSY	American Psychological Association: doctoral internships in health service psychology
COPSY	American Psychological Association: counseling psychology (D)	JOUR	Accrediting Council on Education for Journalism and Mass Communications: journalism and mass communications (B,M)
COSMA	Commission on Sports Management: sports management (B,M,D)	KIN	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: kinesiotherapy (B)
COSME	National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences: cosmetology and massage therapy (C)	LAW	American Bar Association: law (FP,D)
CR	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: clinical researcher (C,A,M)	LC	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs: lactation consultant (C,A,B,M)
CSHSE	Council for Standards in Human Services Education: human services (A,B,M)	LIB	American Library Association: library and information studies (M)
CVT	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: cardiovascular technology (C,A,B)	LSAR	American Society for Landscape Architects: landscape architecture (B,M)
CYTO	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: cytotechnology (C,B,M)	MAAB	Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools: medical assisting (C,A)
DA	American Dental Association: dental assisting (C,A)	MAC	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: medical assisting (C,A)
DANCE	National Association of Schools of Dance: dance (C,A,B,M,D)	MACTE	Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education: Montessori teacher education (C)
DEAC	Distance Education and Accrediting Commission: home study schools (A,B,M,D)	MEAC	Midwifery Education Accreditation Council: midwifery education (C, A,B,M,D)
DENT	American Dental Association: dentistry (FP,D)	MED	Liaison Committee on Medical Education: medicine (FP,D)
DH	American Dental Association: dental hygiene (C,A,B,M)	MFCD	American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: marriage and family therapy (M,D)
DIET	Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: nutrition and dietetics (M)	MIDWF	Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education: nurse midwifery (C,M,D)
DIETC	Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: coordinated dietetics programs (B,M,D)	MIL	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: medical illustrator (B,M)
DIETD	Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: didactic dietetics programs (B,M)	MLS	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences: medical laboratory scientist (C,B)
DIETI	Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: dietetic post-baccalaureate internships	MLTAB	Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools: medical laboratory technician (C,A)
DIETT	Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: dietetic technician (A)	MLTAD	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences: medical laboratory technician (C,A)
DMOLS	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences: diagnostic molecular scientist (C,B,M)	MPCAC	Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council: counseling and psychology (M)
DMS	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: diagnostic medical sonography (C,A,B,M)	MUS	National Association of Schools of Music: music (C,A,B,M,D)
DNUR	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing: nursing (C)	NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children: early childhood education (A,B,M)
DT	American Dental Association: dental laboratory technology (C,A)	NAIT	The Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering: technology, applied technology, engineering technology and technology-related programs (A,B,M)
DTH	American Dental Association: dental therapy (A,B,M)	NASP	National Association of School Psychologists: school psychology (S,D)
EMT	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: emergency medical technician-paramedic (C,A,B)	NATUR	Council on Naturopathic Medical Education: naturopathic medical education (FP,D)
EXSC	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: exercise science (C,A,B,M)	NDT	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: neurodiagnostic technology (C,A)
FEPAC	American Academy of Forensic Sciences: forensic science (B,M)		
FUSER	American Board of Funeral Service Education: funeral service education (C,A,B)		
HSA	Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education: healthcare management (M)		

NMT	Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology: nuclear medicine technology (C,A,B,M)	RADMAG	Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology: magnetic resonance (C,A,B)
NNPR	National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Training Consortium: nurse practitioner residency and fellowship training	RTT	Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology: radiation therapy (C,A,B,M)
NUR	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing: nursing (B,M,D)	SCPSY	American Psychological Association: school psychology (D)
NURSE	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education: nursing (C,B,M,D)	SP	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association: speech-language pathology (M)
OPD	Commission on Opticianry Accreditation: opticianry (A)	SPAA	Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration: public affairs and administration (M)
OPE	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: orthotics and prosthetics (C,B,M)	SURGA	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: surgical assistant (C,A)
OPT	Accreditation Council on Optometric Education: optometry (FP,D)	SURGT	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: surgical technology (C,A)
OPTR	Accreditation Council on Optometric Education: optometric residency programs	SURTEC	Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools: surgical technology (C,A)
OPTT	Accreditation Council on Optometric Education: optometric technician (C)	SW	Council on Social Work Education: social work (B,M)
OSTEO	American Osteopathic Association, Office of Osteopathic Education: osteopathic medicine (FP,D)	THEA	National Association of Schools of Theatre: theatre (C,A,B,M,D)
OT	American Occupational Therapy Association: occupational therapy (M,D)	THEOL	Association of Theological Schools: theology (M,FP,D)
OTA	American Occupational Therapy Association: occupational therapy assistant (A,B)	TRACS	Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools: christian studies education (C,A,B,M,D)
PA	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences: pathologist's assistant (C,M)	VET	American Veterinary Medical Association: veterinary medicine (FP,D)
PAST	Association for Clinical Pastoral Education: clinical pastoral education		
PCSAS	Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System: psychological clinical science (D)		
PDPSY	American Psychological Association: post-doctorate residency in health service psychology		
PERF	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: perfusionist (C,B,M)		
PH	Council on Education for Public Health: public health (B,M,D)		
PHAR	Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education: pharmacy (FP,D)		
PLNG	Planning Accreditation Board: certified planning (B,M)		
PNUR	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing: practical nursing (C)		
POD	American Podiatric Medical Association: podiatry (FP,D)		
POLYT	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs: polysomnographic technologist education (C,A)		
PSPSY	American Psychological Association: combined professional-scientific psychology (D)		
PTA	American Physical Therapy Association: physical therapy (D)		
PTAA	American Physical Therapy Association: physical therapy assistant (A)		
RABN	Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools: rabbinical and Talmudic education (A,B,M,D)		
RAD	Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology: radiography (C,A,B)		
RADDOS	Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology: medical dosimetry (C,B,M)		

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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.

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

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

Symbols

Special 5yr Faith Based: undergraduate degree granted by accredited faith-based school that requires 5 years of study to complete.

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

* The institution is part of a system.

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 preliminary or 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