

# Accreditation

## **Institutional Accreditation**

Northwestern State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate, Baccalaureate, Master's, and Specialist's degrees. It is a member in good standing of the Association of American Colleges and also of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

## **Professional Accreditation**

*Biological Sciences* – The baccalaureate degree in Biology does not have an accrediting agency. The associate degree in Veterinary Technology is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

*Business* – All baccalaureate degree programs in the College of Business are accredited by the Association for Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business International. The associate degrees do not have an accrediting agency.

*Chemistry and Physics* – The baccalaureate degree in Chemistry is accredited by the American Chemical Society. The baccalaureate degree in Physics does not have an accrediting agency.

*Creative and Performing Arts* – Both the baccalaureate and master's degree in Art are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. The baccalaureate and master's degree in Music are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. The baccalaureate degree in Theatre is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre. The baccalaureate degree in Music Education is accredited by both the National Association of Schools of Music as well as the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

*Education* – All baccalaureate, master's, and specialist programs in education are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. The Master of Arts in Student Personnel Services is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. The Master of Arts in Adult Education does not have an accreditation agency.

*Engineering Technology* – All degree programs in Engineering Technology are accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

*Family and Consumer Sciences* – Both the baccalaureate degree in Family and Consumer Sciences and the baccalaureate degree in Hospitality Management and Tourism are accredited by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The baccalaureate degree in Early Childhood Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

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*Health and Human Performance* – The baccalaureate degree in Health and Physical Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. There is no accrediting agency for the other degrees in the Department of Health and Human Performance.

*Journalism* – The baccalaureate degree in Journalism is accredited by the Accrediting Council of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

*Language and Communication* – There is no accreditation agency for the baccalaureate or master's degree of English.

*Mathematics* – There is no accreditation agency for the baccalaureate degree in Mathematics.

*Nursing* – Both the baccalaureate and master's degree in Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The associate degree in Nursing is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. The baccalaureate degree in Radiologic Technology is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

*Psychology* – There is no accreditation agency for the baccalaureate degree in Psychology or the baccalaureate degree in Addiction Studies. The master's degree in Clinical Psychology is accredited by the Masters in Psychology Accreditation Council.

*Scholars' College* – There is no accreditation agency for the baccalaureate degree in Liberal Arts.

*Social Sciences* – None of the degrees offered in the School of Social Sciences have an accreditation agency.

*Social Work* – The baccalaureate degree in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

*University College* – There are no accrediting agencies for either the associate or baccalaureate degrees in General Studies.