

ACCREDITATION

Concordia College is registered with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to Minnesota Statutes sections 136A.61 to 136A.71. Registration is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

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Concordia College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. For further information about accreditation, contact The Higher Learning Commission (<https://www.hlcommission.org/>) at 800.621.7440.

Concordia College is a member of the National Council of State Authorization of Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA). This ensures that Concordia College will follow a consistent set of guidelines and best practices for distance learning which will be consistent with what students will experience if participating in distance learning in other states that are NC-SARA members.

Graduates in accounting are qualified to take the Minnesota examination for the CPA certificate under rules of the Minnesota Society Board of Accountancy.

The department of chemistry is approved by the American Chemical Society (ACS). Approval indicates that the department has the facilities, faculty and curriculum to provide undergraduate education in chemistry according to guidelines established by the ACS.

All programs within the department of education are fully approved by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) allowing graduates to pursue Minnesota licensure.

The Exercise Science program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Allied Health Program Education (<https://www.caahep.org/students/find-an-accredited-program/>) (CAAHEP).

The food/nutrition/dietetics major (didactic program in dietetics) has accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (<https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accredited-programs/program-directory/>) (ACEND).

The combined Dietetic Internship and Master of Science in Nutrition with an emphasis in Dietetics Leadership has accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (<https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accredited-programs/program-directory/>) (ACEND).

Concordia Language Villages is fully accredited by the American Camp Association (<https://find.acacamps.org/>) and is accredited as a special purpose school by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement.

The long-term care administration (LTC) program is accredited by the Minnesota Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators (<https://mn.gov/boards/beltss/nha/learning/>). Graduates are eligible to take the Nursing Home Administrator's (NHA) license exam upon graduation in Minnesota (and most other jurisdictions).

The LTC program has also received academic accreditation as a Health Services Executive (HSE) Program by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards. Graduates are eligible to seek the HSE credential upon graduation. The HSE is a national credential that enhances the portability of NHA and HSE licensure nationwide.

The department of music is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (<https://nasm.arts-accredit.org/directory-lists/accredited-institutions/>) (NASM).

The nursing program at Concordia College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<https://www.aacnursing.org/ccne-accreditation/find-accredited-programs/>) (CCNE), 655 K St. NW, Suite 750, Washington DC 20001, 202.887.6791, and maintains approval through the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

Sanford School of Clinical Laboratory Science is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS), 5600 N River Road, Suite 720, Rosemont, IL 60018, 773.714.8880. NAACLS is recognized by the Council for Higher Education (CHEA). Recognition by CHEA affirms that standards and processes of accrediting organizations are consistent with quality improvement and expectations of accountability. Accreditation is a process of external peer review, which in turn grants public recognition to a program of study or an institution that meets established qualifications and educational standards.

The social work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (<https://www.cswe.org/accreditation/about/directory/>) (CSWE).