

UIC Background and Accreditation

Mission, History, and Leadership

To learn more about the University of Illinois Chicago's [mission](#), [history](#), and [leadership](#), please visit the UIC website.

Accreditation

"Accreditation" is review of the quality of higher education institutions and programs. It provides the recognition that an institution maintains standards requisite for its graduates to gain admission to other reputable institutions of higher learning or to achieve credentials for professional practice. The federal and state governments require institutions, colleges, and or programs to be accredited in order for their students to be eligible for grants, loans, or other funds. The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality.

There are two basic types of educational accreditation- "institutional", and "specialized" or "programmatic". Institutional accreditation validates the quality of an institution as a whole and evaluates multiple aspects of an institution, including its academic offerings, governance and administration, mission, finances, and resources. Specialized accreditation applies to the evaluation of specific programs, departments, or schools which usually are parts of a total collegiate or other postsecondary institution. The unit accredited may be as large as a college or school within a university, or as small as a curriculum within a discipline. Most of the specialized accrediting agencies review units within a postsecondary institution, which is accredited by an institutional accrediting commission. All "recognized" accrediting organizations have been reviewed for quality by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the United States Department of Education (USDE).

The University of Illinois Chicago maintains its institutional accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), which is recognized by both CHEA and the USDE. HLC is located at:

230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1411
(800) 621-7440
<https://www.hlcommission.org>

The next comprehensive evaluation for reaffirmation of UIC is scheduled for 2033-2034. Verification of accreditation status is available through [HLC Mark of Affiliation](#) and at the [HLC website](#).

The graduate academic degree programs described in this catalog have been approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, located at:

1 N. Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 333
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1377
(217) 782-2551, (888) 261-2881 (TTY)
General Information: info@ibhe.org, <http://www.ibhe.org>
Institutional Complaint Hotline: (217) 557-7359, <http://complaints.ibhe.org>

In addition to institutional accreditation, specific disciplines and certain individual programs offered at UIC's main campus, branch campuses,

and additional locations are accredited by the following specialized accrediting agencies:

College of Applied Health Sciences

Biomedical Visualization (MS)

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
Accreditation Review Committee for the Medical Illustrator (ARC-MI)
9355- 113th St. N, #7709
Seminole, FL 33775
(727) 210-2350
<http://www.caahep.org>

Health Informatics (MS)

Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)
200 East Randolph Street, Suite 5100
Chicago, IL 60601-5800
(312) 235-3255
Email: info@cahiim.org
<http://www.cahiim.org>

MS in Nutrition Science - Coordinated Program

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6995
(800) 877-1600 x5400
ACEND@eatright.org
<http://www.eatright.org/acend>

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program—Professional (DPT)

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
3030 Potomac Avenue, Suite 100
Alexandria, VA 22305-3085
(800) 999-2782
Email: accreditation@apta.org
<http://www.capteonline.org>

Occupational Therapy—Professional (Entry-level Occupational Therapy Doctorate)

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)
American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.
7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 652-6611
Email: accred@aota.org (accred@aota.org)
<http://www.acoteonline.org> (accred@aota.org)

College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts

Architecture (MArch)

National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)
107 South West Street, Suite 707
Alexandria, VA 22314
(202) 783-2007
Email: info@naab.org, accreditation@naab.org
<http://www.naab.org>

College of Business Administration

Accounting (MS), Business Administration (MBA), Business Administration (PhD), Business Analytics (MS), Finance (MS), Management Information Systems (MS), Management Information Systems (PhD), Marketing (MS), Supply Chain and Operations Management (MS)

AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

777 South Harbour Island Boulevard, Suite 750

Tampa, FL 33602-5730

(813) 769-6500

<http://www.aacsb.edu>

College of Dentistry

Dental Medicine (DMD) (formerly: Dental Surgery (DDS)), Advanced Certificate in Endodontics, Advanced Certificate in Orthodontics, Advanced Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry, Advanced Certificate in Periodontics, Advanced Certificate in Prosthodontics, Advanced Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

American Dental Association (ADA)

211 East Chicago Avenue

Chicago, IL 60611-2637

(800) 621-8099

(312) 440-8099

<http://www.ada.org/coda>

College of Education

Urban Education Leadership (EdD), Instructional Leadership (MEd), Special Education (MEd), Science Education (MEd), Early Childhood Education (MEd), Language, Literacies, and Learning (MEd)

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)

100 North 1st Street

Springfield, IL 62777

(866) 262-6663, (217) 782-4321

<http://www.isbe.net>

Note: the ISBE is not an accreditation agency. ISBE approves programs for licensure.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Psychology (PhD): Clinical Psychology PhD

American Psychological Association

750 First Street NE

Washington, DC 20002-4242

(800) 374-2721

(202) 336-5500

(202) 336-6123 (TDD/TTY)

<http://www.apa.org>

English (MA), Teaching of English (MAT), Teaching of History (MAT), Teaching of Mathematics (MST), Teaching of Spanish (MAT)

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)

100 North 1st Street

Springfield, IL 62777

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University of Illinois Chicago School of Law Juris Doctor (JD)

Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

American Bar Association

321 North Clark Street

Chicago, IL 60654

(312) 988-6738

Email: legaled@americanbar.org

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education

College of Medicine

Medicine (MD)

Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), is jointly sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and the American Medical Association (AMA)

Association of American Medical Colleges

655 K Street NW, Suite 100

Washington, DC 20001-2399

(202) 828-0596

American Medical Association

330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 39300

Chicago, IL 60611-5885

(312) 464-4933

<http://www.lcme.org>

Continuing Medical Education

Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)

401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1850

Chicago IL 60611

(312) 527- 9200

<https://www.accme.org>

College of Nursing

Nursing Science (MS), Nursing Practice (DNP, Post-DNP Certificate)

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

655 K Street, NW, Suite 750

Washington, DC 20001

(202) 463-6930

<http://www.aacnursing.org/CCNE>

Nursing Nurse-Midwifery Program (MS, DNP, Post-Graduate Certificate)

Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME)
8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1550
Silver Spring, MD 20910-6374
(240) 485-1802
<http://www.midwife.org/Accreditation>

School Nurse Certificate

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)
100 North 1st Street
Springfield, IL 62777
(866) 262-6663, (217) 782-4321
<http://www.isbe.net>
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College of Pharmacy

Pharmacy (PharmD: Doctor of Pharmacy)

Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)
190 South LaSalle Street, Suite 2850
Chicago, IL 60603-4810
(312) 664-3575
<http://www.acpe-accredit.org>

School of Public Health (SPH)

Public Health (DrPH), Public Health (MPH), Public Health (MS), Public Health (PhD), Biostatistics (MS/PhD), Epidemiology (MS/PhD), Healthcare Administration (MHA/EMHA), Clinical and Translational Science (MS)

Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)
1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 220
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(202) 789-1050
<http://www.ceph.org>

Healthcare Administration (MHA/EMHA)

Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME)
P.O. Box 911
Spring House, PA 19477
(301) 298-1820
Email: info@cahme.org
<http://www.cahme.org>

Public Health—Industrial Hygiene (MS, MPH)

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.
Applied and Natural Sciences Accreditation Commission
415 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 347-7700
<http://www.abet.org>

Public Health – Occupational and Environmental Medicine (MPH)

Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2000

Chicago, IL 60611
Telephone: (312) 755-5000
Fax: (312) 755-7498
<https://www.acgme.org/>

Jane Addams College of Social Work Master of Social Work (MSW)

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
333 John Carlyle Street, Suite 400
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 683-8080
Email: info@cswe.org
<http://www.cswe.org>

School Social Work Endorsement and Post-MSW PEL

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)
100 North 1st Street
Springfield, IL 62777
(866) 262-6663, (217) 782-4321
<http://www.isbe.net>
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College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs Public Administration (MPA)

Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)
1029 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005-3517
(202) 628-8965
Email: naspaa@naspaa.org
<https://www.naspaa.org/accreditation>

Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP)

Planning Accreditation Board (PAB)
2334 West Laurence Avenue, Suite 209
Chicago, IL 60625
(773) 334-7200
<http://www.planningaccreditationboard.org>

Nondegree

Tutorium in Intensive English (Nondegree)

Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA)
1001 North Fairfax Street, Suite 630
Alexandria, VA 22314 USA
(703)-665-3400
Email: info@cea-accredit.org
<https://cea-accredit.org>

State Authorization for Online Programs and Courses

UIC must comply with state regulations concerning the delivery of online courses and programs to out-of-state students. UIC was approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education to participate in the [National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements \(NC-SARA\)](#), which is intended to ease the workload of institutions seeking authorization to deliver online programs and courses in other states.

While students from most states may enroll in online programs at UIC, there are some important limitations. Out-of-state students interested in enrolling in a [UIC online program](#) or online courses should check the [State Authorization webpage](#) for more information regarding the institution's approval status to offer distance education programs.

Students interested in online programs may contact UIC Extended Campus at onlineinfo@uic.edu or (312) 355-0423 for more program information.

Professional Licensure Disclosures

The University of Illinois Chicago provides public licensure disclosures pursuant to [34 CFR 668.43\(a\)\(5\)\(v\)](#) for educational programs designed to meet or advertised as meeting requirements for professional licensure or certification.

These public licensure disclosures also address requirements found in 38 C.F.R. Part 21 relating to veterans' education benefits.

[Disclosures by College](#)