ACCREDITATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Quinnipiac University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education.

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 though 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:

New England Commission of Higher Education
3 Burlington Woods Drive, Suite 100, Burlington, MA 01803-4514
781-425-7785
Email: cihe@neasc.org

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 programs are accredited by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. As a school of business with AACSB-accredited business 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 Education

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

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).

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 occupational therapy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE).
- 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 has received full approval from the American Bar Association to award the JD degree through the Quinnipiac University School of Law. The American Bar Association also has acquiesced in the offering by the Quinnipiac University School of Law of the Master of Laws in Health Law (the “Health Law LLM”). (Under its standards, the ABA does not “approve” post-JD programs such as the LLM, but only considers whether it will or will not “acquiesce” in such proposed programs at an accredited law school.) The Quinnipiac University School of Law is also a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

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.

On March 22, 2017, Quinnipiac University became an institutional participant in the SARA initiative and an approved member of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA). The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (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.

School of Nursing

• The bachelor of science in nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
• The master of science in nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
• The doctor of nursing practice program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
• The doctor of nursing practice program for nurse anesthesia is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).

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

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