

# ACCREDITATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Quinnipiac University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.).

Accreditation of an institution of higher education by the commission indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality periodically applied through a peer review process. An accredited college or university is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation.

Accreditation by the commission is not partial but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution. Inquiries regarding the accreditation status by the commission should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. Individuals also may contact:

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781-425 7785  
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Quinnipiac also is accredited by the Board of Education of the state of Connecticut and is authorized by the General Assembly of the state to confer such degrees and grant such diplomas as are authorized by the board.

The State Bar Examining Committee has approved the undergraduate programs of Quinnipiac for pre-law education.

Specific school accreditations are listed below.

## College of Arts and Sciences

The legal studies minor/certificate has been approved by the American Bar Association as a paralegal education program.

## School of Business

Quinnipiac's undergraduate and graduate business and accounting programs are accredited by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. As a school of business with AACSB-accredited business and accounting programs, Quinnipiac meets or exceeds established standards, as determined by periodic AACSB peer group review. The AACSB quality standards relate to curriculum, faculty resources, admission, degree requirements, library and computer facilities, financial resources and intellectual climate.

## School of Communications

The Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science in Public Relations programs are certified by the Certification in Education for Public Relations (CEPR) through the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

## School of Education

The master of arts in teaching program and the educational leadership program are fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Connecticut Department of Education. The educational leadership program is aligned with the leadership standards of NCATE. The U.S. Department of Education recognizes NCATE as a specialized accrediting body for schools, colleges and departments of education.

## School of Engineering

The BS in civil engineering, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering and software engineering programs are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET Inc., [abet.org](http://www.abet.org) (<http://www.abet.org>).

## School of Health Sciences

All programs in the Schools of Health Sciences have been approved by appropriate state and national agencies or are in the process of accreditation.

- The athletic training program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).
- The cardiovascular perfusion program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.
- The social work program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).
- The dual-degree bachelor of science/master of occupational therapy (BS/MOT) program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). The entry-level doctor of occupational therapy (E-OTD) program is granted Candidacy Status by ACOTE. The E-OTD program must undergo a pre-accreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).
- The pathologists' assistant program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).
- The physical therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).
- The physician assistant graduate program is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA).
- The radiologic sciences bachelor's degree program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.
- The radiologist assistant program is formally recognized by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

## School of Law

Quinnipiac University School of Law is fully approved by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association.

## School of Medicine

The Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. The school is also authorized by the state of Connecticut to award the MD degree. The Frank H. Netter MD

School of Medicine is a member of the American Association of Medical Colleges.

**School of Nursing**

- The bachelor’s degree program in nursing at Quinnipiac University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (ccneaccreditation.org (https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ccneaccreditation.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7CElizabeth.Brown%40quinnipiac.edu%7C30c990f9ede647026bae08d8024eaceb%7C0940985869fb4de9987990db22b52eaf%7C0%7C0%7C637261884267987800&sdata=EV4S391qU%2FfTflXtipl4NHbsXZWmOU%2B2rYWUWuXtATY%3D&reserved=0)).
- The master’s degree program in nursing at Quinnipiac University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (ccneaccreditation.org (https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ccneaccreditation.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7CElizabeth.Brown%40quinnipiac.edu%7C30c990f9ede647026bae08d8024eaceb%7C0940985869fb4de9987990db22b52eaf%7C0%7C0%7C637261884267997786&sdata=a0yL9ES6ZTO67ChUPZwbT8MYWaUcGclm48%2FANDP2LGW%3D&reserved=0)).
- The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Quinnipiac University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (ccneaccreditation.org (https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ccneaccreditation.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7CElizabeth.Brown%40quinnipiac.edu%7C30c990f9ede647026bae08d8024eaceb%7C0940985869fb4de9987990db22b52eaf%7C0%7C0%7C637261884267997786&sdata=a0yL9ES6ZTO67ChUPZwbT8MYWaUcGclm48%2FANDP2LGW%3D&reserved=0)).
- The doctor of nursing practice program for nurse anesthesia is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (coacrna.org (https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.coacrna.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7CElizabeth.Brown%40quinnipiac.edu%7C30c990f9ede647026bae08d8024eaceb%7C0940985869fb4de9987990db22b52eaf%7C0%7C0%7C637261884268007781&sdata=rrcCd0nYpBNNSZMHw74Fm1IB05zrBrNTEOWxyFulukQ%3D&reserved=0)).

Both undergraduate and graduate nursing programs in Quinnipiac University’s School of Nursing are endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation (ahncc.org (https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ahncc.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7CElizabeth.Brown%40quinnipiac.edu%7C30c990f9ede647026bae08d8024eaceb%7C0940985869fb4de9987990db22b52eaf%7C0%7C0%7C637261884268007781&sdata=1JR7VeDE1EZIVUvAUvFIEj9xheFZA5zrd%2BvjyrrLRpo%3D&reserved=0)).

- The Center for Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences Simulation Program (Area of Teaching/Education) is accredited by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare.

Quinnipiac University has been approved to participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). SARA is an agreement among its member states, districts and U.S. territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate

offering of postsecondary distance-education courses and programs. The Connecticut Office of Higher Education is the portal agency for administration of SARA in Connecticut and is responsible for the resolution of out-of-state students’ complaints against SARA institutions located in Connecticut.

*Students may review information on the various accrediting agencies and accrediting reports by contacting the Office of Academic Innovation and Effectiveness.*