

## ACCREDITATION

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COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES		
Program Name	Credits	Accreditation and Approvals
Applied Behavior Analysis Postbaccalaureate Certificate	30	Course sequence approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc.® (BACB®)
Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Postbaccalaureate Certificate	24	No associated programmatic accreditation
Graduate Certificate in Addictions	40	National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC)
Graduate Certificate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology	30	No associated programmatic accreditation
Human Services Certificate in Child and Family Services	43	No associated programmatic accreditation
Human Services Certificate in Elder Care Services	43	No associated programmatic accreditation
Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis	35	Course sequence approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc.® (BACB®)
Bachelor of Science in Communication	180	No associated programmatic accreditation
Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration	180	Exploring potential eligibility for National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation
Bachelor of Science in Human Services in Youth/Family Services and Administration	180	Member of the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE) Not eligible for CSHSE accreditation, which requires extensive internship hours that would increase time and cost of degree for students

Program Name	Credits	Accreditation and Approvals
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies	180	No associated programmatic accreditation
Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions	180	National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC) Not eligible for American Psychological Association (APA) accreditation, which is limited to doctoral programs in clinical, counseling, or school psychology
Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis	180	Course sequence approved through the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc.® (BACB®) Not eligible for Behavior Analysis Accreditation Board (BAAB) accreditation, which requires extensive internship hours that would increase time and cost of degree for students Not eligible for American Psychological Association (APA) accreditation, which is limited to doctoral programs in clinical, counseling, or school psychology
Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Industrial/Organizational Psychology	180	Not eligible for American Psychological Association (APA) accreditation, which is limited to doctoral programs in clinical, counseling, or school psychology
Master of Science in Human Services Concentrations: Family and Community Services, Organizational and Social Services	45	Member of the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE) Not eligible for CSHSE accreditation, which requires extensive internship hours that would increase time and cost of degree for students
Master of Science in Psychology Concentrations: Addictions, Applied Behavior Analysis, General Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology Tracks: Practicum, Comprehensive Exam, Thesis	60–75	Addictions Concentration: National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC) Applied Behavior Analysis Concentration: Course sequence approved through the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc.® (BACB®) General Psychology Concentration: No associated programmatic accreditation Industrial/Organizational Psychology Concentration: No associated programmatic accreditation Not eligible for American Psychological Association (APA) accreditation, which is limited to doctoral programs in clinical, counseling, or school psychology

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Program Name	Credits	Accreditation and Approvals
Corrections Certificate	36	No associated programmatic accreditation
Crime Scene Technician Certificate	41	No associated programmatic accreditation
Management and Supervision Certificate in Criminal Justice	36	No associated programmatic accreditation
Private Security Certificate	53	No associated programmatic accreditation
Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice (Only available to military students)	90	<p>Programmatic accreditation (certification) was sought through Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS); however, the associate's certification process states: <i>"All associate's degree programs should strive to have faculty members with terminal degrees. When there are four or more faculty members in an associate's degree program, 25% of the faculty should hold an earned doctorate (Ph.D.) in criminal justice or a closely related discipline."</i></p> <p>In addition, section C.11 of the associate's certification process states: <i>"At least two-thirds of the core required courses for the degree are taught by full-time faculty."</i></p>
Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology	90	
Associate of Applied Science in Public Safety and Security	90	
Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science	90	<p>International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC)</p> <p>Recognition as an official Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) institution is pending committee review and approval. The program includes core courses that follow the FESHE curriculum model</p>
Bachelor of Science in Corrections	180	<p>Programmatic accreditation (certification) was explored through ACJS; however, section C.4 of the standard for the bachelor's certification process states: <i>"Two-thirds of all full-time faculty in baccalaureate degree programs must hold an earned doctorate (Ph.D.) in criminal justice/criminology or a closely related discipline. When a faculty member holds a Ph.D. degree in a closely related discipline, there should be evidence of experience, scholarship, and professional involvement, demonstrating a clear commitment to and identification with the field of criminal justice/criminology."</i></p> <p>In addition, section C.11 of the bachelor's certification process states: <i>"At least two-thirds of the core required courses for the degree are taught by full-time faculty."</i></p>
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Concentrations: Crime Scene Investigation, Forensic Psychology, Homeland Security, Juvenile Justice, Law Enforcement	180	
Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Management	180	<p>International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC)</p> <p>Recognition as an official Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) institution is pending committee review and approval. The program includes core courses that follow the FESHE curriculum model.</p>

Program Name	Credits	Accreditation and Approvals
Bachelor of Science in Fire Science	180	International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Recognition as an official Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) institution is pending committee review and approval. The program includes core courses that follow the FESHE curriculum model.
Master of Public Administration Concentrations: Criminal Justice, General MPA, Emergency and Disaster Management, Governmental Management, Health Care Management	55	Not eligible for Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) accreditation, which requires more full-time faculty than the program can support
Master of Science in Criminal Justice Concentrations: Corrections, Global Issues in Criminal Justice, Law, Leadership and Executive Management Tracks: Applied Research, Comprehensive Exam	55	Programmatic accreditation (certification) was sought through ACJS; however, section C.11 of the standard for the master's certification process states: " <i>at least two-thirds of the core required courses for the degree are taught by full-time faculty.</i> "
Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management	55	Will apply for programmatic accreditation in 2020 through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC), based on new bylaws that allow for master's degree accreditation

## DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES

Program Name	Credits	Accreditation and Approvals
Legal Secretary Certificate	31	Not eligible for American Bar Association (ABA) approval, which is limited to JD programs and requires an on-ground library; there is no programmatic accreditation for legal studies programs
Pathway to Paralegal Postbaccalaureate Certificate	36	Not eligible for American Bar Association (ABA) approval, which is limited to JD programs and requires an on-ground library; there is no programmatic accreditation for legal studies programs
Associate of Applied Science in Legal Support and Services	90	The National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) allows graduates of this program to sit for the Certified Paralegal examination. Not eligible for American Bar Association (ABA) approval, which is limited to JD programs and requires an on-ground library; there is no programmatic accreditation for legal studies programs
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Management	180	No associated programmatic accreditation
Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services Concentration: Paralegal	180	The National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) allows graduates of this program to sit for the Certified Paralegal examination Not eligible for American Bar Association (ABA) approval, which is limited to JD programs and requires an on-ground library; there is no programmatic accreditation for legal studies programs
Master of Science in Legal Studies Tracks: Applied Research, Comprehensive Exam	55	Not eligible for American Bar Association (ABA) approval, which is limited to JD programs and requires an on-ground library; there is no programmatic accreditation for legal studies programs

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Program Name	Credits	Accreditation and Approvals
Master of Arts in Teaching—Iowa Certification Track	54	Iowa State Board of Education Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP) visit in Spring 2019 (pending)
Master of Arts in Teaching—Noncertification Track	45	Classroom Pathways Bundle is an additional option available in the following states: AR, FL, ID, MI, MO, NH, OK, PA, SC, and UT American Board Plus Program is state-approved for licensure in those states, separate from the MAT—Noncertification Track MAT—Noncertification Track does not include field experiences and, per CAEP, is not considered an initial or advanced program; therefore, it is not eligible for accreditation
Master of Science in Education Concentrations: Educational Leadership, Teaching and Literacy Language, Teaching Students with Special Needs	46 or 54	No associated programmatic accreditation Program does not lead to licensure, certification, or endorsement
Master of Science in Educational Psychology	52	No associated programmatic accreditation
Master of Science in Higher Education Concentrations: College Administration and Leadership, College Teaching, Student Affairs	50	No associated programmatic accreditation
Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology Concentration: Adults	51	No associated programmatic accreditation

**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
BUSINESS DISCIPLINES**

Program Name	Credits	Accreditation and Approvals
Graduate Certificate in Accounting	16	Not eligible for programmatic accreditation
Graduate Certificate in Human Resources	16	Not eligible for programmatic accreditation
Graduate Certificate in Project Management	16	Not eligible for programmatic accreditation
Human Resources Postbaccalaureate Certificate	16	Not eligible for programmatic accreditation
Associate of Applied Science in Accounting	90	Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)
Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration Concentrations: Business, Customer Service, Entrepreneurship, Health Club Operations, Hospitality Management, Information Processing, Meeting and Event Planning, Office Management, Retail Management, Sales, Small Business Management	90	Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)
Bachelor of Science in Accounting Concentrations: Auditing/Forensic Accountancy, Managerial Accountancy, Public Accountancy, Tax Accountancy	180	Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Concentrations: Accelerated MBA Option, Financial Analysis, Human Resources, Information Systems Management, Investments, Management, Marketing, New Media/Internet Marketing, Procurement, Project Management, Real Estate, Sales Management, Supply Chain Management and Logistics, Wealth Management	180	Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)
Bachelor of Science in Finance Concentrations: Accelerated MS in Finance Option, General Finance, Investments, Real Estate, Wealth Management	180	This is a new program
Master of Business Administration Concentrations: Finance, Health Care Management, Human Resources, Information Technology, Marketing, Project Management	60 or 76	Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)
Master of Science in Accounting Concentrations: Audit, Finance, Government, Tax	52	Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)
Master of Science in Finance Concentrations: Financial Analysis, Financial Planning	56	Financial Analysis Concentration: Strategic choice not to pursue accreditation; however, CFA under consideration  Financial Planning Concentration: CFP Board-Registered Program
Master of Science in Management Concentrations: Health Care Management, Human Resources, Information Technology, Leadership, Organizational Design and Development, Project Management	56	Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)

**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DISCIPLINES**

Program Name	Credits	Accreditation and Approvals
Cisco Networks Postbaccalaureate Certificate	27	Not eligible for programmatic accreditation
Computer Forensics Postbaccalaureate Certificate	28	Not eligible for programmatic accreditation
Graduate Certificate in Information Security	16	Not eligible for programmatic accreditation
Information Security Postbaccalaureate Certificate	21	Not eligible for programmatic accreditation
Microsoft Operating Systems Postbaccalaureate Certificate	26	Not eligible for programmatic accreditation
Programming and Software Development Postbaccalaureate Certificate	25	Not eligible for programmatic accreditation
Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology Concentrations: IT Generalist, Networking, Programming and Software Development	90	No associated programmatic accreditation at this degree level
Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity	180	This is a new program
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Concentrations: Information Security and Assurance, IT Management, Network Administration, Programming and Software Development	180	Pending vote from Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)
Master of Science in Cybersecurity Management	60	This is a new program
Master of Science in Information Technology Concentrations: Business Intelligence and Analytics, Information Security and Assurance, Project Management	60	Awaiting vote from ABET on bachelor's degree program to initiate planning for this program



## SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Program Name	Credits	Accreditation and Approvals
Dental Assistant Diploma	42	Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)
Medical Assistant Certificate	57	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program–Medical Assisting Education Review Board (CAAHEP–MAERB) (Limited to onsite programs at Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, Maine, Maryland, and Nebraska locations)  Graduates of a CAAHEP-MAERB accredited campus program may sit for the Certified Medical Assistant exam
Medical Billing/Coding Certificate	39	No associated programmatic accreditation
Medical Office Administration Certificate	57	Program approved by the American Medical Technologists (AMT), which allows graduates to sit for related professional certification exams
Associate of Science in Health Science (Only available to military students) Concentrations: Medical Assisting, Surgical Technology, Telemetry, Preprofessional (launching 6/7/2017)	90	No associated programmatic accreditation
Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness	180	No associated programmatic accreditation
Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration	180	Possible Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) certification in the future. Not currently viable option.
Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management	180	Will be re-applying for Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) candidacy status Q3 2018.
Bachelor of Science in Health Science	180	No associated programmatic accreditation
Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Science	180	Not eligible for Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) accreditation, as program is not oriented toward pursuit of the RD designation
Master of Health Care Administration	52	Exploring Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) accreditation for possible 2017 application based on new standards
Master of Health Informatics	48	Exploring CAHIIM accreditation for possible 2019 application
Master of Health Information Management	48	Exploring CAHIIM accreditation for possible 2019 application
Master of Public Health	56	Will re-explore viability of Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) accreditation in 2019
Master of Science in Health Education	56	No associated programmatic accreditation

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

Program Name	Credits	Accreditation and Approvals
Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate	60	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate	51	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
Executive Leader Graduate Certificate	30	Not eligible for CCNE accreditation, which does not include non-NP certificate programs
Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate	60	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
Nurse Educator Graduate Certificate	30	Not eligible for CCNE accreditation, which does not include non-NP certificate programs
Associate of Science in Nursing (Only available in Iowa and Nebraska)	110	Applying for either National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA) or Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) accreditation in 2019.  Not eligible for CCNE accreditation, which does not include associate's degrees
Bachelor of Science in Nursing—RN to BSN	180 (including credits for prior nursing degree)	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
Prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Only Available in Maine and Omaha) Accelerated LPN-to-BSN option available in Omaha	182	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
Master of Science in Nursing Specialties: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Executive Leader, Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator DNP Path option available	60–90 Primary Care NP: 90 Acute Care NP: 81 Non-NP focus: 60	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
Doctor of Nursing Practice	48-60 Students who need additional coursework to achieve 1,000 clinical hours may take up to 60	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

## CONCORD LAW SCHOOL

Program Name	Credits	Accreditation and Approvals
Executive Juris Doctor Tracks: Business Law, Education Law, Health Law, Law and Technology	72	The EJD is a nonlicensure program; it is not subject to the same regulations as the JD
Juris Doctor	92	Registration with the Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE) of the State Bar of California Registration with CBE enables JD grads to sit for the California Bar Exam Not eligible for CBE accreditation, which is currently only available to fixed-facility schools; however, CBE has recommended a rule change which would open accreditation to distance learning schools Not eligible for American Bar Association accreditation, which currently caps distance learning at 15 units (may move to 30)