Accrediting Organizations

Fifteen of the 18 recognized institutional accreditors review both nonprofit and for-profit institutions: seven regional accreditors and seven national career-related accreditors.*

Regional organizations accredited 3,050 institutions in 2010-2011

- 2,944 nonprofit degree-granting.
- 106 for-profit degree-granting.

National career-related organizations accredited 4,298 institutions in 2010-2011

- 497 nonprofit institutions, 181 degree-granting and 316 non-degree-granting. 276 institutions are public.
- 4,298 for-profit institutions, 1,402 degree-granting and 2,896 non-degree granting.

National faith-related organizations accredited 470 institutions in 2010-2011

- 468 nonprofit institutions, 467 degree-granting and 1 non-degree-granting.
- 2 for-profit degree-granting institutions.

Fourteen Major For-Profit Higher Education Corporations

(Arrayed by category and enrollment. Includes 1,056 locations as identified on corporate Websites.)

Accredited by Both Regional and National Organizations (varies among 957 locations identified)

1. Apollo Group
2. Education Management Corporation
3. Career Education Corporation
4. Corinthian Colleges
5. DeVry
6. Kaplan, Inc.
7. ITT Educational Services
8. Laureate
9. Lincoln Educational Services
10. American Public Education

Accredited by Regional Organizations (99 locations identified)

1. Strayer Education
2. Bridgepoint Education
3. Capella Education
4. Grand Canyon Education

INSTITUTIONAL TOTALS

Accredited Institutions: 7,818

- Regional Accreditation: 3,050
- National Career-related Accreditation: 4,298
- National Faith-related Accreditation: 470
- Degree-granting: 4,921
- Non-degree-granting: 2,897
- For-profit: 3,909
- Nonprofit: 3,909