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“ Being the first in my family to attend a four-year college, leaving the life I knew so well was difficult at first, but has become the best decision I ever made! ”

Heidi Heckenberg,  
senior at Central College



# welcome!

Welcome to Your Course to College, your official state resource for everything you need to know about the college application and financial aid processes, federal and state financial aid programs, colleges and universities in Iowa, and selecting a major and future career, as well as tips to help make the transition to college easy.

Visit Iowa College Aid's website at [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov) or call 877-272-4456 with any college questions.

## LIVING THE COLLEGE LIFE

Who better to give advice to a future college student, like you, than current college students! Look throughout this guide for high school, college and career advice from current students at Iowa's colleges and universities!

Thank you to Drake University for hosting our photo shoot. The pictures throughout this guide were taken on Drake's beautiful campus.

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## 4 REASONS TO go to college

### 1. OPPORTUNITY

The more education you have, the more likely you are to land a job that enables you to live comfortably. The majority of Iowa's fastest growing and highest paying jobs require education beyond high school.

### 2. OPTIONS

A college education not only broadens your knowledge, it also increases your ability to problem-solve, think critically, clearly communicate thoughts both verbally and in writing and manage multiple projects. These are all things that employers rank as highly important.

### 3. INCOME

College graduates earn more money. Average lifetime earnings of a person with a 4-year degree has been estimated at \$2.8 million, 84 percent more than the lifetime earnings of someone with only a high school diploma.\*

### 4. SECURITY

College graduates outperform their peers with less education on virtually every measure of economic well-being and career attainment. They are more likely to have full-time jobs and are significantly less likely to be unemployed.

## WHAT ARE your reasons?

- Meet new people from different backgrounds and cultures
- Discover your passion
- Try new things
- Learn new skills
- Build your confidence
- Get involved in new clubs and activities
- Make your own decisions
- Learn more about yourself
- Challenge yourself and prove you can succeed
- Start a tradition
- Make your family proud



\*Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.

# START WITH a plan

Planning your future can seem intimidating at first, but keep in mind that every journey - even yours - begins with a plan. While you don't have to know exactly what you want to do after you graduate, having a general career path in mind can help you find the right college fit and potential major. Start by asking yourself some questions: What classes do you find the most interesting? What activities do you enjoy? Where do you like to spend your time? By identifying the activities, places and people that make you happy, you will develop an idea about the type of work that best suits you.

## 4 WAYS TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT IN high school

Your high school may participate in **concurrent enrollment**, **advanced placement**, **postsecondary enrollment** or **career academy** opportunities which, in most cases, allow you to earn both high school and college credit. These programs are typically offered at no cost to students (with a few exceptions). Talk to your counselor or AP coordinator to learn more.

### 1. CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

Community college courses often taught at the high school where students earn both college and high school credit.

### 2. ADVANCED PLACEMENT

College-level courses taught at the high school. Many colleges grant credit, advanced placement or both to students who take and earn high AP exam scores. The Iowa Online AP Academy offers AP classes to students whose high schools don't offer on-site classes.

### 3. POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT

Courses taken through a college where students earn college credit as well as high school credit for those courses that meet district graduation requirements.

### 4. CAREER ACADEMY

Programs in specific technical fields at community colleges that prepare students for entry and advancement in high-skill career fields. Students may earn both college and high school credit.

## RECOMMENDED COLLEGE PREP courses

While it's tempting to take only those classes needed to graduate, a strong academic foundation improves your odds of getting into and succeeding at your top college. This means you should take challenging courses and maintain good grades. Although academic requirements differ from college to college, the recommended classes below are typical requirements for admission to most four-year colleges and universities.

### ENGLISH, LANGUAGE ARTS, 4 YEARS

College involves a lot of reading and interpretation as well as the ability to communicate your thoughts effectively, both verbally and in writing. Prepare by taking courses in reading, composition, interpretation of literature and speaking.

### MATH, 3 YEARS

Two years of algebra and one year of geometry are recommended, but entrance into specific program majors may require additional coursework such as trigonometry, calculus and/or statistics.

### SCIENCE, 3 YEARS

Biology, chemistry and physics are good college prep courses. Classes in physical or environmental science may also count towards the three-year recommendation. Some colleges may require or highly recommend a class with laboratory experience.

### SOCIAL STUDIES, GEOGRAPHY, SOCIAL SCIENCE, 3 YEARS

Social studies helps you understand what is happening in the world. Courses in world and U.S. history are recommended. Additional courses in economics, geography, government, sociology, psychology or anthropology can also count towards the three-year recommendation.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE, 2-3 YEARS

Two years of a single foreign language is recommended, although some program majors may require three years in a single language or two years each in two different languages.

### ELECTIVE COURSES

Elective courses allow you to explore your interests. Take the opportunity to seek a challenge rather than avoid it. Taking challenging programs offered at your school will help you stand out in the college application process. Classes may include computer programming, accounting, agriculture, journalism, marketing, graphic design and art-related courses in addition to others.



# CAREER outlook

## FINDING THE CAREER THAT BEST FITS YOU

After you have thought about the subjects and activities that interest you most, research possible careers that will put those interests to use.

## LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF

College and career planning websites, such as **IHaveAPlanIowa.gov**, are great resources to help you find and learn about career possibilities that match your interests and abilities.

## RESEARCH CAREERS

There are hundreds of career options that match each type of skill area, and most involve more than one skill. The following resources can help you learn more about the different careers and the skills required as well as which fields are the fastest growing and offer competitive salaries.

**[www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov](http://www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov)** - Career Information System

**[www.IowaJobs.org](http://www.IowaJobs.org)** - Iowa Workforce Development statewide job system

**[www.BLS.gov/ooh](http://www.BLS.gov/ooh)** - Occupational Outlook Handbook

**[www.BLS.gov/careeroutlook](http://www.BLS.gov/careeroutlook)** - Bureau of Labor Statistics Career Outlook

## GET EXPERIENCE

Firsthand experience is the best way to find out if you will really like an occupation. Start by talking to people in careers that interest you. Job shadowing opportunities, where you follow a professional on the job, will help you to experience the types of work and tasks required.



## STUDENT PROFILE

**Student:** Natasha

**College:** Clarke University

**Year:** Sophomore

**Hometown:** Waterloo, Iowa

**Major(s):** Music Vocal Performance and Psychology

**Impact:** Natasha belts her heart out as lead vocalist for Clarke University's Jazz Ensemble, performs internationally with the Clarke Collegiate Singers and maintains her own songbird YouTube channel. In addition, she serves as class president and leads volunteer opportunities. She sums up her feelings about her college choice:

“The moment I stepped foot on campus I just 'knew'!”

# SET YOURSELF APART earn your NCRC



It's no secret that today's job market is very competitive for new high school and college graduates. You can set yourself apart from the crowd by earning a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).

The NCRC is a nationally-recognized credential that certifies essential skills, verifies your work readiness skill level to potential employers and demonstrates your commitment to success. A NCRC is a great complement to your high school diploma. Your diploma is a credential of academic preparation; the NCRC is a credential of skill application.

The NCRC is offered to all Iowa students at no cost! Ask your counselor about earning your NCRC and learn more about certification at **[www.SkilledIowa.org](http://www.SkilledIowa.org)**.

# WHAT'S YOUR major?

If you are not sure what to major in, you are not alone. Many college students change their major at least once during their time in college. You are more likely to select a major that is the right fit if your decision is based on the planning you have already started for your future career and the experiences you have had up to this point.

## YOUR INTERESTS

Think about the types of things you enjoy. Do you prefer working alone or in groups? Do you like working with data or would you rather work directly with people? Start exploring by taking classes related to your interests.

## YOUR ABILITIES

What high school courses are your best subjects? What are your strengths and weaknesses? Do you see a pattern?

## YOUR WORK VALUES

What is important to you? Examples of work values include helping others, contributing to your community, being creative, solving problems, doing work that yields results, making a difference, leading others, having a structured day and being recognized for your work.

# 5 QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN CHOOSING a major

## 1. WHY DO I WANT THIS MAJOR?

Are you really interested and excited about the subject matter or are you choosing something based on what your friends or family want you to do?

## 2. WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT THIS MAJOR?

Some majors sound more interesting before you start taking courses in them and vice versa. Look at the requirements and course descriptions before you decide.

## 3. WHICH COLLEGES ARE STRONG IN THIS MAJOR?

Not all majors are equal on a college campus. Some colleges specialize in certain majors or are known for having strong programs in certain fields.

## 4. WHAT IS THE CAREER OUTLOOK FOR THIS MAJOR?

How many students in this major find employment in their field after they graduate? Is the demand for jobs in this major stronger in certain parts of the country than others? If so, are you willing to move?

## 5. WILL I LIKE THIS MAJOR?

Do you have the skills and abilities for the classes required? Don't commit to a major without talking to someone to find out what it is really like. Talk to college students, people working in the field and college professors.

“ Tour college campuses! Visit each school that interests you! ”

Kristen Meysenburg,  
Iowa Western Community  
College student



# CHOOSING a college

Choosing a college is an extremely personal decision. A good starting point is to identify colleges that offer programs and majors related to your career interests.

## COMPILE A LIST OF POSSIBLE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Start by listing colleges that offer the major(s) that interest you and that meet other factors you find important.

## RESEARCH COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ON YOUR LIST

Gather information about each college by talking to your school counselor, attending college fairs and visiting college websites. Many colleges offer virtual campus tours so you can get an idea of the look and feel from your computer.

## SCHEDULE CAMPUS VISITS

Visiting several colleges is important because it will help you determine which college fits you best, both socially and academically. If possible, try to visit when classes are in session. Prepare specific questions to ask at each college. Make a list of college characteristics that are important to you and check off items offered by each college. The tips in the box below provide a starting point to help you make the most of your campus visits. Don't forget to contact an admissions representative to schedule your visits!

## APPLY TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT MAKE THE CUT

The research you have done and the college visits you have made will help you determine which colleges you are interested in attending. Make sure you know the application requirements and deadlines for each college before you apply. Some colleges may require essays, personal interviews or letters of recommendation. Knowing what is expected ensures you have plenty of time to prepare. Make sure you apply to at least one college where you are confident you will be accepted, but don't sell yourself short either!

## HOW TO ROCK college visits

- Some colleges may be too far for an initial visit. Start by taking virtual campus tours. Check the college's website or look into online sites such as eCampusTours and [campustours.com](http://campustours.com).
- Take a campus tour, check out different housing options and tour the surrounding area.
- Schedule a visit with the financial aid office to discuss costs and financing options.
- Get a feel for college life by eating in a campus cafeteria and staying overnight in campus housing.
- Sit in on a class that interests you.
- Talk to a professor in your intended field of study or major.
- Ask current students about campus life and what they do on the weekends.
- Read the campus newspaper.
- Visit with advisors and members of activities and clubs that interest you.
- Document each visit, including any feelings you have during the visit, to help you find the right fit.

## FACTORS IN CHOOSING A COLLEGE:

- |                                   |                                |  |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| • Cost                            | • Academic programs and majors | • Support services                       | • Type of learning environment |
| • Average student loan debt       | • School expertise             | • Extracurricular activities/campus life | • Housing options              |
| • Location                        | • Diversity                    | • Safety and security                    | • Graduation rates             |
| • Size of campus/total enrollment | • Average ACT score            | • Faculty/student ratio                  | • Job placement rates          |



# TYPES OF colleges

As you start your college search, you will find there are many different options - colleges, universities, community colleges, private colleges, public colleges, proprietary colleges as well as career, vocational and technical schools. Here's a rundown of what makes each unique:

## 4-YEAR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Iowa has three public universities – the University of Iowa, Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa. These universities offer bachelor's degree programs as well as advanced degree programs, including master's, doctoral and professional degree programs. As state institutions, they receive funding from the state of Iowa to reduce tuition costs for in-state students.

## PRIVATE 4-YEAR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Iowa has a variety of private, non-profit colleges and universities that offer bachelor's degree programs and many also offer advanced degrees. Private colleges and universities are often smaller in size and offer lower student-to-faculty ratios than public universities. While they do not receive direct state support, many have their own endowments that enable them to offer institutional grants and scholarships, in addition to federal and state financial aid programs, to help offset higher published tuition costs.

## PROPRIETARY COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Proprietary colleges and universities are privately owned and operated to generate a profit. These educational businesses often offer technical and pre-professional programs, but may also offer associate's, bachelor's and master's degree programs.

## 2-YEAR PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Iowa has 15 community college districts throughout the state. Community colleges offer associate's degree (two-year) programs as well as diplomas and certificates for graduates of vocational programs of less than two years. Tuition and fees are typically lower and admissions requirements less stringent than for many four-year colleges and universities. Many students choose to start at a community college and later transfer to a four-year college or university.

## CAREER, VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

These institutions may be public or private, although many are for-profit businesses. They typically offer programs to prepare students for a specific occupation or trade. Training options may include computer technology, cosmetology, medical assistance, automotive repair and paralegal studies, among others. The length of time to complete the program depends on your course of study, but can range from a few months to several years.

## ONLINE VS. CLASSROOM

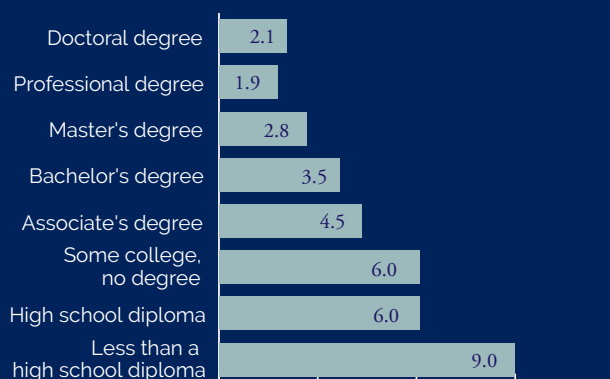
If the traditional classroom experience is not feasible or practical for your situation, look into the many distance education and flexible learning opportunities available!

Many Iowa colleges and universities offer courses online and some have certain degrees or programs that can be completed online without ever having to step foot in a classroom. Distance education and flexible learning options available through Iowa colleges and universities can be found in the "For Students" section at [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov).

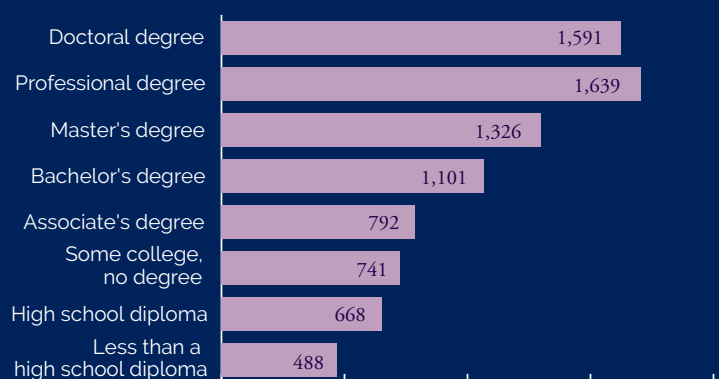
## HIGHER EDUCATION PAYS

Overall, the more education you attain, the more likely you will find employment opportunities with higher earning potential.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN 2014 (%)



MEDIAN WEEKLY EARNINGS IN 2014 (\$)





# TYPES OF TRAINING & degrees

There are many different training and education choices beyond high school. The type of education or training you need will depend on your career choice. See the descriptions and examples below to help you decide which program is right for you.

## APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is a training program that combines classroom studies with on-the-job training supervised by a trade professional. You earn wages while you learn a skilled profession in a specific field. It can take several years to become fully trained in the occupation you choose. Examples of careers requiring an apprenticeship include electrician, plumber and carpenter.

## CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS

Certificate and diploma programs focus on particular skills needed for specific careers. Certificates can generally be completed in a year or less and diplomas in two years or less at a community college, career/technical/business college or some four-year colleges. Examples of possible careers requiring a certificate or diploma include paralegal, cosmetologist, welder, chef, certified nursing assistant and radiological technician.

## ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

Associate's degrees can usually be earned in two years (sometimes less) at any community college or some career/technical/business colleges and four-year colleges. Some associate's degrees can be applied toward a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university. Examples of possible careers requiring an associate's degree include dental hygienist, administrative assistant, registered nurse, veterinary technician and auto mechanic.

## BACHELOR'S DEGREE

A bachelor's degree, or undergraduate degree, typically takes at least four years to complete at any four-year college or university. Careers that require a bachelor's degree include teacher, engineer, accountant, dietitian and social worker.

## ADVANCED DEGREE

After obtaining a bachelor's degree, you may choose to pursue an advanced degree such as a master's, doctoral or professional degree. The time it takes to complete an advanced degree can be several years, depending on the type of degree. Examples of professions that require an advanced degree include dentist, lawyer, veterinarian, pharmacist, psychologist, college professor and medical doctor.

“ I picked my college because it was a good fit and an affordable way to get a quality education while I figure out exactly what I want to do. ”

Seth Hamilton, Kirkwood  
Community College student



# APPLYING TO college

After narrowing down your list of colleges, you need to apply for admission. Getting the college application process started is easier with a little planning and preparation.

## START EARLY

Start your applications early. Most students do the majority of their application work during the fall of their senior year. Deadlines for most colleges are between January 1 and February 15 but can be sooner if you are applying for early admission.

## CHECK YOUR RAI

If you are applying to Iowa State University, the University of Iowa or the University of Northern Iowa, you will need to have a Regent Admissions Index (RAI) of at least 245 and have taken the minimum number of required high school courses to qualify for automatic admission.

The RAI is a combination of your ACT or SAT test score, high school rank, high school cumulative GPA and the number of completed high school core courses. An alternative formula is available for students whose high schools do not provide class rank. If your RAI falls short, you may still be offered admission after the university conducts an individual review of your application. You can calculate your RAI at [www.regents.iowa.gov/RAI/](http://www.regents.iowa.gov/RAI/).

## SUBMIT ALL REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION

Make sure that you submit all requested documentation when completing your college applications. Requested documents typically include:

- Application fee or waiver
- Letters of recommendation
- Official ACT and/or SAT scores
- Official high school transcript
- Official college transcripts for dual credit courses (if applicable)
- AP exam scores (if applicable)

## TAKE YOUR TIME ON ESSAYS

Some colleges or universities require you to write a personal essay as part of their application process. These essays can be on a variety of topics, but all provide an opportunity for you to tell the admissions committee about who you are as a person. Be honest, concise and write thoughtfully from the heart. This is your opportunity to distinguish yourself from the crowd of applicants!

# 5 FIVE MISTAKES TO AVOID ON COLLEGE applications

## 1. FAILING TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

When completing online applications, don't assume that it was successfully submitted. You should receive a confirmation or response that it was received by the college.

## 2. NOT PROOFREADING

For something as important as your college application, make sure to spell check and proofread for grammatical errors. Nothing is worse than misspelling the name of the college or your intended major!

## 3. FOCUSING ON QUANTITY VS. QUALITY

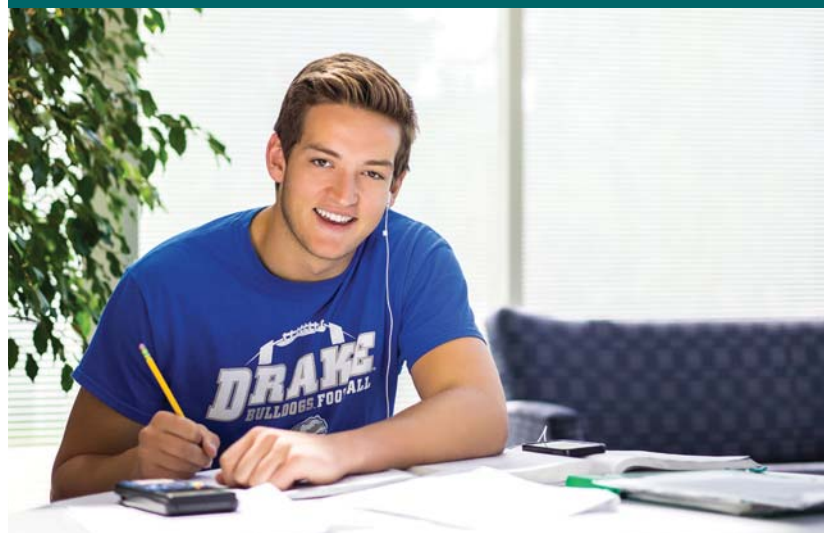
College admissions officers want to know where your passions lie and your level of commitment. This is more likely to be evident through consistent involvement in a few activities or volunteer opportunities than a large number that appear your senior year.

## 4. REPEATING YOURSELF

Every part of the college application is valuable to the admissions process. Avoid repeating the same thought over and over. Make sure each section is focused and has purpose.

## 5. BEING UNTRUTHFUL

Never lie on your college application. This includes exaggerating activities, inflating your grades or class rank or plagiarizing an essay.





# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS process

## GATHER NECESSARY INFORMATION AND COMPLETE THE COLLEGE'S APPLICATION.

Items needed:

- Social Security Number
- GPA & class rank
- Name & address of your current and previous high schools
- I-94 card (if applicable)
- ACT or SAT score
- Dual credit information

## REQUEST YOUR OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

High School Transcript: You will need to submit an official high school transcript to each college. Transcripts can be requested through your high school.

## PAY THE APPLICATION FEE (IF APPLICABLE) OR SUBMIT A FEE WAIVER

You may have to pay an application fee, although some colleges will waive the fee if you apply online. If you can't afford the fee, talk to your counselor to see if you qualify for a fee waiver.

## TO WHICH TYPE OF COLLEGE ARE YOU APPLYING?

### 4-Year College

#### SUBMIT YOUR ACT AND/OR SAT SCORES

Most 4-year colleges will require your official ACT or SAT test results.

#### SUBMIT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Well-written letters can highlight your unique and impressive characteristics. Request letters from teachers and counselors who know you and your abilities well.

#### SUBMIT ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (IF APPLICABLE)

Some colleges may have additional requirements for specific programs such as a portfolio of work for art/design/architecture programs.

#### WRITE APPLICATION ESSAY (IF REQUIRED)

If your college requires an essay they may provide you with a specific topic. Think of ways to make yours stand out from the crowd.

#### SUBMIT THE APPLICATION & CONFIRM RECEIPT BY THE COLLEGE.

#### SCHEDULE & GO TO INTERVIEW (IF REQUIRED)

## FINISHED!

Watch for an admissions decision!

### 2-Year College

#### SUBMIT THE APPLICATION & CONFIRM RECEIPT BY THE COLLEGE.

## ALMOST FINISHED!

Most two-year colleges will require that you complete an assessment and/or placement test to assess your skills in reading, writing and mathematics prior to enrolling.

**Early Decision Agreement:** Some colleges offer early decision. To be considered you must submit an agreement where you make a commitment to attend and agree to withdraw any other college applications if offered admission.

# FACTORS IN THE admissions decision

## GRADES IN COLLEGE PREP CLASSES ARE #1

While many factors influence college admissions decisions, colleges consistently list grades achieved in college prep classes as the most important. Each college will have its own evaluation system and criteria they hope to find in candidates. Other factors considered include:

- Difficulty of classes taken
- ACT/SAT score
- Class rank
- Recommendations
- Extracurricular activities
- Essays and/or interviews

Make sure to highlight your skills, strengths and experience in a manner that demonstrates your ability to succeed at each specific college and how you will contribute to the campus.

## TONE DOWN THE TWEETS

You may be surprised to learn that many college admissions officers and potential employers check social media sites of potential students and job applicants before extending offers. In fact, in a recent Kaplan Test Prep Survey, **one out of three college admissions officers visited an applicant's social media page** to find out more. The bottom line: what you post online likely won't get you into college, but it just might keep you out.

Negative social media posts commonly found include:

- Photos depicting inappropriate behavior
- Poor communication skills
- Bad-mouthing other schools
- Discriminatory comments related to race, gender, religion or other topics
- Lying about activities or other accomplishments

## ACT OR SAT: WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES?

While the ACT and SAT are both standardized college admissions tests accepted by most colleges and universities, there are differences. Keep in mind that a new SAT format will be implemented in March 2016. (Learn more about the redesigned SAT at [www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat).) Check to see if the colleges you are interested in attending prefer one test over the other. If either test is accepted, keep in mind the following differences when determining which test is best suited to your skills and strengths.

- The ACT has four sections: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. The redesigned SAT has three sections: Evidence-based Reading, Mathematics and Writing. While the redesigned SAT does not have a stand-alone Science section, Science-related questions are included throughout its three sections.

- The writing section is no longer a requirement on the redesigned SAT. The writing section has always been optional with the ACT.
- While both the ACT and SAT primarily are multiple-choice tests (except for the writing section), the SAT has a math section that requires students to produce their own answers.
- Total testing time (including the optional essay) is 3 hours, 25 minutes for the ACT and 3 hours, 50 minutes for the SAT.





# 3 STEPS TO COLLEGE admissions success

BECAUSE COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING

## step 1: apply to college

Filling out college applications during the fall semester of your senior year will ensure that you are on track to attend college after high school graduation.

- Most 4-year colleges and universities require you to submit your ACT or SAT score as part of the admissions process. Pick a test date that is at least two months ahead of the application deadlines for the colleges and scholarships you are considering.
- Most colleges allow you to apply online. If you have questions concerning the applications, turn to your parents or a school counselor. If they are unable to help, don't be afraid to call the admissions office at the college to get your questions answered.
- Almost all institutions will use the email address and postal address you listed on your application to send you follow-up information. Be sure to check your email and your home mail frequently to make sure you are receiving all of the necessary information.
- College attainment does not stop at the application process. Follow all three steps to ensure college success.

## step 2: file the FAFSA

To receive financial aid, it is necessary to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Some aid is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Check with the colleges or universities you are considering to find out their specific financial aid priority deadline.
- If this is your first time filing the FAFSA, consider attending an Iowa College Goal Sunday event. These events are held throughout the state of Iowa and allow students to receive free, on-site FAFSA filing assistance from trained volunteers. Check out [www.iowacgs.org](http://www.iowacgs.org) to find an event near you.
- For more specific information and tips for filing your FAFSA, check out page 14!

## step 3: pick your college

May 1 is known as National College Decision Day, due to the fact that the majority of colleges and universities in the United States have set this day as the deadline for students to notify them of their decision to attend.

- Even if the colleges and universities you are interested in attending have a decision date later than May 1, try to narrow down your choices and select your future school by this day.
- Review your financial aid awards to ensure you fully understand what your cost of attendance will be.
- Notify the school you plan to attend and send in the necessary paperwork.
- Make certain you have entered the school you plan to attend on your FAFSA.



# FINDING FUNDS TO PAY FOR your education

Paying for college does not have to be financially overwhelming. There are many different ways for families to pay for a college education, and the financial aid process is not as complicated as most people think. In fact, most students attending Iowa colleges and universities receive some form of financial assistance. After you have submitted your college applications, make sure to complete these four financial aid tasks to be considered for the most financial aid.

## 1. SUBMIT THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

To qualify for most financial aid programs, you must complete and submit a FAFSA. The fastest and most accurate way to apply is online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). The FAFSA will ask information about your finances, your family's finances and your college plans.

## 2. SUBMIT THE IOWA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

The Iowa Financial Aid Application allows you to apply for multiple state-administered aid programs with one application. It can be accessed by clicking the application button at [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov).

## 3. DECIDE ON A COLLEGE & ACCEPT AID

All colleges that you list on your FAFSA will send you a financial aid award letter if you are offered admission. The award letters may be electronic or paper and describe the financial aid package each college can offer you.

When comparing aid packages from more than one college, consider how much assistance is from scholarships and grants (which do not have to be repaid) and how much is from loan support (which must be repaid).

To accept the financial aid package offered by a college or university, follow all instructions. This may involve entering aid amounts you intend to accept in an online form, or in the case of a paper award letter, signing and returning it by a specified deadline. Don't miss deadlines for accepting aid or the funds could be given to other students. Talk to the financial aid office at the college or university if there is an unusual circumstance that delays your response.

To officially accept a college admissions offer and reserve your place in the entering class of new students, make sure to submit your deposit by the college's reply date. May 1 is the decision reply date for most colleges.

## 4. SEEK & APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Continue seeking and applying for outside scholarships. In fact, think of it as a part-time job. If you spend 20 hours on scholarship applications and only receive one worth \$1,000, you just made \$50 an hour for your efforts!

Reputable education organizations will NOT charge fees for scholarship searches. The following are a few such sites:

- [www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov](http://www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov)
- [www.scholarshipamerica.org](http://www.scholarshipamerica.org)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.collegegreenlight.com](http://www.collegegreenlight.com)
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>
- [www.careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/](http://www.careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/)
- [www.chegg.com](http://www.chegg.com)

**More information on state scholarships and grants is available on page 17.**

## NEVER PAY TO FILE THE FAFSA

There are no fees to complete or file the FAFSA. If you have questions, get free help by calling Iowa College Aid at 877-272-4456, the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) at 877-272-4692 or call the financial aid office at any college or university.

## FAFSA FILING DEADLINES

The Directory of Iowa Colleges & Universities, starting on page 32, includes the priority deadline for FAFSA filing for each Iowa college and university.





# FILING THE FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) serves as the application for federal and several state programs. Even if you are not sure that you will need financial aid, file it anyway - it's free. Just about every family is eligible for some form of financial aid - grants, scholarships, work-study or student loans.

## PARENTAL INFORMATION

The need to include parental financial information on the FAFSA will be determined by whether you are a dependent or independent student. You are considered to be an independent student and do not need to provide parental information if you are:

- 24 years old or older
- A graduate student
- Married
- Provide over 50% financial support for dependents
- A U.S. Armed Forces veteran
- Currently serve on active duty in the armed forces for purposes other than training
- An unaccompanied youth who is homeless or at risk of being homeless
- An emancipated minor or in legal guardianship
- Since turning 13, you were in foster care, a dependent or ward of the court or both your parents are deceased

If you do not meet any of the independent student criteria, parental information **must** be provided on the FAFSA. If you feel you have special circumstances that inhibit your ability to provide parental information on the FAFSA such as the inability to locate your parents, your parents are incarcerated, you left home due to an abusive situation or your parents refuse to provide their information and refuse to provide you with any financial support, you should contact the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.

## WHERE TO GET YOUR FAFSA

The quickest way to file the FAFSA is online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). This web-based form includes online assistance and prompts to reduce applicant error. Processing is quicker if you electronically sign the FAFSA with your Federal Student Aid ID which consists of a username and password.

Paper forms for mailing can be obtained through 1-800-4-FEDAID (800-433-3243) or by visiting [www.fafsa.gov/options.htm](http://www.fafsa.gov/options.htm).

## IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL

If you and your parents have already filed federal tax returns, this tool allows you to prefill the answers to some of the FAFSA questions by transferring the data directly from the IRS website. Even if you initially filed your FAFSA based on estimated income data, you may be able to use the tool to make corrections. Not only can this save you time, it reduces input errors.

## FAFSA DEADLINES

Your completed FAFSA should be submitted as soon after January 1 as possible to receive financial aid in the next academic year.

July 1 is the application deadline for many grants and scholarships funded by the state of Iowa, but several have March 1 priority deadlines. Page 17 provides a chart of application deadlines for all programs administered by Iowa College Aid. In addition, most college and university financial aid offices have priority deadlines as early as February or March. Some aid is limited and might not be available if you miss the priority deadlines.

## FAFSA FILING TIPS

- Gather the following information for you and your parents:
  - Driver's License Number
  - Social Security Number
  - Federal Income Tax Returns, W-2 Forms and other records of money earned (Note: You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool)
  - Records of untaxed income
  - Current bank statements
  - Current business and farm records, as well as other savings and investments
  - Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Enter your name as it appears on your Social Security Card.
- If eligible, use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer data directly from the IRS website to your FAFSA.
- Enter up to 10 colleges or universities that you are considering for enrollment. This ensures that your information is shared with campus officials who will evaluate your eligibility for federal, state and institutional financial aid.
- Sign the FAFSA using your Federal Student Aid ID for fastest processing.
- Print out the confirmation page after submitting, which displays the exact date and time the form was received.

# WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER the FAFSA

## YOUR STUDENT AID REPORT

After submitting your completed FAFSA, the U.S. Department of Education will process the data and compile your Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR will be sent to you and the colleges you selected when you filed your FAFSA. If you provided an email address, you will receive an email with instructions on how to access an online copy of your SAR, otherwise it will be mailed to you. Typically, you will be able to access your SAR within 3-5 days if you filed your FAFSA electronically (SAR results will take approximately three weeks if you filed a paper FAFSA). The SAR contains your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as well as initial information about your Pell Grant eligibility. Colleges and universities use your EFC to determine your eligibility for federal grants, loans, work-study and other financial aid programs.

## YOUR EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

Variables that determine your EFC include income and net worth for you and your parents, family size, age of older parent, state and federal taxes and number of family members attending college. Your EFC may change from year to year as your family size, number of students in college or income changes.

## FINANCIAL NEED VS. COLLEGE COSTS

Each college or university listed on your FAFSA and to which you are accepted, will determine your financial need at their respective institution and present you with an award letter describing the aid it can offer you. Each college will first determine whether you have financial need. Your Financial Need is equal to the Cost of Attendance (COA) minus your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

### COST OF ATTENDANCE

(depends on the college)

### — YOUR EFC

(stays the same regardless of your college)

### YOUR FINANCIAL NEED

Your EFC will remain the same in a given year (unless an unusual family situation arises) regardless of which college or university you attend. The amount of financial aid you may receive cannot exceed the total cost of attendance at each college or university. However, your financial need will fluctuate depending on the cost of attendance at the college or university that you attend.

## COMPARING AWARD LETTERS

Each award letter will include federal, state and college-specific financial aid programs the college can offer you. It is likely that your award letter will include one or more types of loans for you to consider.

When comparing award letters, consider how much aid is from scholarships and grants (which do not have to be repaid) and how much is from loan support (which must be repaid with interest). Keep in mind that you do not have to accept nor borrow the full amount of loans offered to you.

## SAMPLE EFC CALCULATION FOR A DEPENDENT STUDENT:\*

Parents' combined income .....	\$60,000
Student's income .....	\$5,000
Parents' assets .....	\$10,000
Student's assets .....	\$1,000
Age of older parent .....	50
Family size (parents & children) .....	4
Number in college .....	1

Expected Family Contribution per year (EFC) ..... \$4,311

\*This illustrates an approximation of the Federal EFC figure that is calculated when you file a FAFSA. The results are likely to be within \$500 of the correct results for typical students.

## WWW.FAFSA4CASTER.ED.GOV

FAFSA4caster will help you get an early start on the financial aid process by:

- Providing you an unofficial estimate of your EFC.
- Giving you an experience similar to the FAFSA on the Web.
- Allowing you to transfer your data to FAFSA on the Web
- Increasing your knowledge about the financial aid process.

# 5 TYPES OF COLLEGE costs

The annual cost to attend college (Cost of Attendance) depends on which college you decide to attend. That amount is made up of five different types of costs:

## 1. TUITION & FEES

The cost for classes, instruction and use of certain facilities at a particular college. Below are the average costs for 2015-16 by type of college:



Go to the Directory of Iowa Colleges & Universities on page 32 to find 2015-16 tuition and fees for individual college and universities.

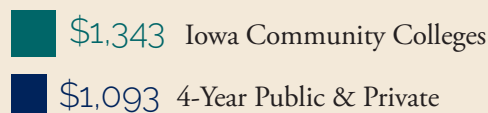
## 2. ROOM & BOARD

The cost of a place to live and the meals you eat for the school year. An example is your residence hall or apartment and meal plan or food you purchase yourself.



## 3. BOOKS & SUPPLIES

The cost of such items as your books, course materials, office and art supplies. The cost depends on the type and number of classes that you take.



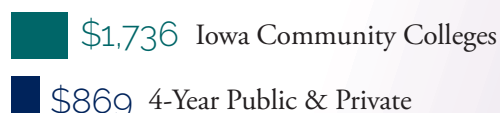
## 4. PERSONAL EXPENSES

The cost for things such as laundry, clothing, personal items, eating out, recreation and cell phone bills.



## 5. TRANSPORTATION

The cost for getting back and forth to campus. These costs vary depending on if you commute to class each day and how far it is for you to travel home at the beginning and end of the school year.





# CASH IN ON free money

## STATE SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

The state of Iowa appropriates funding for several grant programs to help families with higher education costs. Students who receive Iowa-funded grants and scholarships must be Iowa residents, attend an eligible Iowa college or university and meet other criteria specific to each program. Scholarships and grants do not have to be repaid and can significantly reduce college expenses. The chart below provides an overview of the application requirements for each scholarship and grant administered by Iowa College Aid. For specific eligibility criteria, go to [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov) and select "State Grants & Scholarships".

## CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID

The Eligibility Wizard in the Iowa Financial Aid Application will allow you to receive estimated information on your eligibility for state financial aid programs by answering less than 10 questions! Access the Iowa Financial Aid Application online at [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov).



Program	Type of Iowa College Students Must Attend	Start of Application	FAFSA Required	Iowa Financial Aid Application Required	Priority Application Deadline	Final Application Deadline	Maximum Award
Iowa Tuition Grant	Private	January 1	Yes	No	None	July 1	\$6,000
Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant	Community College	January 1	Yes	No	None	July 1	\$1,200
Kibbie Grant (Iowa Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant)	Community College	January 1	Yes	No	None	July 1	\$2,375 - 1/2 of the average tuition & fees at Iowa community colleges
All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship	Any eligible college/university	January 1	Yes	Yes	March 1	July 1	\$7,885 for one year, or up to \$3,943 a year for two years.
All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant	Any eligible college/university	January 1	Yes	Yes	March 1	July 1	\$8,815
Education Training Voucher	Any eligible college/university	January 1	Yes	Yes	March 1	July 1	\$5,000
Governor Terry E. Branstad State Fair Scholarship	Any eligible college/university	January 1	Yes	Yes	None	March 1	\$5,000
Iowa National Guard	Any eligible college/university	January 1	No	Yes	None	July 1 (Anticipated fall deadline)	\$6,658 - the average resident tuition rate at state universities
Iowa Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant*	Licensed barber or cosmetology school	January 1	Yes	No	None	July 1	\$1,200
Robert D. Blue Scholarship	Any eligible college/university	January 1	No	No	None	May 1	\$500 - \$1,000

\* Each eligible college or university is given an allocation with which it awards funds to students in priority order. If eligible, you will be awarded these funds by your college financial aid office.

## FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Work:** Have your parents ask their employers if they offer college scholarships to children of employees. Many do, especially if it is a large company.
- **School Networks:** Many high schools offer scholarship opportunities for their graduating students. Also check with the area alumni association of the college you will be attending to see if it offers scholarships.
- **Community Organizations:** Many community organizations sponsor local scholarships that are open to students who live in the area. Check your city's website or call your local community center for lists of organizations in your area.
- **Religious Organizations:** Find out if your place of worship offers any scholarship opportunities. If it doesn't directly, it may partner with other organizations to award scholarships.
- **Field of Study:** Your college may offer scholarships specific to your intended major. Contact your program department at your college or university.

## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The college or university you have chosen may provide scholarships or financial awards from its own institutional funds. Often, institutional scholarships are given to recipients who meet specific eligibility requirements related to particular areas of study, academic achievements, outstanding talent, leadership, athletic ability or other criteria. Contact the financial aid office at the college or university you have selected and inquire about institutional programs available through the college as well as through other on-campus organizations.

## PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available from a variety of sources including businesses, foundations, religious organizations, community groups and fraternal organizations. High school counselors are excellent resources for scholarship information, as are libraries and college and university financial aid administrators.

Web searches also allow students and families to explore a broader pool of scholarship possibilities. Reputable education organizations will NOT charge fees for the scholarship searches they offer. Be wary of questionable claims and avoid fee-for-service offers.

# 5 WAYS TO SAVE ON college costs

### 1. DON'T FALL VICTIM TO "SENIORITIS"

Take advantage of AP courses and dual enrollment options in high school to reduce the number of credits you need to take in college.

### 2. PLAN AHEAD TO AVOID CHANGING MAJORS

Changing majors (even once) can add on a year or more of college. Explore your interests, values and skills and match them to potential careers to stay on track.

### 3. CONSIDER SUMMER COURSES

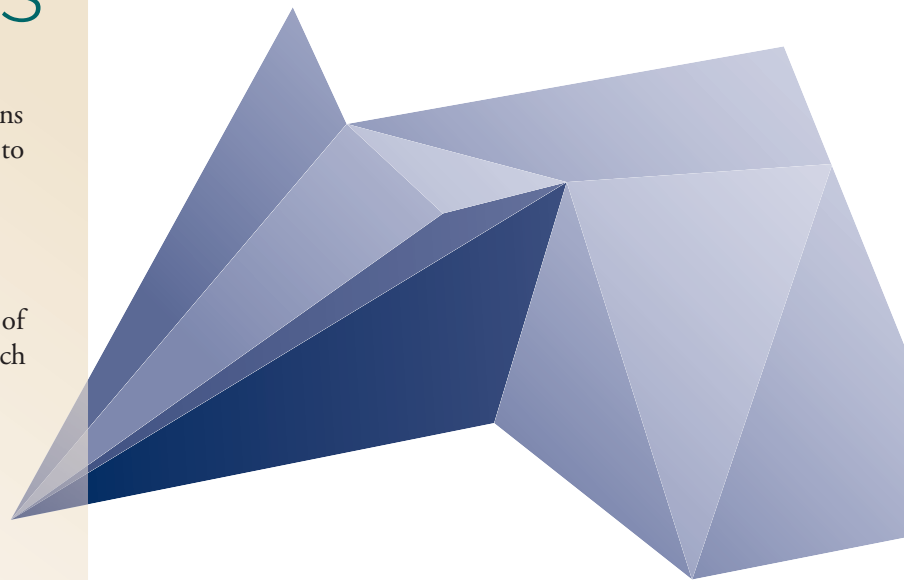
Taking one summer course each year in addition to a regular full-time schedule can help you to graduate a semester early.

### 4. TAKE A PART-TIME JOB

Working during college can help reduce the amount you have to borrow in addition to providing valuable job experience.

### 5. RENT YOUR TEXTBOOKS

Many colleges allow you to rent textbooks instead of buying them, saving you hundreds of dollars. Online sites, such as chegg.com, eFollett.com, textbooks.com, neebo.com and bookrenter.com also allow students to rent or purchase text books at reduced amounts.



“ When I first got to college, I didn't know anyone, not even my roommates. Now we're all best friends! ”

Abby Rider, Kirkwood Community College student

## FEDERAL GRANTS

Federal grants are awarded to both Iowa resident and non-resident students. Eligible students can receive these federal grants for attendance at any postsecondary education institution participating in the program. Complete and submit a FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) as soon as possible after January 1 to apply for federal financial aid programs.

### Pell Grants

Pell Grants are funded by the federal government to assist the neediest undergraduate students. For many students, Pell Grants provide a financial aid foundation to which aid from other federal and non-federal sources is added. The maximum grant award is \$5,775 for the 2015-16 award year. Data from your FAFSA determines Pell Grant eligibility.

### Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG) are based on financial need as determined by the results of the FAFSA. Pell-eligible students with exceptional financial need are given priority. Eligible recipients may receive between \$100 and \$4,000 per year depending on when they apply, financial need, the funding at the college or university and the policies at the college or university's financial aid office. Not all colleges and universities participate in the SEOG program.

### Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grants (TEACH Grant)

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) grant program was created to help all levels of collegiate students enrolled in teaching preparation programs pay for their college education. In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, recipients must agree to serve as full-time teachers in designated high-need fields in public or private non-profit elementary or secondary schools that serve low-income students.

These grants are available to eligible undergraduate, post-baccalaureate and graduate students for a maximum amount of \$4,000 per year. The award amount is reduced for students enrolled on a part-time basis. Students must meet academic standards (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on one or more portions of a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25). More information on TEACH Grants, including high-need areas and eligible low-income schools, is available in the Student Resources section of our website, [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov).

## WORK-STUDY AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

You may decide to pay for some of your college expenses by taking a part-time job. The extra income may reduce the amount you need to borrow in student loans. Part-time jobs can include work-study and jobs on and off campus. Work-study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need. If you are eligible for work-study, your college or university will include it as an option for you to consider in your financial aid award letter. Students not eligible for work-study can still seek part-time work to assist with their college expenses. When searching for a part-time job, keep in mind the following:

- While working teaches financial responsibility and self-discipline, it's important that it doesn't conflict with your primary objective: completing your college education.
- Do not work so many hours that you jeopardize the amount of time you have to study or attend class. Typically, part-time employment will not affect grades if you work 20 hours or less each week.
- Don't discount a part-time job opportunity that is outside of your field of study. You can still gain real-life, marketable experiences. Collaborating with colleagues, answering to a boss and meeting deadlines will benefit you no matter your career path.

“ I received a great scholarship, and financially, it helped me out tremendously! Scholarships really help out with college costs. ”

Jasmine Jackson,  
Kirkwood Community  
College student and Eagles  
Volleyball Team member

## TEACH GRANT TEACHING REQUIREMENTS

If you do not fulfill the required teaching service, your TEACH Grants will become unsubsidized Direct Stafford loans that must be repaid to the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, you will be charged interest starting from the first disbursement date of each grant.



# KNOW BEFORE you owe

## STUDENT LOANS

If you still need money to cover educational expenses after you have exhausted other aid and employment opportunities, student loans are a good option. Just remember, student loan money is for financing your education, not your lifestyle. Student loans are real money that must be repaid, with interest. So borrow only what you need.

## FEDERAL STAFFORD LOANS

Stafford loans are federal loans provided by the U.S. Department of Education. The financial aid office at your college or university has processes in place to make it efficient for you to complete a student loan application and receive funds that are applied directly to your student account. You must file a FAFSA to receive a Stafford loan. Repayment doesn't begin until 6 months after you graduate, withdraw or drop below half-time enrollment status. There are two types of Stafford loans:

### Subsidized Stafford Loans

These loans are for students who demonstrate financial need (as determined through the FAFSA process). Students do not pay interest on the loan while enrolled in school at least half time, during the six-month grace period and for periods of deferment.

### Unsubsidized Stafford Loans

Students do not have to demonstrate financial need to qualify for these loans. Students are responsible for paying interest charged throughout the entire life of the loan, even while in school. Interest may be added to the loan (capitalized) if students choose not to make interest payments while in school.

## Interest Rates

Stafford loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2013 have interest rates based on the 10-Year Treasury bill and, once calculated, remain fixed for the life of the loan. Rates differ based on loan type, when the loan is first disbursed and whether the loan is for an undergraduate or graduate student.

**The chart below outlines the fixed interest rates.**

**The corresponding rate is effective for the entire life of each loan.**

## FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN INTEREST RATES

Loans first disbursed:	Undergraduate Subsidized Stafford	Undergraduate Unsubsidized Stafford	Graduate/Professional Unsubsidized Stafford
On or after 7/1/2012	3.4% fixed	6.8% fixed	6.8% fixed
On or after 7/1/2013	3.86% fixed	3.86% fixed	5.41% fixed
On or after 7/1/2014	4.66% fixed	4.66% fixed	6.21% fixed
On or after 7/1/2015	4.29% fixed	4.29% fixed	5.84% fixed

## Fees

Stafford loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2014 have a 1.073% origination fee that is deducted from each loan disbursement. The fee decreases slightly to 1.068% for loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2015.

## FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN LIMITS

Borrower's Academic Level	Annual Amount for a Dependent Student	Annual Amount for an Independent Student <sup>1</sup>
First year, undergraduate	\$5,500 (subsidized limit is \$3,500)	\$9,500
Second year, undergraduate	\$6,500 (subsidized limit is \$4,500)	\$10,500
Third year and beyond, undergraduate	\$7,500 (subsidized limit is \$5,500)	\$12,500
Graduate/Professional program student <sup>2</sup>		\$20,500
	<b>Aggregate</b>	<b>Aggregate</b>
Undergraduate	\$31,000 (subsidized limit is \$23,000)	\$57,500
Graduate/Professional program student <sup>2</sup>		\$138,500

<sup>1</sup> See page 14 for a definition of independent student.

<sup>2</sup> The Budget Control Act of 2011 eliminated the interest subsidy on Stafford loans to graduate and professional students, effective for new loans made on or after July 1, 2012. Graduate and professional students may still borrow up to \$20,500 annually in Stafford loans, but the borrower must pay all interest that accrues on the loans.

# FEDERAL PLUS loan summary



## PLUS LOANS

PLUS loans are available to parents of dependent undergraduate students and graduate/professional students to pay for educational expenses. They are federally-insured and offer attractive deferment and forbearance options. Typically, they are used to pay unmet educational expenses. They may also be used as an alternative to private student loans.

### Who May Borrow

- Parents of dependent undergraduate students (any natural or adoptive parent, or stepparent married to the student's custodial parent, may apply for a PLUS loan). The dependent student must be enrolled at least half time.
- Graduate/professional students.

PLUS borrowers are subject to credit checks. A PLUS applicant with adverse credit may qualify by attaining a creditworthy endorser. If a parent borrower of a PLUS loan is denied, the dependent undergraduate for whom the loan was applied for is eligible for additional federal Unsubsidized Stafford loan amounts.

### Interest Rate

Interest rates on federal PLUS loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2013, are based on the 10-Year Treasury bill, but once calculated, remain fixed for the life of the loan. The rate for PLUS loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2015 but before July 1, 2016 is 6.84%.

### Fees

Federal PLUS loans first disbursed on or after October 1, 2014, have a 4.292% origination fee that is deducted from each disbursement. The fee decreases slightly to 4.272% for loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2015.

### Disbursement

Apply at least six to eight weeks before you need the money. Loan proceeds will be sent directly to the college or university. Expect a portion of your loan to be disbursed each academic term.

### Loan Limits

There is no annual or aggregate limit. A borrower may request an amount equal to the cost of attendance, minus any financial aid the student receives.

### Repayment

Repayment begins 60 days after the loan funds are fully disbursed. Parent borrowers of PLUS loans may request

postponement of repayment while the student for whom the loan was borrowed is enrolled at least half time and for six months thereafter. In-school deferment is available to postpone payment for borrowers who are graduate/professional students enrolled at least half time and for six months thereafter. PLUS loan borrowers have up to 10 years to repay the loan, with a minimum monthly payment of \$50 per month. A variety of repayment plans are available to eligible borrowers, which may reduce payment amounts. Extended repayment terms may be granted to borrowers with larger loan balances.

### Did You Know?

Many parents use PLUS loans instead of private loans to pay unmet educational expenses. Students whose parents take responsibility for financing a portion of their college education are better prepared for loan repayment upon graduation. Many experts recommend that student loan payments not exceed 8% of the expected income for a student's intended profession. Students who borrow \$29,456, the average student loan debt for students graduating from a four-year Iowa college or university, would need to earn over \$50,000 upon graduation to stay within this recommendation on a standard ten-year repayment plan.

## PRIVATE LOANS

Private loans are an option when additional funding is needed to bridge the gap between the cost of attendance and other sources of financial aid. You should only use private loans as a last resort after all other scholarships, grants and federal loan options are exhausted and if your parents do not utilize a federal PLUS loan.

Discuss the federal PLUS loan with your parents before making the decision to borrow a private loan. PLUS loans are generally less expensive and reduce the amount of debt you will have at the time of graduation. If one of your parents is denied a PLUS loan due to adverse credit, you may become eligible for increased unsubsidized Stafford loan limits.

Private loans are not federally-insured, are not eligible for federal loan forgiveness programs and are often more costly than federal loans. Lenders that make private loans are often more selective about who may receive loans, and in most cases, require students to pass a credit check and have a cosigner. There are many types of private loans, all with unique fees and interest rates. If you need to borrow a private loan or have questions about them, contact your college's financial aid office.

“ I get to meet new people, and especially through Greek life, I am able to do a lot of volunteering. You learn to be more independent and to better manage your time. ”

Meredith Whisenhunt,  
sophomore at Cornell College



## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION TAX BENEFITS

Your family may be able to benefit from higher education tax credits and deductions available to individuals and families who have paid eligible higher education-related expenses during the tax year. More information about these tax benefits is available at [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov) or by accessing the IRS Publication 970 at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Be sure to consult a professional tax advisor if you have questions about your eligibility.

- **STUDENT LOAN INTEREST DEDUCTION**

Eligible borrowers may deduct interest paid on student loans (up to a maximum of \$2,500 each year) to reduce the amount of taxable income.

- **AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT**

Eligible taxpayers may claim a credit of up to \$2,500 for each eligible student within his/her first four years of college to reduce the amount of income tax owed, and forty percent of the credit may be refundable for many taxpayers.

- **LIFETIME LEARNING TAX CREDIT**

Eligible taxpayers may claim a credit of up to \$2,000 per tax return for all years of postsecondary education and for courses to acquire or improve job skills to reduce the amount of income tax owed.

- **TUITION & FEES DEDUCTION**

Eligible taxpayers may deduct up to \$4,000 paid for tuition and fees each year for each eligible student.



# LOAN FORGIVENESS & cancellation

Loan forgiveness and cancellation programs exist at the federal, state and private levels. They are intended to recruit college graduates into high-need professions by offering loan forgiveness or cancellation to reduce student loan debt. Some of the state and federal programs are listed below. For more information on loan forgiveness programs, visit our website at [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov).

## TEACH IOWA SCHOLAR PROGRAM

This state program offers an income bonus or student loan repayment award of up to \$4,000 to recent graduates of teacher preparation programs who are employed in eligible teaching fields at school districts or area education agencies. Eligible applicants must graduate in the top 25% academically of all teacher preparation program graduates at their college or university and secure full-time employment in an eligible teaching field. Teachers may be eligible for awards for up to five consecutive years.

## IOWA TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS

This state program offers up to five years of loan repayment benefits to fully-licensed Iowa teachers who are employed in teacher shortage areas as designated by the Iowa Department of Education.

## FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness program was created to encourage individuals to enter and continue to work full-time in public service jobs. Under this program, borrowers may qualify for forgiveness of their remaining Federal Direct loan balance after making 120 payments under certain repayment plans while employed full time by public service and nonprofit employers.

## FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN CANCELLATION FOR TEACHERS

The federal government's program may provide loan forgiveness of up to \$5,000 for borrowers who teach for five consecutive years in low-income schools. Additional benefits of up to \$17,500 in loan forgiveness may be available to borrowers who teach grades 7-12 science or mathematics, or grades K-12 special education subject areas. Recipients are required to make regular loan payments while completing a five-year service obligation unless their outstanding balance will be less than the forgiveness amount for which they qualify. The loan holder cannot refund loan payments made before completion of the fifth year of teaching service.

## IOWA REGISTERED NURSE & NURSE EDUCATOR LOAN FORGIVENESS

The state of Iowa offers up to five years of federal student loan repayment benefits to registered nurses employed in Iowa and for nurse educators teaching at eligible Iowa colleges and universities. The maximum annual award is 20% of the nurse educator's or registered nurse's total federal Stafford loan balance, including principal and interest, not to exceed the average resident tuition rate established for students attending Iowa's public universities for the first year following the recipient's graduation.

## NURSE CORPS LOAN REPAYMENT

The Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program, formerly the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program, is a federal program that provides registered nurses with loan forgiveness of up to 60% of their qualifying loan balance in exchange for two consecutive years of service at critical shortage facilities.



# MAKING A SMOOTH TRANSITION to college

## 4 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL and college

### 1. MANAGING TIME

In college, your days are not as routine and predictable as they were in high school. You may be in class just a few hours a day. Some new college students struggle with making the best use of their new found freedom. You will be expected to make your own schedule as well as keep up with all of your classes, activities and work.

### 2. ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

It can be easy to fall behind in college classes if you simply maintain the same level of effort that got you through high school. Plan on studying 2-3 hours outside of class for every hour spent in class. Don't expect your professor to seek you out if you aren't doing well on tests and assignments. It is up to you to find resources and to ask for help.

### 3. RESPONSIBILITY

Your parents will not be there to wake you up in the morning and ensure you make it to class. Your college professors won't make sure you are keeping up with the required reading and assignments. It is your responsibility to follow the class syllabus. Sometime the syllabus is the only notification you will receive about quizzes and assignments.

### 4. RELATIONSHIPS

You had years to get to know and get comfortable with your family and high school friends. It's all new in college. You will eat and sleep there, spend your free time there, live with new roommates and even do your laundry there. Keep in mind that it is an adjustment for all new college students and recognize that relationships can take time to develop.

“Getting involved in an art club not only complements my major, but allows me to connect with people who share my passion!”

Stephen Mercer, junior at  
Graceland University

## 5 REASONS TO GET INVOLVED ON campus

Much of your college career will happen outside the classroom. Although your studies should be your top priority, getting involved on campus is a great way to ease the transition into college and build your resume! The rewards you can gain from getting involved in part-time jobs, volunteer work, campus organizations and industry-related groups will follow you well beyond college graduation!

### 1. MEET NEW PEOPLE!

Join a club or organization to make friends and network with those who have similar interests, goals and values.

### 2. REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Career-related organizations offer an excellent opportunity to build leadership, communication and team-work skills, all of which look great to future employers. Part-time jobs are also great real-world experience builders. Working while in college demonstrates time management and can be great for networking! After all, there is some truth in the saying “It's not what you know, but who you know.”

### 3. VOLUNTEER

What better way to explore a potential career field and do something good for others than volunteering. Check out [www.VolunteerIowa.org](http://www.VolunteerIowa.org) to find organizations seeking volunteers.

### 4. BUILD A CONNECTION WITH YOUR SCHOOL

Campus involvement often results in a stronger connection to your school. This will increase your college experience satisfaction and reduce the likelihood of transferring schools or dropping out.

### 5. FIND YOUR BALANCE

The key to successful campus involvement is finding balance between your school work and activities!

# ADJUSTING TO college life

No matter how prepared you think you are for college, you are probably still nervous about the unknown. To get an idea of what a typical college day looks like, check out the “day in the life” of these Iowa college students!

**STUDENT:** Emma, a sophomore at Indian Hills Community College

**HOMETOWN:** Solon, Iowa

**CREDIT HOURS:** 10 credit hours (8 is considered full-time)

**DEGREE:** Associate of Arts

**IMPACT:** Emma graduated from Indian Hills Community College in May 2015. She plans to transfer to a four-year college to major in Biomedical Engineering.

## EMMA'S SCHEDULE

**7:30 a.m.** Wake up, eat breakfast and organize my class materials for the day.

**8 a.m.** Biology Lecture. This class is an important part of the foundation for my future major when I transfer to a 4-year school as I plan to study Biomedical Engineering.

**9:30 a.m.** Run back to my residence hall to grab/organize class work.

**10 a.m.** Biology Lab.

**11:30 a.m.** Meet up with friends and walk to the dining hall for lunch.

**12:30 p.m.** I have time after lunch to run back to my room and change for softball practice.

**1 p.m.** Softball practice usually lasts a couple of hours.

**3:30 p.m.** End of practice. Time to relax and do homework.

**5 p.m.** Meet up with friends and head to the dining hall for dinner.

**6 p.m.** Depending on my classes, I either study for a couple of hours, or relax a bit by watching t.v. or socializing.

**8:30 p.m.** Check out the evening campus activities such as open mic night, XBOX tournaments or concerts.

**11 p.m.** Bed time!

**STUDENT:** Abbie, a senior at the University of Iowa

**HOMETOWN:** Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**CREDIT HOURS:** 16 credit hours, including 6 online credits (12 is considered full-time)

**MAJORS:** Communication Studies, Human Relations and Entrepreneurial Management

**IMPACT:** In addition to taking a full course load, Abbie works three different jobs and is president of the University of Iowa's chapter of Student Event Planners Association. She sums up her feelings about her college choice: “I knew I was meant to wear black and gold the minute I stepped into Kinnick Stadium when I was seven years old for my first football game!”

## ABBIE'S SCHEDULE

**6:30 a.m.** Wake up. I nanny every morning for an amazing family; waking up this early isn't hard when you get to play with cute babies!

**12 p.m.** Get home from babysitting. I grab something to eat for lunch and might take a ten-minute “tiger snooze.”

**12:30 p.m.** Go to work at the Admissions Office.

**2 p.m.** Communication Studies class. I take a lot of online classes, so my classroom time is shorter than other students.

**3:30 p.m.** Head to my other job at a hair salon. I'm a receptionist!

**6:45 p.m.** Prepare for my Student Event Planners Association meeting.

**8 p.m.** Grab a quick dinner.

**8:30 p.m.** Go to the gym! Since my days are pretty packed, this is my only “me time.”

**10 p.m.** Shower and time for homework!

**12:30 p.m.** Finally...bed!

**STUDENT:** Kevin, a senior at Drake University

**HOMETOWN:** St. Charles, Illinois

**CREDIT HOURS:** 18 credit hours (12 in considered full-time)

**MAJORS:** Marketing and Management, Concentration in Information Systems

**IMPACT:** Kevin has been able to build his resume with strong leadership and professional experiences that are preparing him for his future career. Among his campus involvement, Kevin serves as Drake's Student Body President, Resident Assistant, Student Ambassador, a member of the American Marketing Association, and is a former Orientation Leader.

## KEVIN'S SCHEDULE

**7:30 a.m.** Wake up. Time to shower and get dressed for work!

**8:30 a.m.** Arrive at work. I intern in the marketing department at Des Moines Performing Arts.

**12:30 p.m.** Race back to campus for my first class of the day.

**2 p.m.** Second class of the day begins.

**3:30 p.m.** My first break of the day. I usually spend time in the Student Senate office. I try to eat a little bit, too!

**5 p.m.** I head back to my residence hall to work at the front desk.

**7 p.m.** I go over to the dining hall to eat some dinner. I will also use this time to study and prepare for my next meeting.

**9 p.m.** Time for Student Senate!

**11 p.m.** The Senators go back to the dining hall for some late night snacks!

**1 a.m.** On a good day, I FINALLY get to sleep. Sometimes, I'll use this time to head to the 24-hour space in the library and study!





# GET TO KNOW YOUR Advisor

One of the most essential resources during college is your academic advisor. Academic advisors can help you stay on track for graduation. While their main task is assisting students in registering for classes, they can provide a vast wealth of knowledge regarding classes, graduation requirements, internship opportunities, job hunting and industry contacts. Check out these tips to get the most of your appointments.

## SCHEDULE IN ADVANCE

Advisors are extremely busy. Email your advisor well before the date you want an appointment and be flexible. Realize that your advisor has several other students he or she must meet with in addition to teaching courses and conducting research.

## DON'T BE A STRANGER

Let your advisor get to know you so he or she can take your interests into account when making suggestions. Some topics to cover during your meetings include: insight into different professors, scheduling suggestions and goal planning. Your advisor is also a great contact for finding internships, jobs and writing letters of recommendation.

## BE PREPARED

Have a list of questions with you and write down the answers so you can refer back to them. When you are prepared, your academic advisor can more readily point you to critical information, help you better understand administrative processes and academic programs and connect you to valuable resources.

## SHARE YOUR CONCERNS

Let your advisor know if you are stressed out about adjusting to college or struggling with a class. Your advisor can put you in touch with campus resources including tutoring resources, financial aid services, scholarship opportunities and ways to get involved on campus. He or she can also provide tips for transitioning to college classroom learning and help you to balance your time.

**STUDENT:** Madeline, a senior at Drake University  
**HOMETOWN:** Des Moines, Iowa  
**CREDIT HOURS:** 18 credit hours, (12 is considered full-time)  
**MAJORS:** Broadcast News & Politics and Leadership Concentration  
**IMPACT:** Among her campus involvement, Madeline has co-hosted the Drake Relays live telecast, studied abroad in Barcelona and has taught English as a Second Language to refugees from Africa and Asia. She has worked as a press intern for Senator Chuck Grassley and as an intern on First Lady Michelle Obama's communications team.

## MADELINE'S SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Wake up and start studying for the day. Having 18 credits makes homework a struggle!

11 a.m. First class, Methods in Politics.

12:30 p.m. Political Integration of Europe class. We simulate the European Union and vote and debate issues. I am the Prime Minister of Croatia.

2 p.m. Finally walk home to my sorority house for lunch. I love living with 52 amazing women!

3:00 p.m. Go to work at the Admissions Office as a Student Ambassador.

5:00 p.m. Go back home to my sorority house for dinner.

6:30 p.m. Go to yoga or volunteer as an English as a Second Language teacher.

8:00 p.m. Head to the library to work on the three papers I have due and also 100 pages of reading.

11 p.m. Shower and sleep!

# 5 STUDY ABROAD tips

Studying abroad in another country can help you gain a new perspective on your major and career. It also shows future employers that you are self-motivated, independent, willing to embrace challenges and able to cope with diverse people and situations.

Keep in mind these tips:

## 1. PLAN AHEAD

Apply for your passport months ahead of time. Passports can take up to 6 weeks to process. In addition, some countries require a VISA if you are staying for a longer period of time.

## 2. MAKE SURE CREDITS TRANSFER

Talk with your advisor to make sure the credits you take while studying abroad will transfer to your college.

## 3. GET YOUR IMMUNIZATIONS

It is your responsibility to obtain any vaccinations and/or medical tests before you travel abroad. Make sure to communicate closely with your study abroad coordinators so you don't miss anything.

## 4. RESEARCH COMMUNICATION OPTIONS

While mobile service providers offer international plans, they can be pricey. If an international plan does not fit in your budget, consider alternatives such as purchasing Skype Mobile Minutes which allow you to call family and friends through an internet connection.

## 5. TALK TO YOUR BANK

Let your bank know you will be traveling abroad so they don't suspect fraudulent activity on your account. Also, find out which banks you will be able to use while you are away and if any additional charges will apply.

# TRANSFER students

Sometimes your first college choice isn't the right fit or you may have started your education at a two-year college with intentions to continue your education. Every year, many students transfer for a variety of reasons, so you can rest assured you are not alone. The trick to a successful transfer is to begin planning as soon as possible. Below are some tips to help you make a smooth transition.

## KEEP YOUR GRADES UP

Even if you are not planning to finish a degree at your current college, you should continue to go to class and turn in assignments. The college or university you transfer to will want to see your most recent transcripts and they may have a grade requirement for all college-level courses attempted. Even if you received good grades in high school or were previously admitted to your new college, low grades could ruin your plans to transfer.

## SELECTING A NEW COLLEGE

You will need to decide where to transfer. Be sure to determine what factors contributed to your decision to leave your current college. Take these factors into consideration when selecting a new college.

## GO ON A CAMPUS VISIT

The experiences you have had on your current college campus may help you identify the benefits you want and need from a college experience.

## TALK TO ADVISORS

It is a good idea to work with advisors at both your old and new campuses to be sure everything is lined up. Ask the advisors if your classes will transfer. To make certain, you can request that your prospective college review your transcripts before you apply for admission. Advisors can also help you with questions about articulation agreements, admission partnership programs and cross-enrollment options.

Check into the student service organizations and campus activities that will be available on your new campus. Not every campus offers the same activities or services.

[www.transferiniowa.org](http://www.transferiniowa.org)

This website resource provides information for community college students interested in transferring to one of Iowa's Regent Universities - Iowa State University, the University of Iowa or the University of Northern Iowa.

## APPLY FOR ADMISSION

You should check out the college's admission requirements, even if you were previously accepted. If you want to transfer course credits from your prior college, you will need to send your most recent transcript to the new college. Some colleges will want a copy of your prior college course work regardless of whether you transfer any credits or not. Be sure to ask your admissions officer about placement exams, registering for classes and signing up for orientation.

## SECURE YOUR HOUSING

Whether you plan to live on campus or in an apartment, you will need to get the process rolling as soon as possible so that you have a place to live when your classes begin.

## APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Unfortunately, you cannot simply transfer your current financial aid to your new college. You will need to add your new college to your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to receive a new financial aid package. You also should notify your current financial aid office of your plans to transfer. Some types of financial aid cannot be awarded by the new college until the old college has canceled your aid.

In addition, you should contact current scholarship donors to see if your scholarship can be transferred to your new college, as well as seek new scholarship opportunities. If you plan to borrow to pay your expenses, when you transfer to the new college you may need to complete new loan applications. Contact your new college to find out their process and if they need your financial aid transcript from your current college.





# SERVICES FOR STUDENTS with disabilities

Many students with disabilities graduate from high school and successfully continue their education at career and technical colleges as well as two-year and four-year colleges and universities. If you are a student with a disability, knowing your rights and responsibilities, as well as the responsibilities that colleges and universities have towards you, will help when requesting the support you need to learn and work successfully.

## FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO MAKE THE TRANSITION TO COLLEGE EASIER:

1. Know your diagnosis, if you have one, and be comfortable talking about your disability.
2. Attend and participate in your annual Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings. Know your annual goals.
3. Take college tours early. Interview the college for 'fit' by preparing a list of questions to ask ahead of time.
4. Identify the person or office at the college responsible for providing services to students with disabilities and schedule an appointment to discuss your potential need for services and support. Academic accommodations may include note takers, extended time for tests, readers and/or scribes, books in alternative formats, computer-assisted technology, interpreter services and/or accessible classrooms.
5. Bring documentation (written information) that describes how your disability impacts your living, learning and working. Examples of documentation include the SAR (Support for Accommodation Request) form, the most recent copy of your 504 plan, a recent copy of your IEP, a statement from a treating physician, a psychological evaluation and/or paperwork from Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Service (IVRS).
6. Complete your college applications\* early.
7. Meet with a campus advisor to help you set up a realistic course schedule.
8. If needed, enroll in preparatory courses in subjects where you have skill deficits before you begin your degree requirements.
9. Take responsibility for your learning. Increase your independence by discussing your progress with your professors and keeping track of assignments, due dates and appointments.

More information on services for students with disabilities is available in the "For Students" section of the Iowa College Aid website: [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov).



\* Your acceptance at the college or university of your choice is not influenced by a disability.

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# COMMON MAJORS OFFERED BY

This list is intended to provide you with information only. It is not intended to be comprehensive. The data was reported to Iowa College Aid by Iowa college and university officials through the Federal IPEDS annual survey. The programs shown are those in which students completed degrees in 2011-12 and 2012-13. Many colleges or universities offer related programs that may not be shown here. Please contact the colleges and universities directly for program-specific information. More information on majors and programs for each of the categories below can be found at [www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov](http://www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov).

**Key:** X both 11-12 and 12-13 grads    X 11-12 grads only    X 12-13 grads only

	Allen College	Brian Cliff University	Buena Vista University	Central College	Clarke University	Coe College	Cornell College	Des Moines Area Comm. College	Des Moines University	Divine Word College	Dordt College	Drake University	Eastern Iowa Comm. College	Ellsworth Comm. College	Emmaus College
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Architecture and Related Programs															
Area, Ethnic and Cultural Studies						X	X								
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Business, Management and Marketing		X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X
Communications and Journalism		X	X	X	X	X					X	X			
Communications Technologies & Support								X			X		X		
Computer and Information Sciences		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X
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Engineering Technologies/ Technicians								X					X		
English Language and Literature/Letters		X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X			
Family, Consumer Sciences/ Human Services								X					X		
Foreign Languages and Literatures		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X		
Health Professions and Clinical Sciences	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	
History General		X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X			
Homeland Security / Law Enforcement/ Firefighting/ Related Protective Services		X	X					X			X			X	
Legal Professions and Studies								X				X			
Liberal Arts and Sciences/ General Studies		X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	
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Mathematics and Statistics		X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X			
Mechanic and Repair Technologies								X					X		
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Multi/ Interdisciplinary Studies		X	X	X		X	X				X		X		
Natural Resources and Conservations		X	X	X			X				X	X		X	
Parks, Recreation, Leisure and Fitness		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X			X	
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Philosophy and Religious Studies			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			
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Public Administration and Social Services		X	X		X			X			X	X			
Science Technologies/ Technicians															
Social Sciences		X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			
Theology and Religious Vocations		X									X				X
Transportation and Materials Moving															
Visual and Performing Arts		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		

# IOWA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Faith Baptist College	Graceland University	Grand View University	Grinnell College	Hawkeye Comm. College	Indian Hills Comm. College	Iowa Central Comm. College	Iowa Lakes Comm. College	Iowa State University	Iowa Wesleyan College	Iowa Western Comm. College	Kaplan University	Kirkwood Comm. College	Loras College	Luther College	Maharishi University	Marshalltown Comm. College	Mercy College	Morningside College	Mount Mercy University	North Iowa Area Comm. College	NE Iowa Comm. College	NW Iowa Comm. College	Northwestern College	Palmer College of Chiropractic	Simpson College	Southeastern Comm. College	Southwestern Comm. College	St. Ambrose University	St. Luke's College	University of Dubuque	University of Iowa	University of Northern Iowa	Upper Iowa University	Waldorf College	Wartburg College	Western Iowa Tech. Comm. College	William Penn University
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# FRESHMAN 15

We are not talking about weight. This “Freshman 15” list contains 15 college must-have items that you don’t want to leave home without!

## 1. FAN

Not all dorm rooms are air conditioned. Even if yours comes with an AC unit, it doesn’t mean you and your roommate will agree on the temperature or that it’ll work fast enough after those hot days and trips to the gym.

## 2. ROBE & FLIP FLOPS

You may not use a robe at home but, unless you are an exhibitionist, it will come in handy when dashing from your room to a shared bathroom to take a shower. Flip flops are a must if you don’t want to walk barefoot down the hall or stand in a shower that has been used by the masses.

## 3. POWER STRIPS AND ADAPTORS

There are never enough outlets for all of your necessities (computer, TV, cell, iPod...). The adaptors will come in handy if your room doesn’t have 3-pronged outlets.

## 4. SHOWER CADDY

If you have to share a bathroom, a shower caddy makes it so much easier to haul your shampoo, conditioner, soap, shaving supplies, toothbrush and all other essentials back and forth.

## 5. UMBRELLA

If you go to college in Iowa, you will need one unless you want to drip dry while you sit in class.

## 6. SNOW BOOTS

Frostbite is not fun. Snow boots are not optional.

## 7. TOOL KIT

A tool kit is extremely useful when putting together boxed furniture or fixing minor problems in your room.

## 8. DRY ERASE BOARD

Hang one on your door for your roommates and hall mates to leave messages when you are out.

## 9. TRAVEL MUG/WATER BOTTLE

Face it now - college students are broke. You can save money and the environment by carrying your own water or coffee.

## 10. LAMP

You’ll appreciate the extra light when having late night cram sessions or when an overcrowded room forces you to get ready at your desk.

## 11. DOOR STOP

These are great when you need to prop your door open when moving, for ventilation or to get to know other students in the hall. Who is brave enough to knock on a closed door just to say hello?

## 12. SEWING KIT

Mom is not going to be there to sew a button on your shirt.

## 13. HEALTH INSURANCE CARD & FIRST AID KIT

Headaches and college students go together like macaroni and cheese. Having aspirin and other pain relievers will make your life easier along with other common first aid items like band-aids and disinfectant. If you get sick you will need to take yourself to the doctor and you will need your health insurance card.

## 14. DRYING RACK

When it comes to paying to dry your clothes or getting a Mountain Dew, the Mountain Dew will win every time.

## 15. FEBREEZE

Tiny room, mounds of dirty clothes, bed sheets that haven’t been washed in weeks—yes, Febreeze is necessary.





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[www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov).

# IOWA'S REGENT universities

## IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

100 Enrollment Services Center - ISU, Ames, IA 50011-2010



**Home Page:** [www.iastate.edu](http://www.iastate.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning

Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 34,732 total enrollment;  
28,893 undergraduate; 4,950 graduate;  
592 veterinary medicine

**Tuition & Fees:** \$7,736

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$8,070

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,034

**Director of Admission:**

Katharine Johnson Suski  
100 Enrollment Services Center  
515-294-5836 or 800-262-3810  
[www.admissions.iastate.edu](http://www.admissions.iastate.edu)

**FAFSA Code:** 001869

**Control/Affiliation:** Public University

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Doctorate

**Types of Programs:** Liberal Arts and General, Teacher  
Preparation, Pre-Professional Preparation,  
Professional, Master's, Specialist's, Doctoral

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

A Regent Admission Index (RAI) score of at least 245.  
[www.regents.iowa.gov/RAI/](http://www.regents.iowa.gov/RAI/)

**Financial Aid Director:**

Roberta Johnson  
0210 Beardshear Hall  
515-294-2223 or  
[financialaid@iastate.edu](mailto:financialaid@iastate.edu)



Iowa State University is one of the nation's leading land-grant universities serving the people of Iowa, the nation, and the world through its integrated programs of instruction, research, extension and professional service.

Iowa State provides undergraduate programs across a broad range of disciplines. In its dedication to excellence in teaching, Iowa State strives to instill in its students the knowledge and skills essential for their individual development and their useful contribution to society.

A common goal of Iowa State's undergraduate education is to assure that all students, regardless of disciplinary major, acquire literacy in science and technology; an understanding of the intellectual, historical and artistic foundation of our culture; and a sensitivity to other cultures and international concerns.

Iowa State is ranked as one of the nation's top 50 public universities.

# THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

107 Calvin Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242



The University of Iowa offers all of the opportunities and resources of a large research university, while putting a strong emphasis on the undergraduate student experience. As the first public university to enroll men and women on an equal basis, Iowa is proud of its history in providing a world-class education to students from all backgrounds. Today, the University of Iowa offers nationally-ranked academic programs, strong pre-professional programs in the health sciences and law and access to world-renowned faculty. With an emphasis on small class sizes, students interact with faculty both inside and outside the classroom. Located in one of the top college towns in America, Iowa's campus is undergoing a historic physical makeover with construction underway on a new residence hall, school of music, school of art and art history and Hancher Auditorium, Iowa's world-renowned performing arts venue.

**Home Page:** [www.uiowa.edu](http://www.uiowa.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:**

22,354 undergraduate;  
5,804 graduate;  
1,812 professional

**Tuition & Fees:** \$8,104

**On-Campus Room & Board:**  
\$9,728

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,240

**FAFSA Code:** 001892

**Control/Affiliation:** Public University

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

Doctorate

**Types of Programs:** Liberal Arts

& Sciences, Engineering, Business,  
Nursing, Pharmacy, Teacher  
Preparation, and Professional

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

As soon as possible after January  
1 for financial aid; April 1 deadline  
for admissions applications;  
January 1 for Nursing's first-year  
Early Decision Program

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

See website: [http://admissions.  
uiowa.edu/academics/first-year-  
admission](http://admissions.uiowa.edu/academics/first-year-admission)

**Admissions Director:**

Emil Rinderspacher  
107 Calvin Hall  
319-335-3847

**Director of Student  
Financial Aid:**

Mark Warner  
208 Calvin Hall  
319-335-1450

# UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

1227 West 27th Street, Cedar Falls, IA 50614



As the most affordable public university in the state, the University of Northern Iowa continues to deliver a big education, including a wide range of majors, engaging classes, undergraduate research opportunities and Division I sports. Students can choose from 90+ majors in business, education, social and behavioral sciences (i.e., criminology and psychology), and humanities, arts and sciences (computer science and theatre, for example). UNI's small classes—taught by faculty, not teaching assistants—give students opportunities to find mentors, work one-on-one and learn alongside caring faculty on challenging research projects.

Located in the picturesque college town of Cedar Falls, UNI is just a few hours' drive to Des Moines, Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Louis. Our close proximity to major metropolitan areas broadens students' opportunities for internships, student teaching and field experiences. In addition, our ever-expanding campus resources and academic distinctions mean UNI graduates are well prepared for their next step, whether that is in a career or graduate school.

UNI students also have access to one of America's best college dining services, outstanding health and wellness facilities, a 100,000-square-foot performing arts complex, recording studios, venues for playing and watching sports and lots more.

At UNI, students will find academic excellence; a welcoming, diverse atmosphere; and a place where they can have it all.

**Home Page:** [www.uni.edu](http://www.uni.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 11,928

**Tuition & Fees:** \$7,817

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$8,320

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$900

**Admissions Director:**

Matthew Kroeger (Interim)  
102 Gilchrist Hall  
319-273-2281  
[admissions@uni.edu](mailto:admissions@uni.edu)

**FAFSA Code:** 001890

**Control/Affiliation:** Public University

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

Doctorate

**Types of Programs:** Liberal Arts and

General, Teacher Preparation, Pre-  
Professional Preparation, Master's,  
Specialist's, Doctoral

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

As soon as possible after January 1

**Minimum Admission Requirements:**

See website at [www.uni.edu/admissions](http://www.uni.edu/admissions)

**Director of Student Financial Aid:**

Joyce Morrow  
105 Gilchrist Hall  
319-273-2700  
[fin-aid@uni.edu](mailto:fin-aid@uni.edu)



# IOWA'S INDEPENDENT colleges & universities

## BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

3303 Rebecca Street, Sioux City, IA 51104



**Home Page:** [www.briarcliff.edu](http://www.briarcliff.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 1,135

**Tuition & Fees:** \$28,190

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$8,124

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,188

**Director of Admissions:**

Brian Eben

712-279-5200 or 800-662-3303

**Financial Aid Director:**

Shelby Reed

712-279-5239 or 800-662-3303

**FAFSA Code:** 001846

**Control/Affiliation:** Private/Catholic Franciscan

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Doctorate

**Types of Programs:** Bachelor Degrees:

Liberal Arts and Sciences, Pre-professional preparation; Graduate Degrees: Management, Behavior Analysis, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Kinesiology and Human Performance

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

March 15

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

2.0 GPA; 18 ACT score



Briar Cliff University is a nationally-recognized, academically-rigorous, liberal arts university located in Sioux City, Iowa. With a deep commitment to openness and respect for the individual, which is rooted in our Catholic Franciscan tradition, Briar Cliff shapes the hearts, minds and lives of its students.

Because teaching and learning at Briar Cliff focus on outcomes, graduates enjoy an outstanding placement rate and are equipped with the skills and insight to be successful in the workplace and beyond. Small classes ensure that professors know students as individuals, working side-by-side to meet their academic goals and develop their personal values. From the moment you arrive on our safe, scenic, hilltop campus, you will appreciate what our research defines as "an exceptionally welcoming campus."

## BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY

610 W. Fourth Street, Storm Lake, IA 50588



**Home Page:** [www.bvu.edu](http://www.bvu.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 2,295

**Tuition & Fees:** \$31,318

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$9,046

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$885

**Director of Admissions:**

Mike Fox

800-383-9600 or 712-749-2235

**Minimum Admission Recommendation:**

3.0 GPA; 20 ACT score

**County Sites:** Carroll - Carroll Co.;

Council Bluffs - Pottawattamie Co.; Creston

- Union Co.; Denison - Crawford Co.;

Emmetsburg - Palo Alto Co.; Estherville -

Emmet Co.; Fort Dodge - Webster Co.;

Iowa Falls - Hardin Co.; Le Mars - Plymouth

Co.; Marshalltown - Marshall Co.; Mason City

- Cerro Gordo Co.; Newton - Jasper Co.;

Ottumwa - Wapello Co.; Spencer - Clay Co.;

Spirit Lake - Dickinson Co. ; West Burlington

- Des Moines Co.

**FAFSA Code:** 001847

**Control/Affiliation:** Private/Presbyterian

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

Master's

**Types of Programs:** Communication & Arts,

Business, Education & Exercise Science,

Science and Social Science,

Philosophy & Religion.

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

June 1

**Financial Aid Director:**

Leanne Valentine

800-383-2821 or 712-749-2164

Buena Vista University's picturesque campus is nestled on the shore of Storm Lake, adding to the amenities and recreation opportunities available in this medium-sized northwest Iowa town. BVU boasts a 95 percent job and graduate/professional school placement rate within six months of graduation, which is a testament to the quality of the academic programs, faculty-student connections, premier facilities and cutting-edge technology. With 43 majors and 15 preprofessional programs, BVU provides a wide array of academic options which blend the liberal arts with real world applications. The University offers financial support for travel (domestic and international), research, internships and student development. Generous merit and need-based financial aid programs make BVU an affordable option for students from all socio-economic levels.

# CENTRAL COLLEGE

812 University Street, Pella, IA 50219

**Home Page:** [www.central.edu](http://www.central.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 1,400

**Tuition & Fees:** \$33,345

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$9,980

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,114

**Vice President of Enrollment  
Management:**

Carol Williamson  
877-462-3687

**Financial Aid Director:**

Wayne Dille  
641-628-5336

**FAFSA Code:** 001850

**Control/Affiliation:** Reformed  
Church in America

**Highest Offering or Degree:**  
Baccalaureate

**Types of Programs:** Liberal Arts,  
Pre-Professional, Engineering,  
Teacher Education

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**  
March 1

**Minimum Admission Recommendation**  
3.0 GPA, 20 ACT and top 50% of  
graduating class; individual students  
not meeting the minimum requirements  
will be given further review.



Central College, founded in 1853, is located in Pella, Iowa, a thriving community just 40 minutes from Des Moines. Central is dedicated to student success, and 93 percent of students are placed within a year of graduation. Additionally, 92 percent of students who graduate do so in four years. And with 99 percent of students receiving financial aid, Central is an affordable choice. Central offers numerous academic and interest-based scholarships and awards for new students.

Central's 73 academic programs are taught by expert faculty and include the college's newest major, engineering. Academic coursework integrates real-world experience. Students are encouraged to pursue service learning and internships, and 76 percent of Central students complete internships before graduation. Central students also develop a global perspective. A longtime leader in study abroad, Central operates programs around the world. All majors offer the flexibility to study abroad and still graduate in four years or less.

At Central, undergraduates can become a part of campus life by joining one or more of the 100 student organizations. Central's A.N. Kuyper Athletics Complex is one of the top collegiate facilities in the region, and more than 40 percent of all undergraduates participate in Central's nationally competitive NCAA Division III program.

The connections formed at Central last a lifetime. From friends and classmates to the faculty and alumni who can provide job recommendations and contacts, students form a community of supporters and a strong foundation for the future. Whether their goals include conducting research alongside professors, studying to become an athletic trainer or starting a business through the entrepreneurship program, Central gives students the edge they'll need to be successful.

# CLARKE UNIVERSITY

1550 Clarke Drive, Dubuque, IA 52001

**Home Page:** [www.clarke.edu](http://www.clarke.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 1,200

**Tuition & Fees:** \$29,940

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$9,000

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,180

**Admissions:**

800-383-2345  
or [admissions@clarke.edu](mailto:admissions@clarke.edu)

**FAFSA Code:** 001852

**Control/Affiliation:** Roman Catholic

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Doctorate

**Types of Programs:**

Liberal Arts, 3+3 Physical Therapy, Nursing,  
Fine Arts, Education, Sport Management,  
Food Science and Environmental Studies

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** April 15

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**  
2.5 GPA; competitive ACT or SAT score

**Financial Aid Director:**  
800-383-2345 or [financialaid@clarke.edu](mailto:financialaid@clarke.edu)



Clarke University aims to bring out the absolute best in you. Here you will find an air of positivity and encouragement coupled with the connections needed to make you a more dynamic and fully realized you. Clarke does more than train you for a job – we prepare you for your career.

Our lively, 55-acre campus is a blend of historic buildings and modern facilities perched along bluffs near the Mississippi River.

Clarke boasts more than 40 undergraduate programs, five graduate programs, two doctorate programs and 30 student-run clubs and organizations. Our University provides many scholarship opportunities including athletic talent awards and fine art talent awards.

Our campus also supports 18 varsity sports competing in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), including men's and women's lacrosse. The University is thrilled to announce (drumroll, please) FOOTBALL will be added to the roster in 2018. Go Crusaders!

## COE COLLEGE

1220 First Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

**Home Page:** [www.coe.edu](http://www.coe.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** 4-4-1

**Enrollment:** 1,400

**Tuition & Fees:** \$39,080

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$8,510

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,000

**Dean of Admission:**

Julie Staker  
877-225-5263

**Director of Financial Aid:**

Barbara Hoffman  
319-399-8540

**FAFSA Code:** 001854

**Control/Affiliation:** Independent,  
Presbyterian

**Highest Offering or Degree:**  
Baccalaureate

**Types of Programs:** Liberal Arts,  
Sciences & General, Business  
Administration & Economics, Fine  
Arts, Teacher Education, Pre-  
Professional, Writing

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**  
March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**  
20 ACT, 3.0 GPA



Founded in 1851, Coe College redefines the liberal arts with a hands-on component. In addition to major and general education coursework, Coe students are guaranteed an internship, research project, practicum or off-campus study program. Coe College is one of the few liberal arts institutions in the country to promise hands-on learning.

In recent years, Coe students have interned at places like the Chicago Board of Trade, Mayo Clinic, GreatAmerica Leasing and Rockwell Collins. Others have completed research on Coe's campus through the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates program or the Department of Business and Economics' Spellman Summer Research Program. Still others have combined travel with an internship in South Africa or student teaching in Tanzania for an unforgettable off-campus experience. In addition, the College is home to the country's largest undergraduate, student-run writing center and a writing-across-the-curriculum structure that provides students with the written communication skills needed to be successful after graduation.

## CORNELL COLLEGE

600 First Street, SW, Mt. Vernon, IA 52314

**Home Page:** [www.cornellcollege.edu](http://www.cornellcollege.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:**  
One Course At A Time

**Enrollment:** 1,200

**Tuition & Fees:** \$38,475

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$8,700

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,188

**Director of Admissions:**

Marie Schofer  
800-747-1112 or  
319-895-4159

**Financial Aid Director:**

Shannon Amundson  
319-895-4216 or 877-579-4049

**FAFSA Code:** 001856

**Control/Affiliation:**  
Independent,  
United Methodist

**Highest Offering or Degree:**  
Baccalaureate

**Types of Programs:**  
Liberal Arts, Pre-Professional,  
Teacher Education

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**  
March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

Admissions committee  
recommends a secondary education program that includes: 4 years of English, 3 or more  
years of mathematics, 3 or more years of science, 2 or more years of foreign language, 3 or  
more years of social studies



Cornell College, a highly selective liberal arts college in Mount Vernon, Iowa, is recognized as one of 40 colleges in "Colleges That Change Lives." The academic immersion of its One Course At A Time curriculum allows students to focus on a single academic subject per 3.5-week block. Since there is never more than one course to focus on, faculty can take classes on field trips for a day or an entire block. With a student body from 45 states and 19 foreign countries, and renowned visiting speakers, faculty and entertainers, Cornell offers the world from its hilltop campus.



# DIVINE WORD COLLEGE

102 Jacoby Drive, SW, P.O. Box 380, Epworth, IA 52045

**Home Page:** [www.dwci.edu](http://www.dwci.edu)  
**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA  
**Calendar System:** Semester  
**Enrollment:** 150  
**Tuition & Fees:** \$12,600  
**On-Campus Room & Board:**  
\$3,500  
**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,700  
**Admissions Director:**  
Leonard Uhal  
800-553-3321

**FAFSA Code:** 001858  
**Control/Affiliation:**  
Roman Catholic  
**Highest Offering or Degree:**  
Baccalaureate  
**Types of Programs:**  
Liberal Arts & General  
**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**  
March 1  
**Minimum Admission  
Requirement:**  
HS diploma or equivalent  
**Financial Aid Director:**  
Mark Pasker  
563-876-3353



Divine Word College, a Roman Catholic seminary in the tradition of the Society of the Divine Word, educates men and women for missionary service as priests, Brothers, Sisters and laypersons. For this purpose, we offer an education that combines spiritual formation, a liberal arts curriculum, language learning and mission preparation within an environment that teaches and honors the rich cultural diversity of the world. This spiritual, academic, and experiential preparation serves the particular learning needs of our students, promotes their development as whole and responsible persons, and fosters a lifelong commitment to serving God's people.

# DORDT COLLEGE

498 Fourth Avenue, NE, Sioux Center, IA 51250

**Home Page:** [www.dordt.edu](http://www.dordt.edu)  
**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA  
**Calendar System:** Semester  
**Enrollment:** 1,450  
**Tuition & Fees:** \$27,460  
**On-Campus Room & Board:**  
\$8,000  
**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,120  
**Vice President for Enrollment:**  
Howard Wilson  
712-722-6080 or 800-343-6738  
**Financial Aid Director:**  
Michael Epema  
712-722-6082

**FAFSA Code:** 001859  
**Control/Affiliation:**  
Christian Reformed  
**Highest Offering or Degree:**  
Master's  
**Types of Programs:** Liberal  
Arts, General, Teacher  
Education, BSN, BSW, BSE  
**Priority Deadline for Aid  
Filing:**  
April 1  
**Minimum Admission  
Requirement:**  
HS diploma or equivalent,  
ACT test



Dordt College is a comprehensive Christian college located in Sioux Center, Iowa. With an impressive 14:1 student to faculty ratio, Dordt professors get to know students by name and care about their individual success.

Named to the best colleges lists of U.S. News & World Report, Princeton Review, Washington Monthly, Money Magazine and Forbes.com, Dordt College has a friendly and vibrant community with approximately 85 percent of students living on campus.

A Dordt education is affordable, with 98 percent of students receiving financial aid. An average financial aid award for incoming students is \$23,200. On average, students graduate with less debt than many private colleges and all of Iowa's public universities, and 99 percent of graduates are employed within six months of graduation.

# DRAKE UNIVERSITY

2507 University Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50311

**Home Page:** www.drake.edu

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 3,364 undergraduate,  
1,698 graduate

**Undergraduate Tuition & Fees:**  
\$33,696

**On-Campus Room & Board:**  
\$9,596

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,100

**Director of Admission:**

Laura Linn  
515-271-2092 or  
800-44-DRAKE, ext. 2092

**Director, Student Financial Planning:**

Susan Ladd 515-271-2905 or  
800-44-DRAKE ext. 2905

**FAFSA Code:** 001860

**Control/Affiliation:** Independent/  
Non-denominational

**Highest Offering or Degree:**  
Doctorate

**Types of Programs:**

**Undergraduate Programs:**

Liberal arts and sciences, fine arts,  
business, journalism, education  
and health sciences

**Graduate Programs:**

Law, pharmacy, business, public  
administration, education and  
communication.

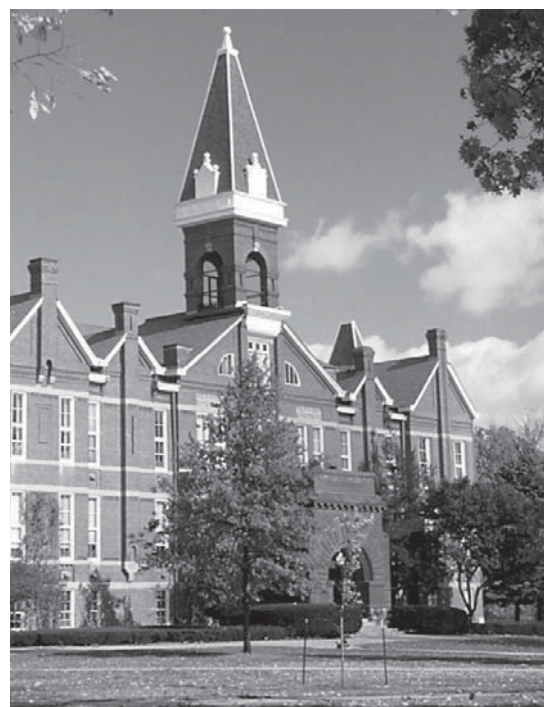
**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**  
March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**  
HS diploma or equivalent

Drake University is a private, master's university in Des Moines, the state's center for business, publishing, government and culture.

Drake offers a mix of liberal arts and professional preparation with more than 70 undergraduate majors across its colleges and schools: Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Administration, Education, Journalism and Mass Communication and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, as well as joint degree programs with the Law School.

More than 98 percent of Drake graduates find professional employment or enter graduate school within six months of earning their degrees.



# EMMAUS BIBLE COLLEGE

2570 Asbury Road, Dubuque, IA 52001

**Home Page:** www.emmaus.edu

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA and ABHE

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 240

**Tuition & Fees:** \$15,920

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$6,800

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$600

**Admissions Director:**

Travis Holtan  
800-397-2425, ext. 1320

**Financial Aid Director:**

Steve Seeman 800-397-2425, ext. 1309

**FAFSA Code:** 016487

**Control/Affiliation:** Plymouth Brethren

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Baccalaureate

**Types of Programs:** Biblical Studies,

Business Administration, Computer  
Studies, Counseling/Psychology,  
Elementary Education, Secondary  
Education, Intercultural Studies, Youth  
Ministries

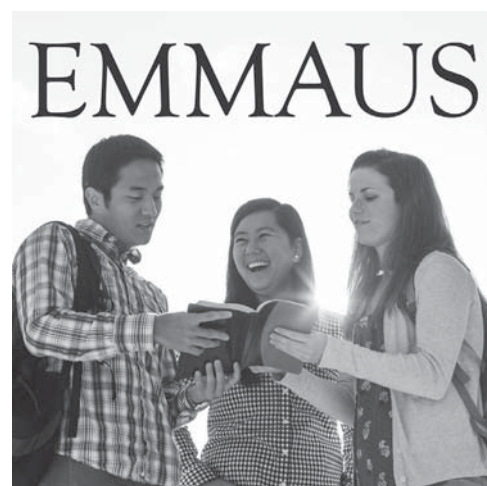
**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**  
HS diploma or equivalent

Founded in 1941, Emmaus Bible College educates and equips learners to serve and lead in churches, ministries, communities and vocations. This is accomplished through rigorous programs of study that challenge students to learn God's truth and live it out authentically. Every academic program at Emmaus includes a strong component of Biblical studies as well as opportunities to serve others both on- and off-campus. Most Emmaus students combine their Bible/theology program with a second major chosen from a variety of ministry and professional programs.

At Emmaus, students can expect to gain an exceptional education, join an inviting student community, discover endless opportunities to get involved and learn more about God's Word. Through the people and programs at Emmaus, God is at work—changing lives, shaping character and helping students find true and lasting purpose.

Feel free to stop by and visit the campus to see if Emmaus may be the place for you. Or send an e-mail to our admissions department, admissions@emmaus.edu.



# FAITH BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

1900 NW Fourth Street, Ankeny, IA 50023

**Home Page:** [www.faith.edu](http://www.faith.edu)

**Accredited by:** ABHE and Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 237

**Tuition & Fees:** \$16,600

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$6,732

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,188

**Admissions Director:**

Mark Davis

515-964-0601 or 888-FAITH-4-U

**Financial Aid Director:**

Breck Appell

515-964-0601 or 888-FAITH-4-U

**FAFSA Code:** 007121

**Control/Affiliation:**

Nonprofit/ Baptist

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

**Degree:**

Master's Degree

**Types of Programs:**

Terminal Occupational  
below the BA, Professional

**Priority Deadline for Aid**

**Filing:** March 15

**Minimum Admission**

**Requirement:**

HS diploma or equivalent



Faith Baptist Bible College exists to prepare students for life and ministry. Whether a student is looking to go into "full time" ministry as a pastor or missionary or simply looking to gain a better understanding of God's Word to better prepare for life, Faith excels at preparing students for both. On the undergraduate level, programs are offered in Biblical Studies, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Pastoral, Assistant Pastoral, Administrative Assistant and Music ministries. Emphases in counseling and youth ministries are also available. The graduate program offers three Master of Arts degrees and the Master of Divinity Degree. Each program is carefully designed to integrate classroom learning and practical opportunities in ministry.

While academics are the core of a Faith education, the college and seminary also offer a variety of opportunities for involvement. Students participate in several varsity sports as well as intramural competition. Many Faith students are also given opportunities to travel throughout the United States and abroad on ministry and missions teams.

## GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

1 University Place, Lamoni, IA 50140



**Home Page:** [www.graceland.edu](http://www.graceland.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 1,956

**Tuition & Fees:** \$25,420

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$8,100

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,164

**Admissions Director:**

Kevin Brown

866-GRACELAND or

641-784-5196

**Financial Advisor:**

Tiffani Evans

641-784-5140

**FAFSA Code:** 001866

**Control/Affiliation:** Community of Christ

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

**Degree:**

**Types of Programs:** Liberal

Arts, Business, Elementary  
Education, Nursing and more

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

H.S. grad.; upper half of class;  
2.5 GPA; min. score of ACT 21/  
SAT 960. (Applicants who do not  
meet 2 of the 3 criteria may be  
considered individually.)



At Graceland University, our passion is your success. Since 1895 Graceland University has challenged students to embrace learning as a lifestyle. Our students are empowered to pursue diverse academic, social, religious and personal interests within the context of a liberal arts tradition.

The University's proud heritage began on "the Hill," our Lamoni campus in southern Iowa. Graceland's reach now includes an urban campus in Independence, Missouri; additional regional locations; and numerous around-the-world online programs. Graceland students hail from more than 46 states and 26 countries. We bring the world to Graceland, and our students take the campus to the world by traveling on exciting internship opportunities. Students choose from more than 50 academic majors and programs, including master's programs and a doctorate program. We offer 22 varsity teams, a variety of performing arts ensembles and over 40 clubs and organizations. Graceland students excel in athletics, Enactus competitions for young entrepreneurs, theatre, visual arts, computer science, robotics and music regionally, nationally and internationally.



# GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

1200 Grandview Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50316

**Home Page:**

[www.admissions.grandview.edu](http://www.admissions.grandview.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning

Commission of the NCA,  
Commission on Collegiate Nursing  
Education, Iowa Board of Nursing,  
IA Dept. of Education

**Calendar System:** Semester**Enrollment:** 2,200**Tuition & Fees:** \$24,544**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$7,866**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$880**Admissions Director:**

Ryan Thompson  
800-444-6083

**FAFSA Code:** 001867**Control/Affiliation:**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

Master's

**Types of Programs:**

40 majors including: Education, Nursing,  
Business, Art & Design, Biology,  
Pre-Professional

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** March 1**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

Moderately selective

**Financial Aid Director:**

Michele Dunne  
515-263-2820



Grand View is a private liberal arts university founded in 1896. We offer 40 majors, including evening/weekend programs and four master's programs. For more than two decades, nearly 100% of our graduates have been placed within six months of graduation.

At Grand View, we'll personally guide you to a quality education that's affordable -- in fact, at a cost comparable to or less than the published prices of state schools. Our Financial Empowerment Plan is a personal program tailored to your circumstances. It helps you plan and finance an entire four-year degree and graduate on time. You won't find this level of personal attention to both finances and academics anywhere else.

Innovation at Grand View doesn't stop there. Our new core curriculum will transform you into a thinker who can find and interpret information, come to conclusions, and communicate those verbally and in writing. You'll be able to solve problems in and outside of the workplace, and in your personal life as an informed citizen who connects with community needs. You'll become aware of yourself and be able to relate to and understand our diverse and changing world. You'll be equipped to engage with the tasks of life and empowered to pursue your goals.

# GRINNELL COLLEGE

1103 Park Street, Grinnell, IA 50112-1690

**Home Page:** [www.grinnell.edu](http://www.grinnell.edu)**Accredited by:** Higher Learning

Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester**Enrollment:** 1,600**Tuition & Fees:** \$46,990**On-Campus Room & Board:**

\$11,408

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$900**Director of Admission:**

Gregory Sneed  
641-269-3600 or 800-247-0113

**Financial Aid Director:**

Brad Lindberg  
641-269-3250

**FAFSA Code:** 001868**Control/Affiliation:**

Independent

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

Baccalaureate

**Types of Programs:** Liberal

Arts & Sciences

**Priority Deadline for Aid****Filing:**

February 1

**Minimum Admission****Requirement:**

Very Selective



Established in 1846, Grinnell College is a world-renowned liberal arts college of 1,600 students. Grinnell's academic atmosphere is challenging but extremely collaborative. The College imposes no standard core curriculum, and each student works closely with a faculty adviser to develop a curriculum tailored to the student's own academic and professional goals.

Students come to Grinnell from around the globe: ten percent are from Iowa, another 12 percent come from as many as 50 countries and 25 percent are U.S. students of color. All are warmly welcomed at Grinnell, where student life is further enhanced by the College's state-of-the-art, sophisticated facilities and annual cultural offerings, which include 100-plus lectures, 70-plus concerts and dozens of plays and performances. Grinnell's unparalleled resources, rigorous academics and inclusive community result in Grinnell students being some of the most highly satisfied with their college choice.

# INSTE BIBLE COLLEGE

2302 SW Third Street, Ankeny, IA 50023



**Home Page:** [www.inste.edu](http://www.inste.edu)

**Accredited by:** DETC

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 1,236

**Tuition & Fees:** \$1,593

**On-Campus Room & Board:** N/A

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$350

**Admissions Director:**

Claudia Pahl

515-289-9200 ext. 114

**Financial Aid Director:**

Stephany Reeves

515-289-9200 ext. 116

**Control/Affiliation:** Nonprofit/Open  
Bible Churches

**Highest Offering or Degree:**  
Baccalaureate

**Types of Programs:** Certificates,  
Diplomas, Degrees in Bible and  
Theology

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**  
2.0 GPA, general education courses  
completed at a duly accredited  
university or college

What makes Inste Bible College unique? First of all, it is both portable and affordable. No matter the size of the church, Inste is a fit. All that is needed to get started is a mature, dedicated leader called to make disciples, whom Inste trains through a short leader-training program right where he or she is. Inste supplies the materials - books and tests included - a support system, plus records and recognition for the courses studied.

Inste is affordable. A person can graduate with a BA in Bible and Theology for less than it would cost for one semester at a traditional Bible College. Furthermore, Inste comes to the local church, so Bible college training is available to all.

Secondly, Inste's methodology sets it apart. Most formal educational systems today are based on the Greek didactic model revolving around a lecture. Inste's model is based on relationships, a Hebrew model that incorporates learning into the life rhythm of the learner and the church.

Thirdly, Inste is not just church-housed, it is church-based. Our mission statement is clear: Inste Bible College exists to make disciples and develop leaders for the fulfillment of the Great Commission through excellent and affordable distance education.

# IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

601 North Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

**Home Page:** [www.iwc.edu](http://www.iwc.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 500

**Tuition & Fees:** \$27,286

**On-Campus Room & Board:**  
\$9,576

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,188

**Admissions Director:**

Josh Kite

319-385-6239

**Financial Aid Director:**

Julie Deplessis

319-385-6242 or

800-582-2383

**FAFSA Code:** 001871

**Control/Affiliation:** United  
Methodist

**Highest Offering or Degree:**  
Baccalaureate

**Types of Programs:** Liberal  
Arts, General and Teacher  
Preparation and Nursing

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**  
April 1

**Minimum Admission  
Requirement:**  
2.0 GPA, 17 ACT



Iowa Wesleyan College, established in 1842, is one of the oldest private, coeducational colleges west of the Mississippi River. The mission of Iowa Wesleyan College is to prepare students to succeed in a changing global environment. Iowa Wesleyan is a four-year liberal arts college providing quality individualized learning experiences that combine the development of the intellect with adaptive life skills. The College is affiliated with the United Methodist Church with which it shares a commitment to spiritual values, social justice and human welfare.

## LORAS COLLEGE

1450 Alta Vista, Dubuque, IA 52001

**Home Page:** [www.loras.edu](http://www.loras.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 1,569

**Tuition & Fees:** \$30,628

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$7,489

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,100

**Admission Director:**

Jason Woods

563-588-7236 or 800-245-6727

**Financial Aid Director:**

Julie A. Dunn

563-588-7136 or 800-245-6727

**FAFSA Code:** 001873

**Control/Affiliation:**

Roman Catholic

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

Master's

**Types of Programs:** Liberal

Arts and General, Teacher

Preparation, Pre-Professional  
Programs

**Priority Deadline for Aid**

**Filing:** April 15

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

Recommended minimum 2.5 GPA  
and 20 ACT score



Established in 1839, the Loras College campus is nestled high atop the majestic bluffs of the Mississippi River in Dubuque, Iowa, and overlooks the states of Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. With an enrollment of just under 1,600, Loras is small enough to be personal, yet large enough to provide students a well-rounded academic and co-curricular experience. Relating the rich liberal arts tradition to a changing world, Loras strives to develop active learners, reflective thinkers, ethical decision makers and responsible contributors in their diverse professional, social and religious roles.

Loras has over 175 years of educational history and embraces its heritage and traditions, while continually evaluating its offerings to reflect current and future student and workplace needs. Loras offers distinctive educational programs, from Modes of Inquiry, designed to help first year students transition into liberal arts learning to January term courses, offering an intensive, accelerated 3-week term featuring a variety of courses, across the disciplines, which emphasize experiential learning. Numerous Loras programs compete against schools like Harvard, Drake and large public universities and are consistently ranked nationally -- Sport Management, Media Studies, Mediation, Dance Marathon, Men's and Women's Soccer, and other athletic programs, just to mention a few. The educational and personal experiences in and outside of the classroom make Loras a destination for nearly 1,600 students.

Signature programs such as media studies, business analytics, STEM Education and kinesiology/masters of athletic training, differentiate Loras College and allow students to access 21st century work skills at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

## LUTHER COLLEGE

700 College Drive, Decorah, IA 52101



**Home Page:** [www.luther.edu](http://www.luther.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 2,385

**Tuition & Fees:** \$39,190

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$7,920

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,040

**Vice President for Enrollment  
Management:**

Scot Schaeffer

563-387-1430 or 800-458-8437

**FAFSA Code:** 001874

**Control/Affiliation:** Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Baccalaureate

**Types of Programs:** Liberal Arts

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

HS with Superior Aptitude

**Director of Financial Aid:**

Janice Cordell

563-387-1018 or 800-458-8437

Founded in 1861, Luther College is a four-year, liberal arts institution affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. One of the outstanding undergraduate institutions in the Midwest, Luther offers more than 60 majors and pre-professional programs leading to the bachelor of arts degree. Ninety-three percent of Luther's 180 full-time faculty hold an earned doctorate or terminal degree. A Phi Beta Kappa chapter attests to the academic excellence of the college. The student body represents 40 states and 61 countries. Co-curricular activities include 14 music ensembles and 19 intercollegiate sports, and 75 percent of students study away before graduation. The scenic Decorah campus, with exceptional facilities and vistas of the Oneota Valley and the Upper Iowa River, rivals any in the region.





# MAHARISHI UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT

1000 N. Fourth Street, Fairfield, IA 52557

**FAFSA Code:** 011113

**Home Page:** [www.mum.edu](http://www.mum.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** Independent

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 1,300

**Tuition & Fees:** \$26,530

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$7,400

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,200

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Doctorate

**Types of Programs:** Art, Business, Computer  
Science, Education, English, Mathematics,  
Media and Communications, Physiology  
and Health, Sustainable Living. Distance  
Education Master's Degrees, Master's in Film,  
Master's in Sustainable Living

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** July 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**  
HS diploma or equivalent

**Admissions Director:**

Gwen Stowe

641-472-1110 or 800-369-6480

**Financial Aid Director:**

Dan Wasielewski

641-472-7000 or 800-369-6480



Maharishi University of Management (MUM) offers Consciousness-Based education to enable students to discover the field of pure consciousness within themselves as the source of all knowledge.

Other features of MUM include:

- The Transcendental Meditation course to develop the student's inner potential. Extensive published research has found that this technique boosts learning ability and creativity, improves brain functioning and reduces stress.
- Block system: one course at a time to learn more... without the stress.
- Sustainability: B.S. in Sustainable Living and MBA in Sustainable Business.
- Natural health program for all students.
- Organic vegetarian meals served fresh daily.
- Active learning – bringing knowledge to life.
- Visitors Weekends are held each month throughout the year.

# MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE

1501 Morningside Avenue, Sioux City, IA 51106



**FAFSA Code:** 001879

**Home Page:** [www.morningside.edu](http://www.morningside.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** United Methodist

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 2,824

**Tuition & Fees:** \$28,155

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$8,710

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,188

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Master's

**Types of Programs:** Liberal Arts, General,  
Teacher Preparation & Professional

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

20 ACT or SAT 1410; Top 50% of class or  
2.5 GPA

**Admissions Director:**

Stephanie Peters

712-274-5111 or 800-831-0806

**Financial Aid Director:**

Karen Gagnon

712-274-5159



The Morningside College experience cultivates a passion for lifelong learning and a dedication to ethical leadership and civic responsibility. Morningside College offers a total experience. Students develop various dimensions of themselves through the liberal arts core curriculum, a complete range of majors, internships, independent study and career and graduate school advising services.

Within six months of graduation, more than 98 percent of graduates are employed or admitted to graduate school.

## MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY

1330 Elmhurst Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-4797



**FAFSA Code:** 001880

**Home Page:** [www.mtmercy.edu](http://www.mtmercy.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** Roman Catholic

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** 4-1-4

**Enrollment:** 1,762

**Tuition & Fees:** \$28,226

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$8,600

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,200

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Master's

**Types of Programs:** Liberal Arts and Professional Programs

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** March 15

**Minimum Admission Requirement:** 20 ACT, 2.75 GPA,  
Upper 50% of Class

**Dean of Admissions:**

Dr. Terri Crumley 319-368-6460 or 800-248-4504

**Director of Financial Aid:**

Bethany Rinderknecht 319-368-6467 or 800-248-4504 ext. 6467

Be valued.

Mount Mercy offers baccalaureate and graduate education to nearly 1,800 enrolled students, uniquely blending liberal arts learning with professional career development and a strong commitment to serving the common good. Undergraduates can choose from over 35 majors and minors and strong programs in biology, business, criminal justice, education, English, psychology and nursing. Dedicated faculty members inspire students to lead and serve. The University offers an array of scholarships and financial aid for all incoming first-year and transfer students, including the Catherine McAuley free tuition scholarship to qualifying Iowa high school graduates whose family income is \$45,000 or less annually.

## NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

101 Seventh Street SW, Orange City, IA 51041



**FAFSA Code:** 001883

**Home Page:** [www.nwciowa.edu](http://www.nwciowa.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** Reformed Church in  
America

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 1,205 undergraduate

**Tuition & Fees:** \$28,950

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$8,750

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,200

**Highest Offering or Degree:**  
Master's

**Types of Programs:** Liberal Arts and  
Sciences, General, Teacher Preparation,  
and Pre-Professional, Master's degree in  
education, a graduate certificate in  
international development

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**  
April 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**  
HS diploma or equivalent

**Dean of Enrollment:**

Kenton Pauls  
712-707-7130 or 800-747-4757

**Director of Financial Aid:**

Eric Anderson  
712-707-7131



Northwestern College is a Christian academic community that both challenges and supports students as it develops their minds and empowers their faith. Opportunities for meaningful involvement and service enlarge students' world views and prepare them for fulfilling careers and faithful lives as thinking Christians.

The academic program includes more than 80 programs and numerous opportunities for off-campus study. Northwestern students are taught by award-winning faculty with doctorates from such institutions as Notre Dame, Duke, UCLA and Yale. Many construction projects have taken place in the past decade on Northwestern's campus, including the student center, facilities for the arts and athletics, student housing and a \$14 million learning commons.



# SHILOH UNIVERSITY

100 Shiloh Drive, Kalona, IA 52247

**Home Page:** [www.shilohuniversity.edu](http://www.shilohuniversity.edu)

**Accredited by:** Distance Education  
Accrediting Commission

**Calendar System:** Trimester

**Enrollment:** 50

**Tuition & Fees:** \$4,500

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,040

**Control/Affiliation:** Nonprofit/  
The Living Word Fellowship

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

Master of Divinity

**Types of Programs:** Liberal

Arts and Biblical Studies

**Admissions and Financial Aid**

**Director:**

Andy Thompson

319-656-2447



Shiloh University is an accredited college and seminary offering programs 100% online. Undergraduate and graduate programs are offered for \$150.00 per credit which is over five times less than the national average cost of tuition. As a Christian institution, the University both challenges its students to grow academically and prepares them for a fruitful Christian life and ministry. Program offerings include an Associate of Arts degree, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical and Pastoral Studies, a Master of Arts degree in Biblical and Pastoral Studies, and a Master of Divinity degree.

The University recognizes the educational needs of individuals throughout the state and around the world who live busy and committed lifestyles. Recognizing these important realities, University courses are taught exclusively online, allowing students in any location and from all walks of life to pursue an engaging Christian education.

Shiloh University students come from various age groups, countries, backgrounds and experiences. Faculty and staff are student-oriented, providing a supportive and encouraging online environment. Our commitment is to facilitate success and a positive experience for every student in an atmosphere that imparts knowledge, values and a desire to learn.

# SIMPSON COLLEGE

701 North C Street, Indianola, IA 50125



**FAFSA Code:** 001887

**Home Page:** [www.simpson.edu](http://www.simpson.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 1,654 undergraduate

**Tuition & Fees:** \$34,175

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$7,963

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,188

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Master's

**Types of Programs:** Liberal Arts and  
General, Teacher Preparation

**Control/Affiliation:** United Methodist

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

April 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

HS diploma or equivalent; Admissions  
Committee evaluates high school  
transcript reflecting a strong college prep  
curriculum, ACT/SAT scores, and class  
rank, as well as recommendation(s)

**Vice President of Enrollment:**

Deborah Tierney

515-961-1624 or 800-362-2454 ext. 1624

**Assistant V.P. of Enrollment &**

**Financial Assistance:**

Tracie Pavon

515-961-1630 or 800-362-2454 ext. 1630



Simpson College is more than a beautiful campus. The College has an outstanding faculty and renowned curricula, including more than 80 majors, minors and pre-professional opportunities, including internships, career observations and study programs both abroad and in the United States.

We offer 18 varsity sports for men and women in a highly successful NCAA Division III athletic program. We also offer a large intramural program and many student clubs and organizations.

Located just 12 miles from Des Moines, Iowa's capital and largest metropolitan area, Simpson's ideal location allows students the opportunity to enjoy both city sophistication and small-town charm. The beautiful 75-acre tree-lined campus provides a setting that nurtures creativity, energy and productivity.



# ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY

518 W. Locust Street, Davenport, IA 52803-2898

**Home Page:** [www.sau.edu](http://www.sau.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 3,500

**Tuition & Fees:** \$28,380

**On-Campus Room & Board:**  
\$9,000 (varies)

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$500

**Admissions Office:**  
563-333-6300 or 800-383-2627

**Financial Aid Director:**  
Julie Haack  
563-333-6314

**FAFSA Code:** 001889

**Control/Affiliation:** Roman Catholic

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Doctorate

**Types of Programs:** Engineering,  
Nursing, Teacher Education, Physician  
Assistant, Engineering, Occupational  
Therapy, Business, Physical Therapy,  
Pre-Law, Graphic Design, Speech-  
Language Pathology

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**  
March 15

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**  
2.5 GPA, 20 ACT or 950 SAT

Rated among the top universities in the region by two national ranking publications, St. Ambrose University is a coeducational, liberal arts university affiliated with the Diocese of Davenport. Students received more than \$34 million in financial aid last year and the new BEE Finished in Four Years Plan guarantees timely degree completion. Maintaining an 11:1 student-to-faculty ratio, St. Ambrose offers 60 undergraduate majors, 12 master's and two doctoral programs. No classes are taught by graduate assistants.

In addition to strong academics and a growing study-abroad program, students enjoy a dynamic campus that features some of the nicest residence halls in the Midwest, a wide range of varsity and intramural sports, more than 80 student clubs and organizations — and a reputation for amazing personal attention.



# UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE

2000 University Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52001

**FAFSA Code:** 001891

**Home Page:** [www.dbq.edu](http://www.dbq.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** Presbyterian [PC (USA)]

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** 4-1-4

**Enrollment:** 2,200 total  
1,800 undergraduate

**Tuition & Fees:** \$27,896

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$9,070

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$950

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Doctorate

**Types of Programs:** Accounting; Aviation;  
Biology; Business; Computer Graphics &  
Interactive Media; Health, Wellness &  
Sport; Nursing; Philosophy; Psychology; Religious  
Studies; Sociology; Speech Communication

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**  
April 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**  
ACT or SAT required; GPA considered

**Director of Admission:**  
Bob Broshous  
800-722-5583

**Dean of Student Financial Planning:**  
Tim Kremer  
563-589-3396



The University of Dubuque is a private, coeducational professional university with a focus in the liberal arts. Our commitment to nurturing the mind, body and spirit, as well as encouraging students to explore their fullest potential, is part of a rich Christian heritage that dates back to the University's founding in 1852.

We strive to balance the cultural and spiritual values within traditional higher education with excellent professional preparation in programs planned for 21st century needs and opportunities — all linked with informed and inspired uses of technology. The University's program leadership in Aviation, Business, Computer Graphics/Interactive Media, Education, Environmental Science and Nursing is nationally recognized. Our welcoming interfaith community of students comes from across the country and around the globe.

# UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

P.O. Box 1859, Fayette, IA 52142-1857

**FAFSA Code:** 001893

**Home Page:** [www.uiu.edu](http://www.uiu.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** Independent/Nonprofit

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning

Commission of the NCA, using Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP)

**Calendar System:** : 8 week sub-terms make up 16 week semester/term

**Enrollment:** 5,800 graduate and undergraduate, University-wide

**Tuition & Fees:** \$28,073

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$8,057

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,560

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Master's

**Types of Programs:** Business, Liberal Arts, Science, Teacher Preparation, Athletic Trainer Education, RN-BSN. U.S. and Asia locations, and online and self-paced degree programs

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

2.0 GPA, 17 ACT

**Director of Admission:**

Katie Ashcraft 563-425-5857

**Financial Aid:**

Michelle Meyer 563-425-5234

**Integrated Enrollment Center:**

800-553-4150



Founded in 1857, Upper Iowa University is a private, not-for-profit university providing undergraduate and graduate degree programs to more than 6,200 students—nationally and internationally—at its Fayette campus and learning centers worldwide. Upper Iowa University is a recognized innovator in offering accredited, quality programs through flexible, multiple delivery systems, including online and self-paced degree programs. With a focus on developing leaders and lifelong learners, UIU provides dual enrollment programs for high school students as well as continuing education and professional development opportunities for learners of any age. For more information, visit [www.uiu.edu](http://www.uiu.edu).

# WARTBURG COLLEGE

100 Wartburg Blvd., P.O. Box 1003, Waverly, IA 50677-0903



**FAFSA Code:** 001896

**Home Page:** [www.wartburg.edu](http://www.wartburg.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning

Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** 4-4-1

**Enrollment:** 1,661

**Tuition & Fees:** \$37,190

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$9,010

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,100

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Baccalaureate

**Types of Programs:** Liberal Arts and

General, Teacher Preparation

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

19 ACT, top half of class

**Assistant Vice President for Admissions:**

Todd Coleman

[todd.coleman@wartburg.edu](mailto:todd.coleman@wartburg.edu)

319-352-8264 or 800-772-2085

**Financial Aid Director:**

Jennifer Sassman

319-352-8262 or 800-772-2085



Wartburg is a private, Lutheran, liberal arts college with an enrollment of 1,661 students, including 166 international students from 68 countries. Dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service, the College is characterized by vigorous academic expectations within an environment of strong personal support.

A Wartburg education emphasizes undergraduate research; experiential learning through practicums, internships and cultural immersions; leadership development through workshops, mentoring, class work and community partnerships; as well as a focus on ethics, values and multicultural and global experiences. May Term, part of Wartburg's 4-4-1 academic calendar, gives students unique opportunities for study abroad or participation in field experiences and internships. Notably, 98 percent of Wartburg graduates are placed in jobs or graduate schools within six months of graduation.



# WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY

201 Trueblood Avenue, Oskaloosa, IA 52577

**FAFSA Code:** 001900

**Home Page:** [www.wmpenn.edu](http://www.wmpenn.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** Quaker

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 1,793

**Tuition & Fees:** \$23,930

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$6,544

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,198

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Master's

**Types of Programs:** Liberal Arts,  
Nursing, Pre-Professional, Teacher  
Preparation

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**  
July 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**  
2.0 GPA, ACT 18, HS diploma  
or equivalent

**Director of Admissions:**  
Kerra Strong  
641-673-1012

**Financial Aid Director:**  
Cyndi Peiffer  
641-673-1040



William Penn University offers a quality liberal arts education that is firmly rooted in leadership development. Professors who care about your personal goals, combined with opportunities for campus and community involvement, build an educational foundation that will prepare you for success!

Founded by Quaker pioneers, William Penn University embraces traditional values of integrity, simplicity, compassion, ethical practice, acceptance, tolerance and service. It is also one of the most diverse campuses in Iowa, with students from 43 states and 10 countries.



“Enjoy every minute of everything you do! College is a different experience and a fun one to say the least. Do not be afraid to step out of your shell and meet new people who can become your best friends!”

Hannah Godlewski,  
senior at St. Ambrose University







# IOWA'S PROPRIETARY colleges & universities

## KAPLAN UNIVERSITY

Des Moines - Cedar Rapids - Cedar Falls - Mason City - Davenport

**Home Page:** [www.kaplanuniversity.edu](http://www.kaplanuniversity.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Terms

**Enrollment:** 1,948

**Tuition & Fees:** \$15,352

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:**  
\$4,992

**Est. Books and Supplies:**

The University provides course material as needed for most undergraduate programs. Students in some undergraduate nursing programs and all master's degree programs must purchase their own course materials.

**FAFSA Code:** Varies by campus

**Control/Affiliation:** Proprietary

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

Master's Degree

**Types of Programs:**

Varies by Campus, Diplomas,  
Certificates, AAS Degrees, Bachelor  
of Science Degrees, Master's Degrees

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

June 30

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

HS Diploma or equivalent



**Types of programs/degrees vary by campus and availability.  
Offerings include:**

Accounting	Information Systems
Business	Legal Studies
Communication	Medical Assisting
Corrections	Medical Transcription
Crime Scene	Nursing
Criminal Justice	Paralegal
Education	Practical Nursing
Health & Wellness	Psychology
Health Sciences	

Kaplan University recognizes individual worth and dignity of all people. All students are encouraged to reach their potential within the framework of their individual needs, interests and capabilities. This is why Kaplan University offers an education through Residential Campuses, Online Platform or a combination of both.

Each Kaplan University onsite program is taught in specially built classrooms, including computer and medical labs. Kaplan University's online platform is located on the Internet at [kaplanuniversity.edu](http://kaplanuniversity.edu).

**Des Moines Campus**

4655 121st Street  
Urbandale, IA 50323  
800-383-0253

**Admissions Director –**  
Mark Bandy

**Director of Finance –**  
Summer Vaselaar  
FAFSA Code: E00925

**Cedar Falls Campus**

7009 Nordic Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
800-728-1220

**Admissions Director –**  
Crystal Ford

**Director of Finance –**  
Robert Brooks  
FAFSA Code: E00920

**Cedar Rapids Campus**

3165 Edgewood Pkwy SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
800-728-0481

**Admissions Director –**  
Micaela Davis

**Director of Finance –**  
Robert Brooks  
FAFSA Code: 004220

**Davenport Campus**

1801 East Kimberly Rd  
Davenport, IA 52807  
800-747-1035

**Admissions Director –**  
Jason Wilebski

**Director of Finance –**  
Sharon Barber  
FAFSA Code: 004586

**Mason City Campus**

2570 4th Street S.W.  
Mason City, IA 50401  
800-274-2530

**Admissions Director –**  
Julie Valencia

**Director of Finance –**  
Julie Dannen  
FAFSA Code: E00926

# HAMILTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

1011 East 53rd Street, Davenport, IA 52807

**Home Page:**

[www.hamiltontechcollege.edu](http://www.hamiltontechcollege.edu)

**Accredited by:** Accrediting Commission  
of Career Schools and Colleges  
(ACCSC)

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 221

**Tuition & Fees**

School of Allied Health: \$5,825

School of Technology: \$5,700

**Est. Books and Supplies:**

Included in tuition

**Admissions Director:**

Brian Beert

563-386-3570 ext. 20

**FAFSA Code:** 012064

**Control/Affiliation:** For-Profit

**Highest Offering or Degree:**  
Bachelor of Science

**Types of Programs:**

Electronics Engineering  
Technology (AS and BS  
degree), Medical Assisting  
Technology (Diploma),  
Medical/Insurance Coding  
Specialist (Diploma)

**Financial Aid Director:**

Leslie McIntire

(563)386-3570



Since 1969 Hamilton Technical College has emphasized real-world training to help students realize their full potential through motivation and encouragement. Hamilton Tech has two schools: the School of Technology (including Electronics Engineering Technology AS and BS degree programs) and the School of Allied Health (including Medical Assisting Technology and Medical / Insurance Coding Specialist Diploma Programs). Please contact us to learn more about these rewarding career fields.

# WALDORF COLLEGE

106 South Sixth Street, Forest City, IA 50436



**Home Page:** [www.waldorf.edu](http://www.waldorf.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Varied

**Enrollment:** 1,118

**Tuition & Fees:** \$20,884

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$6,994

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,188

**Director of Admissions:**

Scott Pitcher

800-292-1903

**Financial Aid Director:**

Duane Polsdofer

800-292-1903

**FAFSA Code:** 001895

**Control/Affiliation:** Independent

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Master's

**Types of Programs:** Biology, Business,  
Communications, Creative Writing,  
Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice  
Administration, Education, English,  
Fire Science Administration, Foundations  
of Education, History, Humanities, Music,  
Organizational Leadership, Psychology,  
Sports Management, Theatre, Wellness

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

2.0 GPA, 18 ACT, 860 SAT

At Waldorf College, we offer popular majors, small classes, loads of sports and activities, a vibrant college community and a generous scholarship program. Big possibilities await students in the small town of Forest City, Iowa! Waldorf is a friendly, private liberal arts school located right in the center of town, just two hours north of Des Moines and two hours south of the Twin Cities.

The breadth of our majors and the excellence of our facilities are surprisingly large for a school this small. We have degree programs in Biology, Business, Education, Music, Theatre, Wellness and much more. We have outstanding athletics facilities (including a new artificial-turf football and soccer field), a top-notch communications lab and even our own radio and television stations!

Performing arts are big at Waldorf, and you won't have to wait until your junior or senior year to play a role. Join the Waldorf Choir or Wind Symphony if you love music. With so many co-curricular activities, more than 30 active clubs and organizations and 20 intercollegiate sports teams, Waldorf is the perfect place to become an integral part of a welcoming college community.





# IOWA'S COMMUNITY colleges

## CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Eastern Iowa Community College District, 1000 Lincoln Blvd., Clinton, IA 52732



**Home Page:** [www.eicc.edu](http://www.eicc.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 1,800

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,100

Per Credit Hour: \$137

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:**  
\$7,434

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,500

**FAFSA Code:** 001853

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:** College Transfer

Arts & Sciences, Career/Technical

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** April 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

Open Admission

**Admissions Director:**

Heather Mohler

800-637-0559

**Financial Aid Officer:**

Teresa Thiede

563-244-7070



Clinton Community College is part of the Eastern Iowa Community College District, which also includes Scott and Muscatine Community Colleges. The district offers more than 40 career education programs and an equal number of college transfer concentrations. The colleges received the maximum accreditation from the North Central Association and work closely with Iowa's Regent institutions to ensure transferability of credits. Technology programs are kept up-to-date due to a strong relationship with the business community.

## DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2006 South Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny, IA 50023



**Campuses:** Ames, Ankeny, Boone,  
Carroll, Newton, Urban (Des Moines)  
and West (West Des Moines)

**Learning Centers:** Ames, Perry,  
Southridge Center (Des Moines),  
Transportation Institute (Des Moines)

**Home Page:** [www.dmacc.edu](http://www.dmacc.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 36,365

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,290

Per Credit Hour: \$143

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:**

9-month - \$6,656

**Est. Books and Supplies:**

9-month - \$1,470

**FAFSA Code:** 004589

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:** Terminal Occupational  
below the BA, 2 years creditable toward a BA

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

April 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

Ability to benefit from attendance

**Director of Enrollment Services and Registrar:**

Rachel Erkkila

800-362-2127 ext. 6216

or 515-964-6216

**Financial Aid Director:**

Ean Freels

800-362-2127 ext. 6514

or 515-964-6514



Whether you're interested in starting a four-year education through DMACC's University-College Transfer Program (UCT@DMACC), pursuing a rewarding career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) or you want one of our many in-demand career and technical degrees, DMACC offers 153 programs and short-term certificates that help qualify you for Central Iowa's many job opportunities. Maybe that's another reason that DMACC was voted by CityView readers as the "Best Place to Continue Your Education."

Whatever career path you choose, DMACC will make sure you are well prepared and ready to enter the job market. DMACC continues to implement a college-wide program called the Completion Agenda. It's designed to help students identify career paths and then provide academic support and student service resources to help them achieve their academic goal.

For more information, contact us 24 hours a day at [www.dmacc.edu](http://www.dmacc.edu).

# ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Iowa Valley Community College District, 1100 College Avenue, Iowa Falls, IA 50126

**Home Page:**

[www.ellsworthcollege.com](http://www.ellsworthcollege.com)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 1,100

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,176

Per Credit Hour: \$148

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$5,176

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$800

**Admissions Director:**

Adriane Sietsema

800-322-9235 ext. 8519

**FAFSA Code:** 001862

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Highest Offering or Degree:**  
Associate

**Types of Programs:** Arts &  
Sciences, Vocational, Career  
Option, 2 years creditable toward  
a BA

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**  
June 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**  
HS diploma or equivalent

**Financial Aid Director:** Tara Miller  
800-322-9235 ext. 8515

Ellsworth Community College (ECC), operated by Iowa Valley Community College District, offers nearly 65 career-oriented degree programs that combine classroom training with on-the-job experience to prepare graduates for employment. ECC also offers a fully transferrable Associate in Arts degree, the more affordable way for students to earn freshman and sophomore credits toward a baccalaureate degree.

ECC's vocational-technical programs are Accounting, Agribusiness, Agricultural Science, Animal Science, Apparel Merchandising, Biotechnology, Business Administration, Computer Applications, Conservation Technology, Criminal Justice, Equine Science, Farm Management, Marketing, Medical Assistant, Medical Office Practitioner, Merchandising & Retail Management, Mobile Service Technician, Nursing (Associate Degree), Nursing (Practical), Office Administration/Computer Applications, Precision Agriculture, Renewable Energy Technology and Swine Management.

As you consider Ellsworth, keep in mind this important fact: According to CNNMoney.com, Ellsworth Community College has the 19th highest student success rate (defined as graduation rate plus transfer rate) in the entire country. If your college goals include graduating or transferring credits to complete a bachelor's degree, ECC is better able to help you meet that goal than 1,646 of the other 1,665 community colleges in the United States!

For more information or to take a "virtual tour" of our beautiful campus, we're online at [www.EllsworthCollege.com](http://www.EllsworthCollege.com).



# HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1501 E. Orange Road, Waterloo, IA 50701

**Home Page:**

[www.hawkeyecollege.edu](http://www.hawkeyecollege.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 5,802

**Full Time Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,680

Per Credit Hour: \$175

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:**  
\$8,134

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,188

**Admissions Director:**

David Ball

319-296-4000 or 800-670-4743

**FAFSA Code:** 004595

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:**

Terminal Occupational below the BA  
and college transfer

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** July 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

High school diploma, GED or  
equivalent or assessment

**Financial Aid Director:**

Gisella Baker

319-296-4020



Hawkeye is a comprehensive community college offering college transfer courses and more than 97 areas of training among our 52 vocational programs. New programs to Hawkeye Community College are: Construction Equipment Operation, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Science, Golf Course and Country Club Management, Medical Billing and Coding Associate and Paramedic. The College has earned a reputation for small, hands-on classes, utilizing cutting-edge technology. Academic programs are offered in health, business, agriculture and natural resources, engineering technology, power technology, arts and human studies.

Hawkeye's two-year transfer program allows students to complete the first two years of their four-year degree and transfer to the college or university of their choice. In fact, Hawkeye is the number one source of new students to the University of Northern Iowa.

Hawkeye's continuing education program provides many opportunities to acquire workplace skills, gain industry certifications or learn a new hobby. The College partners with businesses and community organizations to provide needed training services, including customized programs.



# INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

525 Grandview Avenue, Ottumwa, IA 52501



**Home Page:** [www.indianhills.edu](http://www.indianhills.edu)

**Other Campus:** Centerville

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Quarter

**Enrollment:** 4,604

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,920

Per Credit Hour: \$155

**Est. On-Campus Room & Board:**  
\$5,460

**Est. Books and Supplies:**  
\$1,200

**Admissions Director:**

Eric Merten

641-683-5262 or

800-726-2585, ext. 5262

**FAFSA Code:** 008298

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Highest Offering or Degree:**  
Associate

**Types of Programs:** Vocational-  
Technical, Arts & Sciences College  
Transfer

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**  
July 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**  
High school diploma, High School  
Equivalency Diploma or Assessment

**Financial Aid Director:**

Kimberly Thornbrugh

641-683-5262 or

800-726-2585, ext. 5262

Indian Hills Community College offers nationally-recognized, state-of-the-art advanced technology programs, a strong two-year academic transfer/arts and sciences curriculum, outstanding health sciences programs and a fun environment, all on three beautiful campuses in Ottumwa and Centerville.

Check out Laser/Electro-optics, Renewable Energy Technology, Digital Forensics, Sustainable Agriculture/Entrepreneurship or any of the other technical programs offered at IHCC. The college also has professional-level instruction in Aviation Pilot Training and Aviation Maintenance Technology. Five health sciences programs are offered totally online.

Student activities abound, including wide-ranging campus activities, music and drama presentations, nationally-competitive intercollegiate athletics and intramural sports. Setting Indian Hills apart is its unique campus schedule, a four-day academic week with classes held Monday through Thursday. Add that to the four terms per year and you have maximum flexibility to begin or continue your education at Indian Hills.



# IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

One Triton Circle, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

**FAFSA Code:** 004597

**Home Page:** [www.iowacentral.edu](http://www.iowacentral.edu)

**Other Campuses:** Storm Lake and  
Webster City

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 5,700

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,890

Per Credit Hour: \$163

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$6,350

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,188

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:** Vocational-Technical,  
Arts & Sciences College Transfer

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

Open Admission

**Director of Admissions:**

Sara Condon

800-362-2793 ext. 1005

**Financial Aid Director:**

Darci Bangert

800-362-2793 ext. 1035



Iowa Central Community College is committed to preparing students for the responsibilities of tomorrow by focusing on academics, personal and professional growth and relating well to people. Our vision is to increase the pool of well-rounded citizens who are fully prepared to meet their professional commitments, enrich their lives through service and improve the quality of life for themselves. We offer growth opportunities that will enable students to make their mark on the world. Combining a challenging and rewarding academic environment within a positive and compassionate atmosphere provides an advantage that is unique to Iowa Central.



# IOWA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE



19 S. Seventh Street, Estherville, IA 51334

**FAFSA Code:** 001864

**Home Page:** [www.iowalakes.edu](http://www.iowalakes.edu)

**Campuses:** Algona, Emmetsburg, Estherville, Spencer and Spirit Lake

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 3,607

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$5,664

Per Credit Hour: \$188

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:** \$5,500

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,188

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:** Arts & Sciences, Career Technical Education, Career Option, 2 years credit toward a BA

**Priority Deadline for Scholarships:**

June 30

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

HS diploma or equivalent

**Director of Admissions:**

Anne Kalous

800-242-5108 ext. 5254

**Financial Aid Director:**

Steve Pelzer

712-362-7917



The picturesque Iowa Great Lakes Region provides the setting for Iowa Lakes Community College. The College is located in the heart of the northwest quadrant of the state of Iowa.

Iowa Lakes has developed a unique and respected role as a comprehensive community college. A quality, affordable education is provided to the residents of northwest Iowa and southwest Minnesota as well as nationally and internationally. A brand new interactive distance learning system at all campuses helps facilitate educational access for rural residents. In addition to "traditional" learning opportunities, diversified offerings of hybrid and online courses as well as continuing education courses enable full and part-time students to upgrade skills and raise their standard of living through daytime, evening and weekend courses. The College is dedicated to serving the changing educational needs of the communities and students of the region. Students are also encouraged to participate in any of a wide variety of clubs, activities and athletics which meet their needs and help expand their employment – and transfer – opportunities.

# IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2700 College Road, Box 4C, Council Bluffs, IA 51502

**FAFSA Code:** 004598

**Home Page:** [www.iwcc.edu](http://www.iwcc.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 7,200

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,576

Per Credit Hour: \$143

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$7,620

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,040

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:** Terminal Occupational below the BA, 2 years creditable toward a BA

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

July 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

HS diploma or equivalent

**Admissions:** 712-325-3277,

[admissions@iwcc.edu](mailto:admissions@iwcc.edu)

**Financial Aid:** 712-325-3277,

[financialaid@iwcc.edu](mailto:financialaid@iwcc.edu)



Situated on 250 wooded acres in southwest Iowa, Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) offers high school students throughout the area quality educational opportunities at an affordable price. IWCC offers more than 90 college programs of study to meet the needs of each individual. Students will find a safe and vibrant campus atmosphere and instructors who truly care about helping their students succeed.

Students can focus on a career in one of our challenging associate degree programs, or work toward a bachelor's degree with confidence knowing that their credits will easily transfer to top four-year universities in the area. IWCC's technical programs offer state-of-the-art technology and hands-on experience, one of the many reasons why IWCC graduates are well respected and considered among the best in the work force.

# KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

6301 Kirkwood Blvd., SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404



**FAFSA Code:** 004076

**Home Page:** [www.kirkwood.edu](http://www.kirkwood.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning

Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 20,000

**Tuition:**

Full Time: \$4,440

Per Credit Hour: \$148

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:**

\$5,940

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$2,500

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:** Terminal

Occupational below the BA, 2 years creditable toward a BA

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** July 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

Ability to benefit from attendance

**Admissions Director:**

Doug Bannon

800-332-2055 or 319-398-5517

**Financial Aid Director:**

Patrick Clemence

319-398-7785



With global vision and innovative curriculum, Kirkwood is redefining the role of the community college. From a first-in-the-nation hotel that serves as an experiential learning laboratory to simple services that help our students do better in class and get better jobs when they graduate, Kirkwood sets the scholastic bar.

Whatever you're interested in studying, Kirkwood has a program for you. Go for two years and transfer to a four-year college or graduate and start your career – the choice is yours. See all 80 of our programs at [www.kirkwood.edu/programs](http://www.kirkwood.edu/programs).

When you get to our 885-acre campus, you'll find state-of-the-art facilities no other college has. But it's our student services that truly set us apart. Regardless if you're the valedictorian or you need a little academic help, Kirkwood is there for you with a range of services and programs. We'll take you to the next step with honors programs, study abroad, tutoring, student organizations, academic advising and career services.

And what's the best part about being a Kirkwood student? At Kirkwood, you really can start here and go anywhere!

# MARSHALLTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Iowa Valley Community College District, 3700 South Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158

**Home Page:**

[www.MarshalltownCommunityCollege.com](http://www.MarshalltownCommunityCollege.com)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning

Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 2,000

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,466

Per Credit Hour: \$157

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$5,778

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,100

**FAFSA Code:** 001875

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:** Arts and Sciences,

Vocational, Career Option, 2 years

credit toward a BA

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

HS diploma or equivalent

**Director of Admissions:**

Angie Redmond

641-844-5712

or 866-622-4748 ext. 5712

**Financial Aid Office:** 866-622-4748



Marshalltown Community College, operated by the Iowa Valley Community College District, offers 23 career-oriented degree programs that provide the knowledge and hands-on training needed to enter the workplace. MCC also offers Associate in Arts degrees that transfer toward baccalaureate degrees at most four-year colleges and universities.

Specific vocational-technical programs are Accounting, Broadcast Technology, Automotive Technology, Business Administration, Carpentry, Child Development, Computer Applications, Computer Network Management, Criminal Justice, Dental Assisting, Fisher Controls Process Management Technology, Industrial Maintenance Technology, Machine Trades/Tool and Die, Marketing, Medical Assisting, Microsoft Office Specialist, Nursing (Associate Degree), Nursing (Practical), Office Administration/Computer Applications, Paralegal and Sustainable and Entrepreneurial Agriculture.



# MUSCATINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Eastern Iowa Community College District, 152 Colorado Street, Muscatine, IA 52761



**FAFSA Code:** 001882

**Home Page:** [www.eicc.edu](http://www.eicc.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 13,591

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,200

Per Credit Hour: \$207

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:**

\$2,132

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,600

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:** College Transfer

Arts and Sciences; Career/Technical

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

April 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

Open Admission

**Admissions Director:**

Ben Huntington

563-288-6007

**Financial Aid Officers:**

Debi Beatty

Robin Jennings

563-288-6060



Muscatine Community College is part of the Eastern Iowa Community College District, which also includes Clinton and Scott Community Colleges. The district offers more than 40 career education programs and an equal number of college transfer concentrations. The colleges received the maximum accreditation from the North Central Association and work closely with Iowa's Regent institutions to ensure transferability of credits. Technology programs are kept up-to-date due to a strong relationship with the business community.

# NORTH IOWA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

500 College Drive, Mason City, IA 50401

**FAFSA Code:** 001877

**Home Page:** [www.niacc.edu](http://www.niacc.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 2,950

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,820

Per Credit Hour: \$135

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$7,018

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$955

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:** Transfer, Career,

Career Option, Continuing Education

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

March 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

HS diploma or equivalent

**Admissions Director:**

Rachel McGuire

641-422-4104 or 888-466-4222

**Financial Aid Director:**

Mary Bloomingdale

641-422-4351 or 888-466-4222



North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) has served the North Iowa region for over 95 years. The main campus is located in Mason City, a growing community located between Minneapolis and Des Moines. NIACC's countryside campus features modern instructional and recreational facilities, including brand-new lake-side housing. NIACC offers over 40 transfer degree options as well as career programs in Business, Industrial Technology, Agriculture and Health. NIACC is designated as a Military Friendly School and was ranked #14 in the nation for student success, according to CNNMoney.com, June 2012.



# NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1625 Hwy. 150 South, Calmar, IA 52132 and 8342 NICC Drive, Peosta, IA 52068

**Home Page:** [www.nicc.edu](http://www.nicc.edu)

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning

Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:**

2,947 Calmar

4,206 Peosta

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,620

Per Credit Hour: \$152

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:**

\$5,735

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,400

**Admissions Representative:**

Peosta Area: 800-728-7367, ext. 211

Calmar Area: 800-728-2256, ext. 307

**FAFSA Codes:** 004587 Calmar;

012634 Peosta

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

Associate

**Types of Programs:** College

Transfer Arts and Sciences,

Career/ Technical, Career Option,

Continuing Education

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

July 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

High School Diploma or High School

Equivalency Diploma

**Financial Aid:**

Peosta Area: 800-728-7367, ext. 212

Calmar Area: 800-728-2256, ext. 447



We all start somewhere ... get your start at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC). With an average class size of 17, more than 84 programs of study that lead to in-demand careers and instructors who want students to succeed, it is no wonder more than 7,000 students choose to enroll at the College each year. Just as importantly, employers demand our graduates, more than 94 percent of NICC alumni are either employed or continuing their education six months after graduation - which speaks volumes about the success of our students and the quality of a Northeast Iowa Community College education.

It's your Future. Take the Lead.

[www.nicc.edu](http://www.nicc.edu)

[www.facebook.com/neiowacc](https://www.facebook.com/neiowacc)

[www.twitter.com/NEiowaCC](https://www.twitter.com/NEiowaCC)

# NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

603 West Park Street, Sheldon, IA 51201



**FAFSA Code:** 004600

**Home Page:** [www.nwicc.edu](http://www.nwicc.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning

Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 2,598

**Tuition & Fees:** Full Time: \$5,550

Per Credit Hour: \$147

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:** \$3,762

**Est. On-Campus Room & Board:** \$4,942

**Est. Books and Supplies:** 9-month - \$1,312

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:** Terminal

Occupational below the BA,

2 years creditable toward a BA

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** April 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

HS diploma or equivalent

**Director of Enrollment Management:**

Lisa Story 800-352-4907

**Financial Aid Director:**

Karna Hofmeyer 800-352-4907

**NCC offers two smart options: Technical Programs or Transfer Courses.**

**Ability & Talent:** In the Technical Programs at NCC, we talk a lot about skills and hands-on learning. If you choose to be in one of our technical programs, you'll learn that your success is all about the hands-on skills you get while you're here. You'll work on equipment in labs that are state-of-the-art. You'll be guided by instructors who have been out there in the real world. They'll teach you what you need to know.

If you are interested in a technical career you'll find it at NCC. We'll prepare you for the workforce. You'll graduate with solid skills and abilities that will land you a job with the confidence to make good decisions with your career. Many of NCC technical programs transfer to 4-year colleges and universities!

**Start Here & Transfer:** It makes sense. Start at NCC by taking the basic core courses. For two years you'll save a lot of money and stay closer to home; then you can transfer to a 4-year college or university. Maybe you want to be a human resource manager, teacher or accountant. It's all within your reach when you choose NCC. NCC has many transfer agreements, so you can transfer to a four-year college or university. To find out more call 800-352-4907, email [studentservices@nwicc.edu](mailto:studentservices@nwicc.edu) or visit our website at [www.nwicc.edu](http://www.nwicc.edu). At NCC There's a Place For You!

**Quick facts about NCC:**

- 7th in the nation for Graduate Success - CNNMoney.com
- Top 150 Best Community Colleges in the Nation (three years in a row) - Aspen Institute
- Highest Graduation/Transfer Rate - CollegeMeasures.com
- 11th Best Community College in the Nation - TheBestSchools.com
- Safest College in Iowa - StateUniversity.com
- Top 4 Automotive Program in the Nation - Tomorrow's Tech 2013 School of the Year Contest, sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts and WIX Filters
- 10,000+ College Alumni
- 98% placement rate for college alumni
- 15th Best Community College in the Nation by CreateaCareer.com
- Average first-time wage of our 2012 graduates was \$17.08/hour
- 94% of our graduates are employed in a related field of study
- 40+ programs of study



# SCOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Eastern Iowa Community College District, 500 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722



**FAFSA Code:** 004074

**Home Page:** [www.eicc.edu](http://www.eicc.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 5,026

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,020

Per Credit Hour: \$137

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:**

\$7,434

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,600

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:** College Transfer Arts  
and Sciences; Career/Technical

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** July 15

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

Open Admission

**Admissions Director:**

Kelsey VenHorst

563-441-4007

**Financial Aid Officer:**

Jeannine Ingelson

563-441-4040



Scott Community College is part of the Eastern Iowa Community College District, which also includes Clinton and Muscatine Community Colleges. The district offers more than 40 career education programs and an equal number of college transfer concentrations. The colleges received the maximum accreditation from the North Central Association and work closely with Iowa's Regent institutions to ensure transferability of credits. Technology programs are kept up-to-date due to a strong relationship with the business community.

# SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1500 W. Agency Road, P.O. Box 180, West Burlington, IA 52655-0180

**FAFSA Code:** 004603

**Home Page:** [www.scciova.edu](http://www.scciova.edu)

**Other campus:** Keokuk

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 2,987

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,740

Per Credit Hour: \$158

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$3,108

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,188

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:**

Terminal Occupational below the BA,  
2 years creditable toward a BA

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

July 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

Ability to benefit from attendance

**Enrollment Coordinators:**

Dana Chrisman

866-SCC-IOWA ext. 5017 WB

Kari Bevans

866-SCC-IOWA ext. 1928 KEO

**Financial Aid Director:**

Renae Armentrout

800-828-7322 ext. 5015



It is the mission of Southeastern Community College (SCC) to provide quality, affordable and accessible life-long learning opportunities that meet or exceed the expectations of the people we serve. SCC has two main campuses, West Burlington and Keokuk, and also offers classes at the Fort Madison and Mt. Pleasant centers. SCC offers more than 35 Career Education Programs including Respiratory Care, Chemical Dependency Counselor and Animation. General education courses are offered during the day, evening and online.



# SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1501 W. Townline Street, Creston, IA 50801

**FAFSA Code:** 001857

**Home Page:** [www.swcciaowa.edu](http://www.swcciaowa.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 1,700

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$4,890

Per Credit Hour: \$155

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$6,450

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,188

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:** 2 years creditable  
toward a BA, Adult and Continuing  
Education

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** July 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

Ability to benefit from attendance

**Admissions Coordinator:**

Caitlyn Lesan

641-782-7081 or 641-782-1421

**Financial Aid Director:**

Rebecca Slick

641-782-1434 or 800-247-4023



Southwestern Community College (SWCC) is a comprehensive community college located in Creston. SWCC students receive solid foundations in liberal arts, and credits transfer easily to four-year institutions. Career and technical education programs are offered in a number of occupational and career education fields for students choosing to complete hands-on education and go directly into the workforce.

Southwestern Community College has center locations in Red Oak and Osceola. The College offers online learning opportunities for students as well.

# WESTERN IOWA TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

4647 Stone Avenue, Box 5199, Sioux City, IA 51106-5199

**FAFSA Code:** 004590

**Home Page:** [www.witcc.edu](http://www.witcc.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** State/Local

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 6,403

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full Time: \$3,216

Per Credit Hour: \$134

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$5,355

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,320

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Associate

**Types of Programs:** Terminal Technical  
and Arts & Sciences below the BA

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** July 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

HS Diploma, HiSED or ability to benefit

**Admissions Director:**

Lora VanderZwaag

712-274-6400 or 800-352-4649

**Financial Aid Office:**

712-274-6402



Western Iowa Tech provides students with a full college experience at an affordable cost. It offers more than 70 programs of study to a diverse student body, half of whom are enrolled in arts and sciences with plans to transfer to a four-year school, and half of whom are enrolled in technical programs. The majority of students use some form of financial aid, and most are employed at least part-time. Despite busy schedules, students enjoy a range of extracurricular activities including many intramurals, loads of clubs and a new fitness center.



# IOWA'S NURSING & HEALTHCARE profession colleges

## ALLEN COLLEGE

1825 Logan Avenue, Waterloo, IA 50703

**Home Page:** [www.allencollege.edu](http://www.allencollege.edu)

**Accredited by:** Iowa Board of Nursing,  
Higher Learning Commission of the NCA,  
NLN, JRCERT, ACN

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 615

**Tuition & Fees:** \$18,573

**On-Campus Room & Board:** \$7,281

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,200

**Director of Admissions:**

Molly Quinn  
319-226-2001

**Financial Aid Coordinator:**

Kathie S. Aswegan  
319-226-2091

**FAFSA Code:** 030691

**Control/Affiliation:** UnityPoint Health

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Doctor of Education in Health  
Professionals (EdD)

**Types of Programs:** Associate of Science in Radiography (ASR),  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Science  
(Public Health, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Medical Laboratory  
Science, and Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Dental Hygiene  
Completion), and a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy  
Master of Science in Nursing (Nurse Practitioner tracks in: Acute  
Care, Psychiatric Mental Health, Family, Adult, and Gerontological,  
as well as Nurse Educator Community/Public Health Nursing and  
Nursing Leadership), Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Doctor of  
Education-Health Professions (Ed.D.)

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

May 1

**Minimum Undergraduate Admission Requirements:**

Vary by program. Please visit website: [www.AllenCollege.edu](http://www.AllenCollege.edu)



Allen College is a quality, private, multipurpose college for Allied Health, Nursing and Radiography. As a specialized institution, Allen College does not offer the required general education courses. Students attend an accredited college of choice prior to attending Allen for this component. Allen College has partnerships with Central College, Hawkeye Community College, Loras College, Simpson College, University of Northern Iowa and Wartburg College providing smooth transitions.

With a tradition of more than 75 years of excellence in healthcare education, Allen College is an excellent collegiate choice. It is located on a beautiful campus in Waterloo, Iowa. The metropolitan area combines the diversity of a large city with the friendliness of a small town.

# DES MOINES UNIVERSITY

3200 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312

**Home Page:** [www.dmu.edu](http://www.dmu.edu)

**Calendar System:** Varied

**Enrollment:** 1,800

**Tuition:**

Osteopathic Medicine - \$45,630

Podiatric Medicine - \$32,236

Physician Assistant - \$31,500

Physical Therapy - \$23,240

Post Professional DPT -

\$524 per credit hour (alumni)

\$580 per credit hour (non-alumni)

MPH and MHA - \$568 per credit hour

MSA and MBS - \$582 per credit hour

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:**

\$20,789

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$3,217

**FAFSA Code:** 015616

**Control/Affiliation:**

Independent, Nonprofit

**Highest Offering or Degree:** Doctorate

**Types of Programs:** D.O., D.P.M., D.P.T.,  
Postprofessional D.P.T., M.S. in Physician  
Assistant Studies, M.P.H., M.H.A., M.S. in  
Anatomy and M.S. in Biomedical Sciences

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

Varies

**Director of Admissions and Recruitment:**

Gina Smith

515-271-7497

**Financial Aid Director:**

Mary Payne

515-271-1470



Founded in 1898, Des Moines University comprises three colleges offering nine graduate degrees. A health sciences university since adding the colleges of health sciences and podiatric medicine in 1981, the programs share a collective strength - a collaborative campus community where students and faculty come together in the pursuit of knowledge.

Des Moines University offers degree programs in medicine and the health sciences - nothing else. We share a singular mission to improve lives in our global community by educating diverse groups of highly competent and compassionate health professionals.

## MERCY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

928 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309-1239



**FAFSA Code:** 006273

**Home Page:** [www.mchs.edu](http://www.mchs.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** Catholic Health  
Initiatives, Non-profit

**Accredited by:** Higher Learning

Commission, CCNE,

NAACLS, CAPTE, ACEN, JRCNMT

JRCERT, JRCDSMS, CAAHEP/ARCSt.,

CoAEMSP, Iowa Board of Nursing

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 774

**Tuition & Fees:**

Full time \$8,134 per semester

Part time \$563/credit

Fees vary by program, please see  
[mchs.edu/tuition](http://mchs.edu/tuition) for complete details.

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:**

\$5,360

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,540

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

Baccalaureate

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** July 1

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

[www.mchs.edu/requirements](http://www.mchs.edu/requirements)

**Admissions:**

515-643-6715

**Financial Aid:**

515-643-6636

**Types of Programs:** Nursing (AS & BS), Physical Therapist Assistant (AS), Radiologic Technology (AS), Surgical Technology (Cert/AS), Cardiac and Abdominal Sonography (AS), Nuclear Medicine Technology (Cert), Clinical Laboratory Science (Cert), Health Care Administration (BS), Health Science (BS), Medical Assisting (Cert/AS), and Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic (Cert/AS)

Mercy College of Health Sciences is on the forefront of health science education; it's our focus and what we do. Our students major in subjects that lead to high demand careers in healthcare. While you're here studying, you'll be challenged to get involved and make a difference on campus and throughout the community. Health science majors make a difference in lives every day – while in school and once they translate their major into a career of service.

In fact, as healthcare undergoes dramatic change – the demand for the skills you acquire at Mercy College will only grow.

As a Catholic educational institution, we want to help you to discover the gifts God has given you and help you prepare for a career of service to others. There are endless possibilities in healthcare to use your gifts and we'll not only prepare you for licensure or certification in your eventual career field, but help to transform your gifts to bring relief and healing to some and comfort and spiritual support to others. Mercy College can help you to get started.

A Mercy College health science education is distinctive for a number of important reasons:

1. Instruction that is a blend of professional course content alongside liberal arts and science courses to ensure a healthcare perspective permeates instruction;
2. Students are afforded exceptional, hands-on clinical experiences, more than 150 clinical partners;
3. Campus ministry that provides opportunities for students, faculty and staff to explore, challenge, develop and live out their faith;
4. Service learning interwoven within health science courses that include serving a variety of groups within or outside traditional healthcare, including unique immersion experiences; and
5. Tremendous success with passage of national licensure and certification examinations.



# PALMER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

1000 Brady Street, Davenport, IA 52803 / Port Orange, Florida / San Jose, California

**FAFSA Code:** 012300

**Home Page:** [www.palmer.edu](http://www.palmer.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** Independent,  
Nonprofit

**Accredited by:** CCE, Higher Learning  
Commission of the NCA

**Calendar System:** Trimester in Davenport,  
Quarters in Florida and California

**Enrollment:** 2,181

**Tuition & Fees:** \$8,388

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:** \$9,476

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,700

**Highest Offering or Degree:** DC, MS in  
Clinical Research

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:**

April 30

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

90 Semester Hours of Undergraduate  
Study, [http://www.palmer.edu/admissions/  
prerequisites/](http://www.palmer.edu/admissions/prerequisites/)

**Admissions Office:**

800-722-3648, ext. 1

**Financial Aid Office:**

800-722-3648, ext. 2



Palmer College of Chiropractic is The Trusted Leader in Chiropractic Education®. Palmer's Davenport campus offers two options to high school students interested in a career in chiropractic.

An associate's degree in Chiropractic Technology (A.A.S.C.T.) is perfect for health-oriented students who want to get started in a career right away. Palmer's A.A.S.C.T. program fully prepares students to assist a chiropractor with patient care, radiology, front office and medical billing; providing everything you need to begin earning a salary doing a job you love in less than two years.

Want to be a Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) by the time you're 25? It's possible with Palmer's Bachelor of Science (B.S.) completion degree. This program offers you a fast track to your D.C. degree, with a strong emphasis in chiropractic throughout your undergraduate and graduate studies. You can apply up to 30 credits earned at Palmer to both your undergraduate and graduate degrees (which saves about one year of time and tuition). Is Palmer right for you? Call one of our career counselors to find out.

# ST. LUKE'S COLLEGE

2720 Stone Park Blvd, Sioux City, IA 51104

**FAFSA Code:** 007291

**Home Page:** [www.stlukescollege.edu](http://www.stlukescollege.edu)

**Control/Affiliation:** St. Luke's Regional  
Medical Center

**Accredited by:** Iowa Board of  
Nursing, Higher Learning  
Commission of NCA,  
ACEN, JRCERT, NAACLS, CoARC

**Calendar System:** Semester

**Enrollment:** 246

**Tuition & Fees:** \$19,250

**Est. Off-Campus Room & Board:** \$7,947

**Est. Books and Supplies:** \$1,199

**Highest Offering or Degree:**

Baccalaureate

**Types of Programs:** Health Science,  
Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory  
Care and Clinical Lab Sciences

**Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:** March 15

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

HS GPA of 2.5 or GED and ACT of 19; or  
college GPA of 2.3 on transferable credit

**Admissions Office:**

Sherry McCarthy  
712-279-3149 or 800-352-4660, ext. 3158

**Coordinator of Financial Aid/ Registrar:**

Danelle Johannsen 712-279-3149 or  
800-352-4660, ext. 3377



St. Luke's College has a 113-year history of educating health care professionals with bachelor's degree programs in nursing and health science; associate degree programs in nursing, radiologic technology and respiratory care; certificate programs in medical laboratory science, phlebotomy and clinical pastoral education; and advanced specialty programs in CT, MRI, sonography and mammography.

Located on the campus of UnityPoint Health-St. Luke's, the College provides programs with experience-based clinical learning in a hospital environment. The curriculum is designed with a foundation in the biological, physical and social sciences, integrated with theory and experience in the clinical lab setting. The College emphasizes hands-on, patient care learning. Student involvement with patient care begins early in the first year of study.



# OTHER IOWA colleges

## BEAUTY, BARBER & MASSAGE THERAPY COLLEGES

American Hair Academy  
910 Avenue G  
Fort Madison, IA 52627  
Phone: 319-372-6248

Bio-Chi Institute of Massage Therapy  
1925 Geneva Street  
Sioux City, IA 51103  
Phone: 712-252-1157  
E: [contact@bci-ed.com](mailto:contact@bci-ed.com)  
Website: [www.bci-ed.com](http://www.bci-ed.com)

Capri College  
2945 Williams Parkway SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
Phone: 800-397-0612  
E: [cradm@capricollege.com](mailto:cradm@capricollege.com)  
Website: [www.capricollege.com](http://www.capricollege.com)

Capri College  
2540 East 53rd Street  
Davenport, IA 52807  
Phone: 800-728-1336  
E: [davadm@capricollege.com](mailto:davadm@capricollege.com)  
Website: [www.capricollege.com](http://www.capricollege.com)

Capri College  
395 Main Street  
Dubuque, IA 52001  
Phone: 800-728-0712  
E: [dbqadm@capricollege.com](mailto:dbqadm@capricollege.com)  
Website: [www.capricollege.com](http://www.capricollege.com)

College of Hair Design  
722 Water Street, Suite 201  
Squires Square  
Waterloo, IA 50703  
Phone: 319-232-9995  
E: [chd722@aol.com](mailto:chd722@aol.com)  
Website: [www.chd.net](http://www.chd.net)

Carlson College of Massage Therapy  
11809 County Road X-28  
Anamosa, IA 52205  
Phone: 319-462-3402  
Website: [www.carlsoncollege.com](http://www.carlsoncollege.com)

Dayton's School of Hair Design  
315 N Main Street  
Burlington, IA 52601  
Phone: 319-752-3193

Dayton's School of Hair Design  
23 S. Second Street  
Keokuk, IA 52632  
Phone: 319-524-6445

E Q School of Hair Design  
536 W. Broadway  
Council Bluffs, IA 51503  
Phone: 712-328-2613  
Website: [www.eqschool.net](http://www.eqschool.net)

Faust Institute of Cosmetology  
1290 N. Lake Avenue  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: 712-732-6570  
E: [faustic@nwiowa.com](mailto:faustic@nwiowa.com)  
Website: [www.faustinstitute.com](http://www.faustinstitute.com)

Faust Institute of Cosmetology  
Great Lakes Mall  
1543 18th Street  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
Phone: 712-336-3518  
E: [faustic@nwiowa.com](mailto:faustic@nwiowa.com)  
Website: [www.faustinstitute.com](http://www.faustinstitute.com)

Iowa School of Beauty  
423 S. Ankeny Blvd  
Ankeny, IA 50023  
Phone: 515-965-3991  
E: [ankeny.info@iowaschoolofbeauty.com](mailto:ankeny.info@iowaschoolofbeauty.com)  
Website: [www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com](http://www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com)

Iowa School of Beauty  
112 Nicholas Drive  
Marshalltown, IA 50158  
Phone: 641-752-4223  
E: [marshalltown.info@iowaschoolofbeauty.com](mailto:marshalltown.info@iowaschoolofbeauty.com)  
Website: [www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com](http://www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com)

Iowa School of Beauty  
609 W Second Street  
Ottumwa, IA 52501  
Phone: 641-684-6504  
E: [ottumwa.info@iowaschoolofbeauty.com](mailto:ottumwa.info@iowaschoolofbeauty.com)  
Website: [www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com](http://www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com)

Iowa School of Beauty  
3320 Line Drive  
Sioux City, IA 51106  
Phone: 712-274-9733  
E: [siouxcity.info@iowaschoolofbeauty.com](mailto:siouxcity.info@iowaschoolofbeauty.com)  
Website: [www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com](http://www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com)

Iowa School of Beauty  
3305 70th Street  
Urbandale, IA 50322  
Phone: 515-278-9939  
E: [urbandale.info@iowaschoolofbeauty.com](mailto:urbandale.info@iowaschoolofbeauty.com)  
Website: [www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com](http://www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com)

Le Mars Beauty College  
128 Central Ave SE  
Le Mars, IA 51031  
Phone: 712-546-4195  
Website: [www.lemarsbeautycollege.com](http://www.lemarsbeautycollege.com)

LaJames International College  
6322 University Holiday Plaza  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
Phone: 888-880-2106  
Website: [www.ljic.edu](http://www.ljic.edu)

LaJames International College  
5205 N Brady Street  
Davenport, IA 52807  
Phone: 888-880-2106  
Website: [www.ljic.edu](http://www.ljic.edu)

LaJames International College  
2419 Fifth Avenue S.  
Fort Dodge, IA 50501  
Phone: 888-880-2106  
Website: [www.ljic.edu](http://www.ljic.edu)

LaJames International College  
227 E Market St.  
Iowa City, IA 52245  
Phone: 888-808-2106  
Website: [www.ljic.edu](http://www.ljic.edu)

La James College  
24 2nd St. N.E.  
Mason City, IA 50401  
Phone: 641-424-2161  
Website: [www.lajames.com](http://www.lajames.com)

The Salon Professional Academy  
1550 South First Avenue  
Iowa City, IA 52240  
Phone: 888-248-2958  
Website:  
[www.thesalonprofessionalacademy.com](http://www.thesalonprofessionalacademy.com)

Total Look School of Cosmetology  
806 West 3rd Street  
Cresco, IA 52136  
Phone: 563-547-3624  
E: [totallook@iowatelecom.net](mailto:totallook@iowatelecom.net)  
Website: [www.totallookschool.com](http://www.totallookschool.com)

\* Please contact each institution for more information on financial aid opportunities.

# MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY SCHOOLS

Covenant Medical Center School  
of Radiologic Technology  
3421 W Ninth Street  
Waterloo, IA 50702  
Phone: 319-272-7296  
E: HelfrickK@covhealth.com  
Website: [www.wheatoniowa.org](http://www.wheatoniowa.org)

Iowa Methodist Medical Center Schools  
1200 Pleasant Street  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
General Phone: 515-241-6883  
Website: [www.iowahealth.org](http://www.iowahealth.org)

Mercy/St. Luke's School of  
Radiologic Technology  
1026 "A" Avenue NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
Phone: 319-369-7097  
E: [schmitdd@crstlukes.com](mailto:schmitdd@crstlukes.com)  
Website: [www.stlukescr.org](http://www.stlukescr.org)

Mercy Medical Center - Sioux City  
801 Fifth Street  
Sioux City, IA 51101  
Phone: 712-279-2371  
E: [smithmk@mercyhealth.com](mailto:smithmk@mercyhealth.com)  
Website: [www.mercysiouxcity.com/  
medical-laboratory-science-program](http://www.mercysiouxcity.com/medical-laboratory-science-program)

St. Luke's Clinical Laboratory Science/  
Medical Technology  
Program  
1026 "A" Avenue NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
Phone: 319-369-7309  
E: [sojkan@crstlukes.com](mailto:sojkan@crstlukes.com)  
Website: [www.stlukescr.org](http://www.stlukescr.org)

## DISTANCE EDUCATION AND flexible learning

Earning or completing a degree through traditional, in-person instruction is just one of the many formats for accessing higher education. If the traditional classroom experience is not feasible or practical for your situation, look into the many distance education and flexible learning opportunities available at Iowa colleges and universities!

### ONLINE PROGRAMS

Certificate, degree or degree completion programs that can be completed entirely online.

### ONLINE COURSES

Individual classes offered entirely online.

### EVENING COURSES

Individual classes with a start time of 5 p.m. or later.

### WEEKEND COURSES

Individual classes offered on Saturday and/or Sunday.

### ACCELERATED PROGRAMS

Certificate, degree or degree completion programs that can be completed at a student-determined pace or a shortened amount of time compared to traditional programs. May also contain an online component.

### HYBRID PROGRAMS

Certificate, degree or degree completion programs that contain any combination of online courses, evening courses, weekend courses, classroom courses and other flexible learning options.



# OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS registered in iowa

American Public University  
Phone: 877-755-2787  
Website: [www.apus.edu](http://www.apus.edu)

Ashford University  
400 North Bluff Blvd.  
Clinton, IA  
Phone: 563-242-4023  
Website: [www.ashford.edu](http://www.ashford.edu)

Bellevue University  
4647 Stone Ave.  
Sioux City, IA  
Phone: 800-756-7920  
Website: [www.bellevue.edu](http://www.bellevue.edu)

Brown-Mackie College Quad Cities  
Phone: 888-420-1652  
Website: [www.brownmackie.edu/locations/quad-cities/](http://www.brownmackie.edu/locations/quad-cities/)

Capella University  
Phone: 866-283-7921  
Website: [www.capella.edu](http://www.capella.edu)

Central Methodist University  
Phone: 877-CMU-1854  
Website: [www.centralmethodist.edu/cges/online.php](http://www.centralmethodist.edu/cges/online.php)

Central Michigan University  
Phone: 989-774-4000  
Website: [www.cmich.edu](http://www.cmich.edu)

Chamberlain College of Nursing  
Phone: 877-751-5783  
Website: [www.chamberlain.edu](http://www.chamberlain.edu)

Clarkson College  
Phone: 800-647-5500  
Website: [www.clarksoncollege.edu](http://www.clarksoncollege.edu)

College of Saint Mary  
Phone: 800-926-5534  
Website: [www.csm.edu](http://www.csm.edu)

Colorado State University Global Campus  
Phone: 800-920-6723  
Website: [www.csuglobal.edu](http://www.csuglobal.edu)

Columbia Southern University  
Phone: 800-977-8449  
Website: [www.columbiasouthern.edu](http://www.columbiasouthern.edu)

Concordia University Irvine  
Phone: 800-229-1200  
Website: [www.cui.edu](http://www.cui.edu)

Creighton University  
Phone: 866-717-6365  
Website: [www.creighton.edu](http://www.creighton.edu)

DeVry University  
Phone: 866 338 7934  
Website: [www.devry.edu](http://www.devry.edu)

Eastern Kentucky University  
Phone: 859-622-1000  
Website: [www.eku.edu](http://www.eku.edu)

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Phone: 386-226-6000  
Website: [worldwide.erau.edu](http://worldwide.erau.edu)

Franklin University  
Phone: 877-341-6300  
Website: [www.franklin.edu](http://www.franklin.edu)

George Washington University  
Phone: 202-994-1000  
Website: [www.gwu.edu](http://www.gwu.edu)

Georgetown University  
Phone: 877-910-4692  
Website: [www.georgetown.edu](http://www.georgetown.edu)

Grand Canyon University  
Phone: 602-639-7500  
Website: [www.gcu.edu](http://www.gcu.edu)

Grantham University  
Phone: 888-947-2684  
Website: [www.grantham.edu](http://www.grantham.edu)

Hannibal LaGrange College  
Phone: 573-221-3675  
Website: [www.hlg.edu](http://www.hlg.edu)

Indiana State University  
Phone: 800-468-6478  
Website: [www.indstate.edu/distance](http://www.indstate.edu/distance)

Indiana Wesleyan University  
Phone: 866-468-6498  
Website: [www.indwes.edu](http://www.indwes.edu)

ITT Educational Services  
1860 NW 118th Street, Suite 110  
Clive, IA 50325  
Phone: 877-327-5500  
Website: [www.itt-tech.edu](http://www.itt-tech.edu)

Kansas State University  
Phone: 785-532-6011  
Website: [www.k-state.edu](http://www.k-state.edu)

Kendall College  
Phone: 888-905-3632  
Website: [www.kendall.edu](http://www.kendall.edu)

Liberty University  
Phone: 866-584-7231  
Website: [www.liberty.edu/online](http://www.liberty.edu/online)

Little Priest Tribal College  
600 4th St., Suite 229, Sioux City, IA  
Phone: 402- 878-2355  
Website: [www.littlepriest.edu](http://www.littlepriest.edu)

Mansfield University  
Phone: 800-577-6826  
Website: [www.mansfield.edu](http://www.mansfield.edu)

Michigan State University  
Phone: 517-355-1855  
Website: [www.msu.edu](http://www.msu.edu)

Mount Carmel College of Nursing  
Phone: 800-556-6942  
Website: [www.mccn.edu](http://www.mccn.edu)

Nebraska Methodist College of Nursing  
and Allied Health  
Phone: 402-354-7000  
Website: [www.methodistcollege.edu](http://www.methodistcollege.edu)

Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Phone: 800-541-3818  
Website: [www.nebrwesleyan.edu](http://www.nebrwesleyan.edu)

Northcentral University  
Phone: 866-766-0331  
Website: [www.ncu.edu](http://www.ncu.edu)

Northeast Community College (Nebraska)  
Phone: 800-348-9033  
Website: [www.northeast.edu](http://www.northeast.edu)

Norwich University  
Phone: 800-468-6679  
Website: [www.norwich.edu](http://www.norwich.edu)

Nova Southeastern University  
Phone: 800-541-6682  
Website: [www.nova.edu](http://www.nova.edu)

Pennsylvania State University (The)  
Phone: 800-865-3290  
Website: [www.worldcampus.psu.edu](http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu)

Pinnacle Career Institute  
Phone: 877-241-3097  
Website: [www.pctraining.edu](http://www.pctraining.edu)

Presentation College  
Phone: 800-437-6060  
Website: [www.presentation.edu](http://www.presentation.edu)

Rasmussen College  
Phone: 888-549-6755  
Website: [www.rasmussen.edu](http://www.rasmussen.edu)

Saint Joseph's College of Maine  
Phone: 800-752-4723  
Website: [www.sjcme.edu](http://www.sjcme.edu)



Savannah College of Art and Design  
Phone: 800-869-7223  
Website: [www.scad.edu/academics](http://www.scad.edu/academics)

Simmons College  
Phone: 617-521-2000  
Website: [www.simmons.edu](http://www.simmons.edu)

South University  
Phone: 888-444-3404  
Website: [www.southuniversity.edu](http://www.southuniversity.edu)

Southwest Minnesota State University  
Phone: 800-642-0684  
Website: [smsu.edu](http://smsu.edu)

Trident University International  
Phone: 866-670-9056  
Website: [www.trident.edu](http://www.trident.edu)

Troy University  
Phone: 800-414-5756  
Website: [www.troy.edu/etroy](http://www.troy.edu/etroy)

Tulsa Welding School  
Phone: 888-765-555  
Website: [www.weldingschool.com](http://www.weldingschool.com)

Ultimate Medical Academy  
Phone: 888-205-2510  
Website: [www.ultimatemedical.edu](http://www.ultimatemedical.edu)

University of Cincinnati  
Phone: 513-556-1100 (undergraduate)  
513-556-4335 (graduate)  
Website: [www.uc.edu](http://www.uc.edu)

University of Maryland University College  
Phone: 800-888-8682  
Website: [www.umuc.edu/](http://www.umuc.edu/)

University of Missouri – Kansas City  
Phone: 816-235-1000  
Website: [www.umkc.edu/](http://www.umkc.edu/)

University of Nebraska  
Phone: 888-622-0332  
Website: [online.nebraska.edu](http://online.nebraska.edu)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Phone: 919-962-2211  
Website: [www.unc.edu/academics/distance-education/](http://www.unc.edu/academics/distance-education/)

University of Phoenix  
Toll Free: 866-229-5743  
Website: [www.phoenix.edu](http://www.phoenix.edu)

University of South Dakota  
Phone: 800-233-7937  
Website: [www.usd.edu](http://www.usd.edu)

University of Southern California  
Phone: 213-740-2311  
Website: [www.usc.edu](http://www.usc.edu)

University of St. Francis  
Phone: 815-740-3807  
Website: [www.stfrancis.edu](http://www.stfrancis.edu)

University of Saint Mary  
Phone: 913-682-5151  
Website: [stmary.edu](http://stmary.edu)

University of Sioux Falls  
Phone: 800-888-1047  
Website: [www.usiouxfalls.edu](http://www.usiouxfalls.edu)

University of the Rockies  
Phone: 866-621-0124  
Website: [www.rockies.edu](http://www.rockies.edu)

University of Wisconsin – Platteville  
Phone: 800-362-5460  
Website: [www.uwplatt.edu/distance-education/online-programs](http://www.uwplatt.edu/distance-education/online-programs)

Vatterott College  
7000 Fleur Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50321  
Phone: 515-309-9000  
Website: [www.vatterott.edu](http://www.vatterott.edu)

Viterbo University Iowa Center  
Phone: 888-235-2200  
Website: [viterbo.edu](http://viterbo.edu)

Walden University  
Phone: 866-492-5336  
Website: [www.waldenu.edu](http://www.waldenu.edu)

Western Governors University  
Phone: 866-225-5948  
Website: [wgu.edu](http://wgu.edu)

Western Illinois University  
Phone: 309-298-1414  
Website: [wiu.edu](http://wiu.edu)



# FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORE reminders

Get ready for a whole new world that is high school! Follow these tips to start your high school career on the right foot!

## FRESHMAN YEAR

- Meet your counselor. He or she is there to help you succeed in high school and to help set you up for success after graduation! Set up a meeting to talk about your plans for high school and the future.
- Get involved. Many admissions officers look for well-rounded students who participate in school activities and are involved in their communities throughout all years of high school.
- Get serious about your postsecondary plans. By starting early, you'll be better prepared.
- Set up a college savings account, if you don't already have one, or continue to add to an existing account. College Savings Iowa is sponsored by the State of Iowa and can be started with as little as \$25. Find more information at [www.collegesavingsiowa.com](http://www.collegesavingsiowa.com).
- Don't neglect your study habits! Keep up the good work and continue to improve your study skills.
- Choose the right class schedule. Find out about college entrance requirements for the schools you're interested in. Keep track of your courses and grades.
- Find out about Advanced Placement (AP) and other honors-level courses. If your high school does not offer AP courses directly, they may provide online access to courses through the Iowa Online Academy.
- Learn to love to read! Expanding your vocabulary and learning new things will help with many things over the next few years.
- Fill your summer with volunteer activities and work opportunities that can give you a better idea of what type of career you would like to pursue.

## SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Keep those grades up. It's important to stay focused on your schoolwork. After all, colleges will look at more than your grades during your junior and senior years.
- Meet with your counselor to make sure you're staying on track. Update your high school course plan if needed.
- Continue to add to your college savings account. If possible, increase the amount you are contributing.
- If you have time in your schedule, consider a part-time job.
- If you plan to take the SAT, take the PSAT in October. The scores will not count for National Merit Scholar consideration this year, but it's good practice for taking the PSAT in your junior year when the scores will count.
- Practice your writing. Good writing skills will be important no matter what career you choose.
- Investigate concurrent enrollment options for your junior and senior years. Concurrent enrollment, sometimes called dual enrollment, enables students to take college-credit courses in their high school setting.

**TIP:** Begin searching for scholarships. Make a list of those that you think you would be eligible for, including deadlines. Missing a deadline will result in missing an opportunity for FREE MONEY!

- Research your financial aid options. Use the FAFSA4caster to estimate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and your financial aid eligibility. You should also find your eligibility for state financial aid programs with Iowa's Eligibility Wizard in the Iowa Financial Aid Application at [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov).
- It's not too early to start studying for standardized tests like the ACT and SAT. Use the free Test Prep available through I Have A Plan Iowa. Official test prep for the SAT is also available for free through the College Board and Khan Academy and can be accessed at [www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat).

“ I had to become more organized and develop better time management skills in college, which helped me focus on my academics. ”

McCall Meade,  
senior at Coe College



# JUNIOR & SENIOR reminders

Get ready for life after high school! The last two years of high school will go by in a flash; follow these steps to stay on track!

## JUNIOR YEAR

- Maintain or improve on your grades! Learn successful study techniques at [www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov](http://www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov).
- Take challenging courses to prepare you for college coursework.
- Stay involved in school and community activities. Record what you're doing and all accomplishments.
- Now is the time to really focus on your career and college research. Determine which colleges offer programs that interest you.
- Talk to your school counselor about Advanced Placement (AP) classes and/or concurrent enrollment. These options allow you to earn college credit while still in high school.
- Take the PSAT in your junior year for your scores to be considered for a National Merit Scholarship. Plus, it's good practice for the SAT! The 2015 test dates are October 14 or October 28, 2015.
- Attend college fairs. Information about college fairs held throughout Iowa can be found at [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov) under For Students/Website and Video Resources.
- Go on college visits. Call ahead to schedule appointments with financial aid and admissions offices.
- Take the SAT or ACT in the spring and have the official scores sent to the schools that interest you. Go to I Have A Plan Iowa for free SAT and ACT college exam test prep! Official test prep for the SAT is also available for free through the College Board and Khan Academy and can be accessed at [www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat).
- Identify teachers, counselors, employers or other adults who can attest to your academic achievement and abilities and ask that they write letters of recommendation for scholarship applications or admissions applications, if needed.
- Review the college application procedures for the colleges you're interested in. Practice college applications and essays are available at [www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov](http://www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov).
- Investigate scholarship opportunities.

## SENIOR YEAR

- Review coursework with your school counselor to be sure you have taken (or are scheduled to take) all the courses you will need for admission to your preferred colleges.
- If you plan to take the ACT or SAT again to improve your score, make sure to register for a date that is at least two months ahead of the application deadlines for all of the colleges and scholarships you are considering.
- Go to I Have A Plan Iowa for free SAT and ACT college exam test prep! Official test prep for the SAT is also available for free through the College Board and Khan Academy and can be accessed at [www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat).
- Prepare a final list of colleges where you will apply. You may want to include a "dream" school, a "safety" school and three to five other choices.
- Submit admission applications to your selected colleges. Most early decision and early action college applications are due between October 1 and November 1.
- Continue to search for scholarships.
- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) as soon after January 1 as possible. The FAFSA is the first step in the financial aid process. Check with your school of interest for its priority financial aid deadline.

**TIP:** Keep track of financial aid deadlines on a calendar. Missing a deadline will result in missing an opportunity for FREE MONEY!

- Ask your high school to send your official transcripts to the colleges where you are applying for admission.
- Compare acceptance letters and financial aid awards. Upon admittance, each college or university listed on your FAFSA will send you an award letter that will include the financial aid that you are eligible to receive. Keep in mind that the largest financial aid award may not be the best. Consider how much of the aid is from scholarships and grants and how much is from loans for you to borrow.
- Take AP exams for any AP subjects you studied in high school. Some colleges may award college credit for the course work based on your exam score. Go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for AP course and exam information.
- Decision time! Choose your college and notify them by mailing your commitment deposit check.
- Fill out and return housing forms and roommate information to your chosen college.
- Save money from your summer job to help with spending money while at college.
- Ask your college for recommendations on part-time jobs both on and off campus.
- Participate in summer orientation.





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Iowa College Aid offers Iowans from every background all the resources needed to make education and training beyond high school possible. We help ensure student success through financial support by awarding state scholarships and grants and providing services and resources on college and career planning. Iowa College Aid is dedicated to helping advance Iowa's workforce by making the path to education and training beyond high school easier.