

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:

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1411
(312) 263-0456
info@hlcommission.org
<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 accreditation of UIC is scheduled for 2033-2034. Verification of accreditation status is available in the Office of the Chancellor (312) 413-3350 and at the [HLC website](#).

The undergraduate academic degree programs described in this catalog have been approved by:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education
1 North 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, academic programs in 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 BS in Health Information Management

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

BS in Nutrition Science - Dietetics 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>

College of Business Administration

BS programs in Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Human Resource Management, Information and Decision Sciences, Management, Marketing, Real Estate, and Bachelor of Business Administration.

AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
777 South Harbour Island Boulevard, Suite 750
Tampa, Florida 33602
(813) 769-6500
<http://www.aacsb.edu>

College of Engineering

BS programs in Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Physics, Industrial Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering, accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

BS program in Computer Science, accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET.

ABET
415 North Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

(410) 347-7700
<http://www.abet.org>

Disclosures by College

College of Nursing

BS in Nursing

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
655 K Street, NW, Suite 750
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 887-6791
<http://www.aacnursing.org/CCNE>

School of Public Health

BA in Public Health, BS in Public Health

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

State Teacher Licensure

BA in Urban Education, BA in the Teaching of English, BA in the Teaching of French, BA in the Teaching of German, BA in the Teaching of Spanish, BA in the Teaching of History, BFA in Art Education, BMus in Music Education, BS in the Teaching of Math

The curricula for the preparation of elementary and secondary school teachers as listed in this catalog have been approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois State Board of Education, and the university. A list of all ISBE approved educator licensure programs provided by UIC is available through the office of Council on Teacher 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.

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.