Welcome to UIC

Mission
UIC provides the broadest access to the highest levels of intellectual excellence. UIC’s mission is:

• To create knowledge that transforms our views of the world and, through sharing and application, transforms the world.
• To provide a wide range of students with the educational opportunity only a leading research university can offer.
• To address the challenges and opportunities facing not only Chicago but all Great Cities of the 21st century, as expressed by our Great Cities Commitment.
• To foster scholarship and practices that reflect and respond to the increasing diversity of the U.S. in a rapidly globalizing world.
• To train professionals in a wide range of public service disciplines, serving Illinois as the principal educator of health science professionals and as a major healthcare provider to underserved communities.

History and Overview
The University of Illinois Chicago is the largest institution of higher education in the Chicago area with 33,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Through its 16 colleges and professional schools, UIC offers 86 undergraduate, 111 master’s, and 66 doctoral programs in architecture, art, applied health sciences, business administration, dentistry, education, engineering, humanities, mathematics, medicine, movement sciences, nursing, performing arts, pharmacy, public administration, public health, sciences, social sciences, social work, and urban planning. The university’s programs are enhanced by a variety of research centers and institutes that cover areas such as community improvement, developmental disabilities, energy, gerontology, robotics, urban economic development, and urban transportation. UIC consistently ranks among the top 50 out of more than 637 national universities in federal research funding.

In 1946, an undergraduate division of the University of Illinois was established at Navy Pier. This facility, renamed the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, moved to its present location in 1965, when it opened its doors as a four-year university. By 1982, it had grown to include eight academic colleges offering degree programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

In the fall of 1982, the University of Illinois at Chicago was formed by the consolidation of the two Chicago campuses (formerly known as the University of Illinois at the Medical Center and the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle) into a single institution of higher learning. The university’s facilities for medical instruction date back to 1894, when the Chicago College of Pharmacy became the School of Pharmacy of the University of Illinois. In 1897, the independent College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago became the Department of Medicine of the University; in 1901, the Columbian Dental College became the University School of Dentistry; and in 1925 the University Hospital opened. Programs in nursing education under university auspices began in the 1940s, becoming the School of Nursing in 1951 and, in 1959, the College of Nursing. Other health sciences units of the University of Illinois at Chicago include the College of Applied Health Sciences, the School of Public Health, and over 50 clinics and research facilities. A new $60 million University of Illinois Hospital was completed in 1981.

To learn about UIC’s leadership and role as one of three campuses of the University of Illinois, please consult the following web pages: Chancellor and Leadership and the University of Illinois 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 regional accrediting commissions.

The University of Illinois Chicago is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), one of the regional 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.hlc.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 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, http://www.ibhe.org

In addition to institutional accreditation, 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)
25400 US Highway 19 North
Suite 158
Clearwater, FL 33763
(727) 210-2350
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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

Nutrition - Coordinated Program (MS)
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190
Chicago, IL 60606-6995
(800) 877-1600
(312) 899-0400 ext. 5400
Email: ACEND@eatright.org
http://www.eatrightpro.org/acend

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 (accred@aota.org)
http://www.acoteonline.org

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program—Professional (DPT)
Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
1111 North Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-1488
(703) 684-2782, (800) 999-2782
Email: accreditation@apta.org
http://www.capteonline.org

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
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 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 (MA)
Teaching of Mathematics (MST)
Teaching of Spanish (MAT)
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 approves programs for licensure.

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 N. Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60654
(312) 988-6738
Email: legaled@americanbar.org
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

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.aacnnursing.org/CCNE

College of Pharmacy
Pharmacy (PharmD: Doctor of Pharmacy)
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)
190 S. La Salle 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
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)
Clinical and Translational Science (MS)
Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)
1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 220

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

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 or (312) 355-0423 for more program information.