

# 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 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 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, one identified as "institutional", and one referred to as "specialized" or "programmatic".

Institutional accreditation normally applies to an entire institution, indicating that each of an institution's parts is contributing to the achievement of the institution's objectives. Specialized accreditation normally applies to the evaluation of 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 one of the institutional accrediting commissions.

The University of Illinois Chicago is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), one of the institutional accrediting commissions in the United States. HLC is located at:

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

The Higher Learning Commission is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The next comprehensive evaluation for reaffirmation of UIC is scheduled for 2023-2024. Verification of accreditation status is available in the Office of the Chancellor (312) 413-3350 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@cahiim.org)  
<http://www.cahiim.org>

### Occupational Therapy—Professional (MS)

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)  
American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.  
6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200  
North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929  
(301) 652-6611  
Email: [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org) ([accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org))  
<http://www.acoteonline.org>

### 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](mailto:accreditation@apta.org)  
<http://www.capteonline.org>

### Candidacy Status, Occupational Therapy—Professional (Entry-level Occupational Therapy Doctorate)

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)  
American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.  
6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200  
North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929  
(301) 652-6611  
Email: [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org) ([accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org))  
<http://www.acoteonline.org> ([accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org))

Consistent with ACOTE policy, the program must have a preaccreditation review, complete an onsite evaluation and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the [National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy](#) (NBCOT).

The E-OTD program was granted candidacy status in August 2021 and will learn ACOTE's decision regarding re-accreditation in December 2024, in advance of the graduation of the first entry-level OTD cohort in May 2025.

## 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](mailto:info@naab.org), [accreditation@naab.org](mailto: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)**

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>

**Teaching of English (MA)**

**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](mailto:legaled@americanbar.org)

[https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal\\_education](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

And

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>

### **Forensic Science (MS)**

Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC)  
410 North 21st Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80904  
(719) 636-1100  
Email: [membership@aafs.org](mailto:membership@aafs.org)  
<http://www.fepac-edu.org>

## **School of Public Health (SPH)**

### **Public Health (DrPH)**

### **Public Health (MPH)**

### **Public Health (MS)**

### **Public Health (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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 about the states in which UIC is approved to offer distance education programs.

Students interested in online programs may contact UIC Extended Campus at [onlineinfo@uic.edu](mailto: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](#)