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▶ START WITH A PLAN

Every journey should begin with a plan. You might not know exactly what you want to do after graduation, but having a general career path in mind can help you choose the right college and major. Start by asking yourself some questions: What classes do you find 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'll develop an idea of the type of work that best suits you.

REASONS TO GO TO COLLEGE

EARNING POTENTIAL

College graduates simply earn more. Weekly earnings for workers with bachelor's degrees are almost twice the earnings of workers with only high school diplomas. Over a lifetime, this can translate to a difference of more than a million dollars, and the gap is getting wider.

EMPLOYABILITY

You're more likely to land a job if you go to college. The unemployment rate for college graduates is about half the unemployment rate for high school graduates. The number of jobs for college graduates is growing, while the number of jobs for high school graduates is falling. More than 95% of the jobs created from 2010 to 2016 required at least some college education.

KNOWLEDGE

Maybe you'll never need to solve a differential equation or quote Shakespeare, but higher education will still serve you well. College teaches critical thinking, communications and problem-solving skills. A recent survey found that employers consider these skills more important than a potential hire's subject of study.

QUALITY OF LIFE

In terms of finances, health and happiness, college graduates do better. The poverty rate for people with only a high school degree is nearly three times the poverty rate for people with bachelor's degrees. College graduates are less likely to smoke, be obese or be incarcerated. College graduates are also significantly more likely to be happy with their standard of living.

▶ WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS?

- ✔ Meet people from different backgrounds and cultures
- ✔ Discover your passion
- ✔ Try new things
- ✔ Learn new skills
- ✔ Build your confidence
- ✔ Get involved in 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

▶ FOUR-YEAR CHECKLIST

From freshman year to Decision Day, these tips help get you to college.

FRESHMAN YEAR

- **Meet your counselor.** They want to help you succeed in high school and set you up for success after graduation. Arrange a meeting to talk about your plans.
- **Get involved.** Many college admissions officers look for well-rounded students who are involved in their schools and communities.
- **Set up a college savings account** 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 collegesavingsiowa.com.
- **Choose the right class schedule.** Research admissions requirements for the colleges in which you are interested.
- **Find out about Advanced Placement (AP) and other honors-level courses.** If your high school does not offer AP courses directly, it might provide online access to courses through the Iowa Online AP Academy.
- **Fill your summer with volunteer and work opportunities** to get a better idea of the careers you might like to pursue. Check out volunteeriowa.org to find organizations seeking volunteers.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- **Check in with your counselor.** Ask about prerequisites you might need to take now to prepare for advanced courses in your junior and senior years.
- **Investigate concurrent enrollment** for your junior and senior years. Concurrent, or dual, enrollment lets you take college-credit courses in high school.
- **Keep your grades up.** Stay focused on schoolwork. Colleges will look at the grades from more than just your junior and senior years.
- **Take the PSAT in October.** It's good practice for taking the PSAT in your junior year, when the scores will determine National Merit Scholarship qualification.
- **Research financial aid options** and begin searching for scholarships. Make a list of those you might be eligible for, and take note of deadlines.
- **Stay involved.** Admissions officers like students who keep up with activities throughout high school, instead of starting them at college application time.
- **Start attending college fairs** and arranging college visits. Call ahead to schedule appointments with financial aid and admissions offices.

JUNIOR YEAR

- **Prep for college entrance exams.** Download a free ACT preparation booklet from act.org. Find free official test prep for the SAT through the College Board at collegeboard.org and Khan Academy at khanacademy.org/sat. Take practice tests to determine where you might need to improve.
- **Focus on career and college research.** Assess your skills and interests so you can consider possible areas of study. Determine which colleges offer programs that can prepare you for the career you want.
- **Take the PSAT in the fall** to be considered for a National Merit Scholarship. Plus, it's good practice for the SAT.
- **Continue college fairs and campus visits.** If possible, sit in on classes that interest you and arrange to spend time in student housing.
- **Take the SAT or ACT in the spring** and have the official scores sent to schools that interest you.
- **Ask for letters of recommendation.** Identify teachers, counselors, employers or other adults who can attest to your achievement and abilities, and ask them to write letters for scholarship or admissions applications.
- **Make a timeline** for your college and scholarship applications. Research deadlines now so you won't be rushed when applications are due. Pay close attention to early decision deadlines if that option interests you.
- **Fill out the FAFSA4caster** at fafsa.ed.gov to get an idea of how much need-based federal aid you might receive.

SENIOR YEAR

- **Review coursework with your school counselor** to be sure you have taken (or are scheduled to take) all the courses you need for your preferred colleges.
- **If you plan to take the ACT or SAT again,** register for a date at least two months before the application deadlines for all the colleges and scholarships you are considering.
- **Prepare a final list of colleges and submit admission applications.** Most early decision and early-action college applications are due October 1.
- **Complete and submit the FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at fafsa.gov as soon after **October 1** as possible. Check with your schools of interest for their priority deadlines.
- **Ask your high school to send your official transcripts** to the colleges where you are applying.
- **Compare acceptance letters and financial aid awards.** Upon admittance, each college or university listed on your FAFSA will send you an award letter that shows the aid you are eligible to receive.
- **Take AP exams** for any AP subjects you studied in high school. Some colleges might award college credit based on your exam score. Go to collegeboard.org for AP exam information.
- **Decision time!** Choose your college and notify them by mailing your commitment deposit check.



HELP WITH APPLICATIONS

Watch for college application or FAFSA events at your high school. Staff might be available to help you fill out these forms during school hours or at an evening event.

RECOMMENDED COLLEGE PREP COURSES

ENGLISH, LANGUAGE ARTS: 4 YEARS

College requires reading, interpretation and communication, both verbal and written. Prepare with courses in reading, composition, interpretation of literature and speaking.

MATH: 3 YEARS

Two years of algebra and one year of geometry are recommended, but some majors might require additional coursework such as trigonometry, calculus and/or statistics.

SCIENCE: 3 YEARS

Biology, chemistry and physics are good college prep courses. Physical or environmental science might also count. Some colleges require a class with laboratory experience.

SOCIAL STUDIES, GEOGRAPHY, SOCIAL SCIENCE: 3 YEARS

Social studies, world history and U.S. history classes give you an understanding of the world. Economics, geography, government, sociology, psychology or anthropology can also count.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 2-3 YEARS

Two years is recommended, but some majors require three years in one language or two years each in two languages.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Challenging classes will help you stand out in the college application process. These might include computer programming, accounting, agriculture, journalism, marketing, graphic design and art-related courses.

EARN COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL

These programs are typically offered at no cost (with a few exceptions). Talk to your counselor or AP coordinator to learn more.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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

POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT

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

CAREER ACADEMY

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

ACT OR SAT?

	ACT	SAT
Sections	Four: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science	Three: Evidence-Based Reading, Mathematics and Writing, plus science questions throughout
Writing section	Has always been optional	Now optional
Structure	Primarily multiple-choice	Primarily multiple-choice but has a math section that requires students to produce own answers
Time (with essay)	3 hours, 40 minutes	3 hours, 50 minutes

▶ CAREER OUTLOOK

FINDING THE CAREER THAT BEST FITS YOU

After you think about subjects and activities that interest you most, research careers that could put those interests to use. The following resources can help you learn more about careers and the skills they require, as well as which fields are the fastest-growing and offer competitive salaries.

Future Ready Iowa Career Coach: iowacareercoach.gov

Iowa Workforce Development IowaJobs: iowajobs.org

Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh

Bureau of Labor Statistics Career Outlook: www.bls.gov/careeroutlook

GET EXPERIENCE

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

HIGHER EDUCATION PAYS

The more education you attain, the higher your earning potential.

A worker with an **associate degree earns 18% more** than a worker with a high school diploma.



A worker with a **bachelor's degree earns 67% more** than a worker with a high school diploma.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey. 2016 annual averages for full-time wage and salary workers age 25 and over.



▶ TYPES OF COLLEGES

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Iowa has three public universities, also called Regent Universities: The University of Iowa, Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa. Each offers bachelor's degree (four-year) programs as well as advanced degrees (master's, doctoral and professional). As state institutions, they receive funding from the state of Iowa to reduce tuition costs for in-state students.

PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Private, nonprofit colleges and universities offer bachelor's degree programs, and many also offer advanced degrees. Private colleges and universities are often smaller and offer lower student-to-faculty ratios than public universities. While they do not receive direct state support, many have endowments that allow them to offer institutional grants and scholarships, in addition to federal and state financial aid programs, to help offset higher published tuition costs.

PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

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

2-YEAR PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Iowa's 15 community college districts include schools offering associate degree (two-year) programs as well as diplomas and certificates for graduates of vocational programs (often less than two years). Tuition and fees are typically lower and admission requirements less stringent than for four-year colleges and universities. Many students start at a community college and transfer to a four-year college or university.

CAREER, VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

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

DISTANCE & FLEXIBLE LEARNING

If the traditional classroom experience is not feasible or practical for you, look into distance education and flexible learning opportunities, including online, evening, weekend and accelerated programs.



IOWA COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Go to the Directory of Iowa Colleges and Universities on page 34 to explore the different types of colleges and universities.

TYPES OF TRAINING & DEGREES

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS

A Registered Apprenticeship provides 2,000 hours of on-the-job learning and at least 144 hours of related instruction. Most employers cover the cost of classroom education, and you earn a paycheck while you learn. Registered Apprenticeships are available in these industries: construction, plumbing, electrical, heating and cooling, information technology, financial services, health care, transportation, energy, advanced manufacturing, and food and beverage preparation. In Iowa, the average yearly wage is \$60,820 after a Registered Apprenticeship. Just as you apply for a job, you apply with the company or business that sponsors the apprenticeship. Your local IowaWORKS Center (iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov) can help you explore options.

CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS

Certificate and diploma programs focus on particular skills 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. Career examples: paralegal, cosmetologist, welder, chef, certified nursing assistant, radiological technician.

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

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

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

A bachelor's degree typically takes at least four years at any four-year college or university. Career examples: teacher, engineer, accountant, dietitian, social worker.

ADVANCED DEGREES

After obtaining a bachelor's degree, you might pursue an advanced degree such as a master's, doctoral or professional degree. An advanced degree can take several years, depending on the type. Career examples: dentist, lawyer, veterinarian, pharmacist, psychologist, college professor and medical doctor.



STUDENT VOICE: TONY

COLLEGE: Marshalltown Community College

HIGH SCHOOL: Marshalltown High School

CHOOSING A COLLEGE: I wanted to live close to home and play basketball at MCC.

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE: Being a student-athlete and Admissions Ambassador has challenged me to apply myself in the classroom, on the court and as a representative of MCC.

CHALLENGES: Knowing how to manage my schedule.

TONY'S ADVICE: I found it helpful to take college credit classes while I was still in high school because it lightened my academic load in college and allows me to participate in sports and other activities without burning out, especially during basketball season.

WHAT'S YOUR MAJOR?

Many college students change their major at least once. You are more likely to select a major that is the right fit if you base your decision on your career planning and your experience.

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 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, producing results, making a difference, leading others, having a structured day and being recognized.

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN CHOOSING A MAJOR

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?

WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT IT?

Look at the requirements and course descriptions. Talk to people who are currently studying this subject, or to graduates in this field.

WHICH COLLEGES ARE STRONG?

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

WHAT IS THE CAREER OUTLOOK?

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



STUDENT VOICE: COURTNEY

COLLEGE: Central College

HIGH SCHOOL: Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont High School

CHOOSING A COLLEGE: I wanted a location that was close to home and had a strong Communication Studies major, student activities board and on-campus events and activities.

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE: Joining school groups has helped me form strong friendships with peers from many backgrounds, majors, interests and ages. I have really enjoyed becoming a part of the Central College family.

CHALLENGES: A college education can be difficult to navigate when you are the first member of your family to actually experience it. However, it is important to keep persevering and try your hardest through every obstacle!

COURTNEY'S ADVICE: Make decisions that truly reflect who you are. College and life in general can be really hard, but ultimately you have to do what is best for you.

▶ CHOOSING A COLLEGE

COMPILE A LIST OF POSSIBILITIES

Start by listing colleges that offer majors that interest you and meet other criteria you find important.

RESEARCH SCHOOLS ON YOUR LIST

Gather information by talking to your school counselor, attending college fairs and visiting college websites.

SCHEDULE CAMPUS VISITS

Visiting several colleges will help you determine which schools have the best college fit, both socially and academically. Try to visit when classes are in session. Prepare specific questions. Make a list of important factors to check off at each college. Don't forget to contact an admissions representative to schedule your visit.

APPLY TO SCHOOLS THAT MAKE THE CUT

Make sure you know the application requirements and deadlines for each college before you apply. Some colleges might require essays, interviews or letters of recommendation. Apply to at least one college where you are confident you will be accepted, but don't sell yourself short!

FACTORS IN CHOOSING A COLLEGE

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

▶ HOW TO ROCK COLLEGE VISITS

- ✔ Some colleges might be too far away. Start with virtual campus tours. Check the college's website or look into online sites such as ecampustours.com and campustours.com.
- ✔ Take a campus tour, check out housing options and explore the surrounding area.
- ✔ Schedule a visit with the financial aid office.
- ✔ 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.
- ✔ Ask current students about campus life.
- ✔ Read the campus newspaper.
- ✔ Visit with advisors and members of clubs and activities that interest you.
- ✔ Document each visit, including any feelings you have.

▶ APPLYING TO COLLEGE

START EARLY

Most students do the majority of their application work during fall of senior year. Deadlines for most colleges are between January 1 and February 15 (sooner 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'll need a Regent Admissions Index (RAI) of at least 245. The RAI is a combination of your ACT or SAT score, high school rank, high school GPA and the number of high school core courses you have completed. An alternative formula is available for students whose high schools do not provide class rank. If your RAI falls short, you might still be offered admission after the university conducts an individual review of your application. You can calculate your RAI at regents.iowa.gov/rai/.

SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION

Make sure you submit all requested documentation with 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 a personal essay. These essays provide an opportunity for you to tell the admissions committee who you are. Be honest and concise, and write thoughtfully from the heart. This is your opportunity to distinguish yourself.

▶ MISTAKES TO AVOID ON APPLICATIONS

FAILING TO SUBMIT

Don't assume an online application was successfully submitted. You should receive a confirmation.

NOT PROOFREADING

Spell-check and proofread. Better yet, ask someone else to look at your application with fresh eyes. You don't want to misspell the name of the school or your intended major!

REPEATING YOURSELF

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

BEING UNTRUTHFUL

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

ADMISSIONS PROCESS: 4-YEAR COLLEGE

✓ GATHER NECESSARY INFORMATION AND COMPLETE THE COLLEGE'S APPLICATION

Items needed:

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

✓ REQUEST YOUR OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

You'll need to submit an official transcript to each college. Transcripts can be requested through your high school.

✓ PAY THE APPLICATION FEE OR SUBMIT A FEE WAIVER (if applicable)

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

✓ SUBMIT YOUR TEST SCORES

Most four-year colleges will require 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.

✓ SUBMIT ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (if applicable)

Some programs might have additional requirements, such as a portfolio for art/design/architecture programs.

✓ WRITE APPLICATION ESSAY (if required)

If your college requires an essay, it might provide a specific topic. Think of ways to make yours stand out.

✓ SUBMIT THE APPLICATION AND CONFIRM RECEIPT

✓ SCHEDULE AND GO TO INTERVIEW (if required)

✓ FINISHED! Watch for an admissions decision.



EARLY DECISION AGREEMENT

Some colleges offer early decision. To be considered, you must submit an agreement: You commit to attend and agree to withdraw any other college applications if offered admission.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS: 2-YEAR COLLEGE

✓ GATHER NECESSARY INFORMATION AND COMPLETE THE COLLEGE'S APPLICATION

Items needed:

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

✓ REQUEST YOUR OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

You'll need to submit an official transcript to each college. Transcripts can be requested through your high school.

✓ PAY THE APPLICATION FEE OR SUBMIT A FEE WAIVER (if applicable)

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

✓ SUBMIT THE APPLICATION AND CONFIRM RECEIPT

✓ ALMOST FINISHED!

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

▶ ADMISSION FACTORS

GRADES

Colleges consistently list grades in college prep classes as the most important admissions criteria.

Other factors include:

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

Many admissions officers and potential employers check social media sites. According to a recent Kaplan Test Prep Survey, **one in three college admissions officers visited applicants' social media pages.**

Negative social media posts include:

- Photos of inappropriate behavior
- Poor communication skills
- Bad-mouthing other schools
- Discriminatory comments
- Lying about activities or accomplishments

The bottom line for social media: If in doubt, leave it out.

▶ SUMMER TRANSITION

Once your high school diploma is in hand, it's time to turn your focus toward starting college in the fall. Take these steps over the summer:

✔ MAKE A BUDGET

Review your Award Letter and pay close attention to the Cost of Attendance, which includes tuition, school fees and room and board. Depending on the school, your award letter might or might not include books, supplies, travel and personal expenses. If these costs aren't included, be sure to account for them.

✔ MAKE A PAYMENT TIMELINE

When is your deposit (your official decision of where you'll attend school) due? Your first tuition payment? Housing deposit? If you need to, make a calendar to keep track.

✔ REQUEST A FINAL TRANSCRIPT

Your college might require a final official transcript to ensure that you have graduated. Request one through your high school.

✔ REGISTER AND ATTEND ORIENTATION

Orientation allows you to meet your classmates and learn about support services on campus. At some schools, orientation is required. Even if it's not, you'll get a smoother start if you attend. Some schools offer orientation for parents as well.

✔ GET REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

Your school will probably send you a list of required vaccinations. Among the most common are vaccines for meningitis, tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis and HPV. If necessary, visit your family doctor or local clinic for vaccinations.

✔ COMPLETE HOUSING FORMS

If you plan to live on campus, make sure you know the deadline for filling out all the required housing forms and applications.

✔ REGISTER FOR CLASSES

If you know your major, start taking basic courses in that department. If you're not sure of a major, try out some subjects that interest you, but remember to include core courses like math and composition, too. Try to spread out your classes so no one day of the week is too jam-packed. If you plan to work part-time, ask your advisor for help creating a schedule that balances employment and academics.

✔ ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION

If you're driving to school, think about whether you might need multiple trips to accommodate all your belongings. If you're not going to keep a car on campus, you'll need to arrange for someone to drive you.



CELEBRATE YOUR CHOICE

Watch for College Decision Day events at your high school on or around May 1. These events celebrate your decision to continue your education.

TYPES OF COLLEGE COSTS

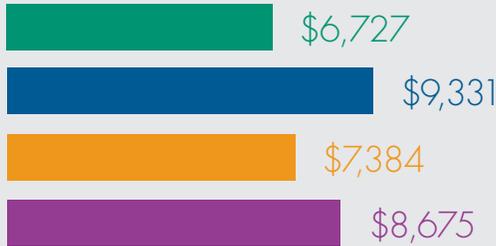
Iowa averages for the 2017-18 school year, listed by type of school:

TUITION & FEES (Go to page 34 to find individual schools)



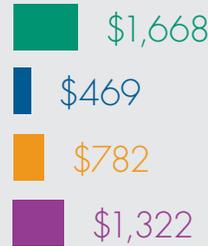
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On-campus housing and meals



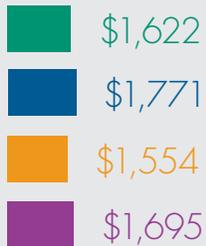
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To and from campus



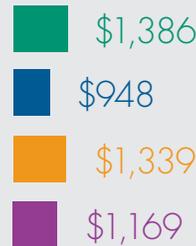
PERSONAL EXPENSES

Examples: laundry, clothing, personal items, recreation, phone bills



BOOKS & SUPPLIES

Examples: textbooks, course materials, office and art supplies



■ Community colleges
 ■ Public universities
 ■ Private for-profit schools
 ■ Private nonprofit schools

FINDING FUNDS

There are many ways to pay for a college education, and the financial aid process is not as complicated as most people think. Most students attending Iowa colleges and universities receive some form of financial assistance. Complete these four steps:

1. SUBMIT THE FAFSA

To qualify for most financial aid, you must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The fastest way to apply is online at fafsa.gov. The FAFSA will gather information about your finances, your family's finances and your college plans. You can complete the FAFSA for 2018-19 beginning **October 1**, 2017, using 2016 tax information.

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. Find the Iowa Financial Aid Application at IowaCollegeAid.gov. Iowa residents can link directly to the IFAA from the FAFSA confirmation page (after completing the FAFSA).

3. DECIDE ON A COLLEGE AND ACCEPT AID

All colleges that you list on your FAFSA will send you a financial aid award letter if you are offered admission. Award letters will describe the financial aid package each college can offer. When comparing aid packages, consider how much assistance is from scholarships and grants (which do not have to be repaid) and how much is from loans (which must be repaid).

To accept the financial aid package offered by a college or university, follow all instructions. This might involve entering aid amounts you intend to accept in an online form or signing and returning a paper award letter by a specified deadline. Talk to the financial aid office at the college or university if an unusual circumstance delays your response.

To officially accept a college admissions offer and reserve your place, submit your deposit by the college's reply date. **May 1** is the date for most colleges.

4. APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Reputable education organizations will NOT charge for scholarship searches.

More information on state scholarships and grants is available on page 21 and at IowaCollegeAid.gov.



Iowa Financial
Aid Application

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID

The Eligibility Wizard in the Iowa Financial Aid Application estimates your eligibility for state financial aid after you answer fewer than 10 questions. Go to IowaCollegeAid.gov to find the Iowa Financial Aid Application.

FILING THE **FAFSA**

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

PARENTAL INFORMATION

Whether you need to include your parents' financial information depends on whether you are a dependent or independent student. You are considered independent and do not need to provide parental information if you meet any of these conditions:

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

If you do not meet any independent student criteria, you must provide parental information. If special circumstances inhibit your ability to provide parental information (you can't locate your parents, they are incarcerated, you left home due to an abusive situation or your parents refuse to provide their information and refuse to provide financial support), contact your college's financial aid office.

WHERE TO GET YOUR FAFSA

The quickest way to file the FAFSA is online at **fafsa.gov**. This web-based form includes online assistance and prompts to reduce errors. Paper forms can be obtained by calling 1-800-4FEDAID (800-433-3243) or by visiting **fafsa.gov/options.htm**.

IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL

This tool, if available, lets you prefill answers to some FAFSA questions by transferring data directly from the IRS website.

FAFSA DEADLINES

Your completed FAFSA should be submitted as soon after **October 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 deadlines. Page 21 provides a chart of application deadlines for all programs administered by Iowa College Aid. 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.

NEVER PAY TO FILE

There are **no fees** to complete or file the FAFSA. Get free help by calling Iowa College Aid at 877-272-4456 or the financial aid office at any college or university.

FILING DEADLINES

The Directory of Iowa Colleges and Universities, starting on page 34, includes the priority deadline for FAFSA filing for each Iowa college and university.

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
 - Records of untaxed income
 - Current bank statements
 - Current business and farm records, as well as other savings and investments
 - Alien Registration Number (if applicable)
- Enter your name from your Social Security card.
- If available, 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. Your information will be shared with campus officials, who will evaluate your eligibility for federal, state and institutional financial aid.
- Sign the FAFSA using your FSA ID for fastest processing.
- Print the confirmation page, which displays the exact date and time the form was received.

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER THE FAFSA

YOUR STUDENT AID REPORT

After you complete your 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. If you provided an email address, you'll receive an email with instructions to access an online copy of your SAR; otherwise it will be mailed. Typically, you'll be able to access your SAR within three to five days if you filed your FAFSA electronically (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 might change from year to year.

FINANCIAL NEED VS. COLLEGE COSTS

Each college or university that you list on your FAFSA and that accepts you will determine your financial need and present you with an award letter describing the aid they can offer. Each college will first determine your Financial Need: the Cost of Attendance (COA) minus your EFC.

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 aid you receive cannot exceed the total cost of attendance at a college or university.

AWARD LETTERS

Each award letter will include federal, state and college-specific financial aid programs. It is likely that your award letter will include one or more types of loans. (See page 18 for more information on comparing award letters.)

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 parent50
Family size (parents and children)4
Number in college1

Expected Family Contribution per year (EFC)\$4,663

*An approximation of the federal EFC calculated when you file a FAFSA. Results are likely to be within \$500 for typical students.

▶ WHAT YOU CAN DO BEFORE THE FAFSA

FAFSA4CASTER

FAFSA4caster (available at fafsa.gov) will give you an early start on the financial aid process by:

- Providing an unofficial estimate of your EFC (Expected Family Contribution).
- Giving you an online experience similar to the FAFSA.
- Allowing you to transfer your data to FAFSA.
- Increasing your knowledge of the financial aid process.

COST OF ATTENDANCE

(depends on the college)

- EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

(stays the same regardless of college)

= YOUR FINANCIAL NEED

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS: **FREE MONEY**

	Program	Type of college	Start of application	Application required	Priority deadline	Final deadline	Max award
FEDERAL GRANTS	Pell Grant Based on financial need, as determined by FAFSA	Any	October 1	FAFSA	N/A	June 30	\$5,920
	Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants Based on financial need	Any participating	October 1	FAFSA	N/A	Contact school	\$4,000
	Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grants (TEACH Grants) Recipients must teach in high-need fields in schools that serve low-income students	Any	October 1	FAFSA	N/A	June 30	\$4,000
STATE SCHOLARSHIPS	All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Must be a 2016 or 2017 high school graduate (or recipient of high school equivalency)	Any eligible Iowa college/university	October 1	FAFSA, Iowa FAA	None	March 1	Half of average Regent tuition and fees
	Terry E. Branstad State Fair Scholarship For Iowa high school graduates who have participated in the Iowa State Fair	Any eligible Iowa college/university	October 1	FAFSA, Iowa FAA	None	March 1	\$5,000
	Robert D. Blue Scholarship For Iowa students who exhibit academic excellence, civic duty and moral character	Any eligible Iowa college/university	October 1	FAFSA, Robert D. Blue Scholarship	None	May 1	\$1,000

FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Work:** Have your parents ask whether their employers offer college scholarships to children of employees.
- **School networks:** Many high schools offer scholarships for graduating students. Also check with the area alumni association of your college.
- **Community organizations:** Many community organizations sponsor local scholarships. 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 scholarships. If not, it might partner with other organizations.
- **Field of study:** Your college might offer scholarships specific to your major. Contact your program department.

Program		Type of college	Start of application	Application required	Priority deadline	Final deadline	Max award
STATE GRANTS	Iowa Tuition Grant For Iowa residents	Any private Iowa college/university	October 1	FAFSA	None	July 1	Average Regent tuition and fees
	Kibbie Grant (Iowa Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant) For Iowa residents enrolled in specified career or technical education programs	Any Iowa community college	October 1	FAFSA	None	July 1	\$2,600
	Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant For Iowa residents enrolled in career or technical education programs	Any Iowa community college	October 1	FAFSA	None	July 1	\$900
	Iowa National Guard For Iowa National Guard members	Any eligible Iowa college/university	October 1	Iowa FAA	None	July 1 (Anticipated fall deadline)	Percent of average Regent tuition and fees
	Education & Training Voucher For students who are in foster care, were in foster care, were adopted from foster care or graduated from a state training school	Any eligible Iowa college/university or approved training program	October 1	FAFSA, Iowa FAA	March 1	December 1	\$5,000

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (fafsa.gov)

Iowa FAA: Iowa Financial Aid Application (IowaCollegeAid.gov)

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Your college or university might provide scholarships or financial awards from its institutional funds. Often, institutional scholarships go to recipients who meet specific requirements related to particular areas of study, academic achievements, outstanding talent, leadership, athletic ability or other criteria. Contact the financial aid office and ask about institutional programs available through the college or through on-campus organizations.

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available from private 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 financial aid administrators.

Web searches also allow students and families to explore scholarship possibilities. Reputable organizations will NOT charge fees for scholarship searches.

STUDENT LOANS: KNOW BEFORE YOU OWE

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOANS

Stafford loans are federal loans through the U.S. Department of Education. Your financial aid office can help you complete an application; funds are applied directly to your student account. You must file a FAFSA to receive a Stafford loan. Repayment doesn't begin until six 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 (through the FAFSA). 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 for these loans. Students are responsible for interest charged throughout the life of the loan, even while in school. Interest might be added to the loan 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.

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN INTEREST RATES

Loans first disbursed:	Undergraduate Subsidized Stafford	Undergraduate Unsubsidized Stafford	Graduate/Professional Unsubsidized Stafford
On or after 7/1/2017	4.45% fixed	4.45% fixed	6.00% fixed

Fees

Stafford loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2016, have a 1.069% origination fee that is deducted from each loan disbursement. The fee decreases slightly to 1.066% for loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2017.

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN LIMITS

Borrower's Academic Level	Annual Amount for a Dependent Student	Annual Amount for an Independent Student ¹
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 ²		\$20,500
	Aggregate	Aggregate
Undergraduate	\$31,000 (subsidized limit is \$23,000)	\$57,500
Graduate/Professional program student ²		\$138,500

¹ See page 19 for a definition of independent student.

² 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.

PLUS LOANS

PLUS loans are federally insured and offer attractive deferment and forbearance options. Many parents use PLUS loans instead of private loans.

Who may borrow

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

PLUS borrowers are subject to credit checks. A PLUS applicant with bad credit might qualify by finding a creditworthy endorser. If a parent borrower is denied, the dependent undergraduate might be 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 and, once calculated, remain fixed for the life of the loan. The rate for PLUS loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2017, but before July 1, 2018, is 7.00%.

Fees

Federal PLUS loans first disbursed on or after October 1, 2016, have a 4.276% origination fee deducted from each disbursement. The fee decreases slightly to 4.264% for loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2017.

Disbursement

Apply at least eight weeks before you need the money. Loan proceeds will be sent directly to your college. 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.

Repayment

Repayment begins after the loan funds are fully disbursed. Parent borrowers of PLUS loans may request postponement of repayment while the student is enrolled at least half-time and for six months afterward. In-school deferment is available to postpone payment for borrowers who are graduate/professional students enrolled at least half-time and for six months afterward. Borrowers have up to 10 years to repay PLUS loans, with a minimum monthly payment of \$50 per month. A variety of repayment plans are available, which might reduce payment amounts.

PRIVATE LOANS

Private loans are an option to bridge the gap between the cost of attendance and other sources of financial aid. You should use private loans only as a last resort.

Discuss the federal PLUS loan with your parents before making the decision to take out a private loan. PLUS loans are generally less expensive and reduce the amount of debt you'll have at the time of graduation.

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 receives loans, and in most cases, require students to pass a credit check and have a co-signer. There are many types of private loans, all with unique fees and interest rates. If you need private loans or have questions about them, contact your financial aid office.

DON'T KNOW WHO YOUR LOAN SERVICER IS?

Look it up on the National Student Loan Data System (nsls.ed.gov).



STUDENT VOICE: DANIELLE

COLLEGE: University of Northern Iowa

HIGH SCHOOL: Cardinal Middle-Senior High (Eldon)

CHOOSING A COLLEGE: I am a transfer student from Indian Hills Community College and had the opportunity to take some international students to visit UNI. I ended up loving everything about the campus and the faculty. UNI truly was the right fit.

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE: Programs that have an international core where I get to talk, meet and learn from students coming from all around the world.

CHALLENGES: Getting out of my comfort zone.

DANIELLE'S ADVICE: College is a time to become the best version of you, so try new things, join clubs—you never know what you like until you try.



▶ WORK-STUDY & **PART-TIME JOBS**

Work-study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need. If you are eligible, your college or university will include work-study in your financial aid award letter. Students not eligible for work-study can still seek part-time work. 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 opportunity outside your field of study. You can still gain real-life, marketable experience. Collaborating with colleagues, answering to a boss and meeting deadlines will benefit you no matter your career path.

WAYS TO SAVE ON COLLEGE COSTS

EARN CREDIT BEFORE COLLEGE

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

AVOID CHANGING MAJORS

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

CONSIDER SUMMER COURSES

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

LIVE AT HOME

If your school is close enough and circumstances allow, living at home with your family can save on housing costs. If you choose this option, you might want to make an extra effort to get involved in campus activities.

TAKE A PART-TIME JOB

Working can reduce the amount you have to borrow in addition to providing job experience.

RENT YOUR TEXTBOOKS

Many colleges allow you to rent textbooks, saving hundreds of dollars. Websites such as **chegg.com**, **efollett.com**, **textbooks.com** and **bookrenter.com** let you rent or buy textbooks at reduced amounts.

▶ TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION TAX BENEFITS

Your family might benefit from higher education tax credits and deductions. More information is available at **lowaCollegeAid.gov** or by accessing IRS Publication 970 at **irs.gov**. Consult a tax advisor if you have questions.

STUDENT LOAN INTEREST DEDUCTION

Eligible borrowers may deduct interest paid on student loans (up to \$2,500 each year).

AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT

Eligible taxpayers may claim a credit of up to \$2,500 for each eligible student within the student's first four years of college.

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.

TUITION AND 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 at the federal, state and private levels are intended to recruit college graduates into high-need professions.

	Program	Start of application	Final deadline	Maximum award	Eligibility	Website
EDUCATION	Teach Iowa Scholar	September 1	November 18	\$4,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduated on or after January 1, 2013 Top 25% of graduates in academic year* 	lowaCollegeAid.gov
	Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness	Continuous	Continuous	Five-year total of \$17,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach full-time for five consecutive academic years in low-income school 	studentaid.ed.gov
HEALTH CARE	Iowa Registered Nurse and Nurse Educator Loan Forgiveness Program	January 1	March 31	20% of recipient's total eligible federal student loan balance**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First nurse educator or nurse position in Iowa began after July 1, 2007 	lowaCollegeAid.gov
	Health Care Professional Recruitment Program (HPRP)	January 1	March 31	\$50,000 over four-year enrollment period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Des Moines University graduate Osteopathic doctor, physician assistant, podiatrist or physical therapist 	lowaCollegeAid.gov
	Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program	See website	See website	\$200,000 over five-year enrollment period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice in specified Iowa community for a minimum of five years 	lowaCollegeAid.gov
	Nurse CORPS: Loan Repayment Program	See website	See website	60% of recipient's qualifying loan balance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work for two years at critical shortage facility 	hrsa.gov
LEGAL	Attorney Student Loan Repayment Program (ASLRP)	See website	See website	\$6,000 match per year; \$60,000 lifetime max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three-year commitment to Department of Justice 	justice.gov
FEDERAL	Federal Student Loan Repayment Program	See website	See website	See website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal agencies repay federal student loans as recruitment or retention incentive 	opm.gov
PUBLIC SERVICE	Public Service Loan Repayment Program	See website	See website	Remaining balance on Federal Direct Loan after 120 on-time full, monthly payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time employee at qualifying public service organization 	studentaid.ed.gov

*Participant must be in top 25% academically of all teacher preparation program graduates during an academic year at their college or university.

**Annual award cannot exceed average resident tuition rate for students attending Iowa's Regent Universities for first year following recipient's graduation.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

MANAGING TIME

In college, your days are not as routine and predictable as they were in high school. You might be in class just a few hours a day. Some students struggle with their newfound freedom. You'll be expected to make your own schedule and keep up with your classes, activities and work.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

You might fall behind if you simply maintain the level of effort that got you through high school. Plan on studying two to three hours outside class for every hour in class. Don't expect your professor to seek you out if you aren't doing well. It is up to you to find resources and to ask for help.

RESPONSIBILITY

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

RELATIONSHIPS

You had years to get comfortable with your high school friends. It's all new in college. It is an adjustment, and relationships take time to develop.





REASONS TO **GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS**

Much of your college experience will happen outside the classroom. Although studies should be your top priority, getting involved on campus is a great way to ease the transition into college and build your resume.

MEET NEW PEOPLE

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

GET REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Career-related organizations offer an excellent opportunity to build leadership, communication and teamwork skills.

BUILD CONNECTIONS

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

FIND YOUR BALANCE

Campus involvement teaches you to find balance between your schoolwork and activities—a skill that will serve you in your professional career as well.

▶ GET TO KNOW YOUR ADVISOR

One of your most essential resources is your academic advisor. While their main task is assisting you in registering for classes, advisors can provide a wealth of knowledge regarding classes, graduation requirements, internships, job hunting and industry contacts. Here's how to get the most from your appointments:

SCHEDULE IN ADVANCE

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

DON'T BE A STRANGER

Get to know your advisor so he or she can take your interests into account when making suggestions. Topics to cover might include insight into different professors, scheduling suggestions and goal planning. Your advisor is also a great person to write letters of recommendation.

BE PREPARED

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

SHARE YOUR CONCERNS

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



STUDENT VOICE: JAMIE

COLLEGE: Briar Cliff University

HIGH SCHOOL: Mercy High School (Omaha)

CHOOSING A COLLEGE: I just got a great feeling when I visited campus. It was a really caring community—it felt like home.

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE: I'm involved in cross country and track, academic peer mentoring, the honors program, English and Writing Club, Catholic Daughters. It keeps me very involved, but also very busy!

CHALLENGES: Moving away from home makes a lot of new college students homesick. Staying involved is a great way to meet people and gradually overcome the homesickness. Also, paying for college can be an obvious challenge. Applying for financial aid helps you get over the financial barrier.

JAMIE'S ADVICE: Don't procrastinate! It's best to start your college search ASAP, even during your junior year or possibly earlier, so you'll have plenty of time to request information, talk to admissions representatives, schedule visits and more.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Sometimes your first college choice isn't the right fit, or you might start your education at a two-year college with intentions to continue at a four-year school. For a smooth transfer, start planning as soon as possible. Here are some tips:

KEEP YOUR GRADES UP

Even if you don't plan to finish a degree at your current college, continue to go to class and turn in assignments. The college where you transfer will want your most recent transcripts and might have a grade requirement. Even if you had good grades in high school or were previously admitted to your new college, low college grades could ruin your plans.

SELECT A NEW COLLEGE

Determine what factors contributed to your decision to leave your current college, and take them into consideration when selecting a new college.

GO ON A CAMPUS VISIT

Your experiences on your current college campus might help you identify the benefits you want and need from a new college experience.

TALK TO ADVISORS

Work with advisors at both your old and new campuses. Ask if your classes will transfer. To make certain, you can request that your prospective college review your transcripts before you apply. Advisors can also help you with articulation agreements, admission partnership programs and cross-enrollment options.

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

APPLY FOR ADMISSION

Check the admission requirements at the college where you intend to transfer, even if you were previously accepted. If you want to transfer course credits, you'll need to submit your most recent transcript. Some colleges will want a copy of your prior college coursework regardless of whether you transfer credits. Ask your admissions officer about placement exams, registering for classes and signing up for orientation.

SECURE YOUR HOUSING

If you plan to live on campus or in an apartment, you'll need to get the process rolling as soon as possible so you have a place to live when classes begin.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

You cannot simply transfer current financial aid to your new college. You'll need to add your new college to your FAFSA 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 cancels your aid.

Contact current scholarship donors to see if scholarships can be transferred, and seek new scholarship opportunities. If you plan to borrow, you might need to complete new loan applications. Contact your new school to discuss the process and ask if you need to submit a financial aid transcript.

TRANSFERINIOWA.ORG

This website 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.



STUDENTS WITH **DISABILITIES**

If you are a student with a disability, knowing your rights and responsibilities will help when requesting the support you need to learn and work successfully. Academic accommodations might include note takers, extended time for tests, readers and/or scribes, books in alternative formats, computer-assisted technology, interpreter services and/or accessible classrooms.

STEPS TO EASE THE TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

1. Know your diagnosis, 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.
4. Identify the person or office at the college responsible for providing services to students with disabilities, and schedule an appointment.
5. Bring documentation of how your disability impacts your living, learning and working. Examples include the SAR (Support for Accommodation Request), your 504 plan, 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 a realistic course schedule.
8. 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 at **IowaCollegeAid.gov**.

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

CHECK THE COLLEGE SCORECARD

The U.S. Department of Education offers a valuable online tool to help you compare schools and make an informed decision about where to go. For any school that offers postsecondary education in the United States, the College Scorecard, collegescorecard.ed.gov, will show you:

COSTS

Not the published costs, but the average annual costs that students actually pay, broken down by family income and compared to the national average.

FINANCIAL AID AND DEBT

How many students take out federal loans, graduates' typical debt and monthly payments, and percentage of students paying down debt compared to the national average.

EARNINGS AFTER SCHOOL

Average graduate's salary compared to national average, and percentage of graduates who earn more than students with only a high school diploma.

This combination of factors gives you a more complete picture of your investment and potential payoff from attending a specific school. A school with high costs, high loan debt and low graduation rates, for instance, might not offer your best chance of success. A school with high costs might be a more reasonable choice, however, if it also offers high graduation rates and high salaries for graduates.

While these might be important factors, the most important pieces of the equation will be how a school fits with your needs.

The College Scorecard lets you look up specific schools or search based on criteria such as location, size and degrees offered. It also offers predetermined searches such as "Affordable Four-Year Schools with Good Outcomes" or "Find a Community College in Your State with High Salaries."

STUDENT BODY

A demographic breakdown of the student population by race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status.

SUCCESS RATES

Retention rate after one year and graduation rate, compared to the national average.

TEST SCORES

Standard range of SAT and/or ACT scores for students who are admitted and enrolled.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Available areas of study, as well as the most popular programs offered.



STUDENT VOICE: MACKENZIE

COLLEGE: Iowa State University

HIGH SCHOOL: Bondurant-Farrar High School

CHOOSING A COLLEGE: I chose Iowa State because of its affordability. Transferring from a community college, I wanted to continue saving money while getting a strong education.

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE: I am involved with Cyclone Life, which is a student-run blog. I love the opportunities to educate and share my experiences

CHALLENGES: I think the biggest challenge has been trying to have a healthy life-balance. My education is my number one priority, as well as my health and well-being. Next in line are my part-time jobs, my internship and my social life.

MACKENZIE'S ADVICE: My advice for high school seniors is to be prepared and do your homework on researching schools. Since you made the decision to go to college, make sure that it fits within your needs (tuition costs, majors offered, location, etc.) because there are a lot of factors that go into choosing a school.

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PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

100 Enrollment Services Center, 2433 Union Drive, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-2010

CONNECT

Website: iastate.edu

Admissions:

800-262-3810

Financial Aid:

515-294-2223

FAFSA Code: 001869

ACT Code: 1320

SAT Code: 6306

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: December 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:

See website

Types of Programs: Animal Science, Architecture, Business, Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 30,671

Tuition & Fees: \$8,420

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,762

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$994

Iowa State University is a public, land-grant university, where students get a great academic start in learning communities and stay active in 800-plus student organizations, undergrad research, internships and study abroad. They learn from world-class scholars who are tackling some of the world's biggest challenges—feeding the hungry, finding alternative fuels and advancing manufacturing.

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

108 Calvin Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242

CONNECT

Website: uiowa.edu

Admissions:

319-335-3847

Financial Aid:

319-335-1450

FAFSA Code: 001892

ACT Code: 1356

SAT Code: 6681

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: As soon as possible

after October 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:

See website

Types of Programs:

Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, Liberal Arts, Music

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 24,476

Tuition & Fees: \$8,973

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$10,450

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$950

Ranked among the top 35 public universities in the U.S., the University of Iowa provides a learning experience like no other. Between the energy of Hawkeye sports and leading programs in the arts, health care, engineering, business and physics, there's something for everyone at Iowa.

The University of Iowa is located in Iowa City, ranked the fifth-best college town in the U.S. by the American Institute for Economic Research. Offering the energy of a major city with the friendliness and safety of a local community, Iowa City is a perfect place to study and grow.

Iowa's campus is woven throughout downtown Iowa City, with everything you need just a short walk from residence halls and classrooms. Shopping, live music, local theaters and galleries, restaurants, parks and Big Ten athletics—it all comes together to make Iowa City an amazing place to live.



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

1227 West 27th Street, Cedar Falls, IA 50614

CONNECT

Website: uni.edu

Admissions:

319-273-2281

Financial Aid:

319-273-2700

FAFSA Code: 001890

ACT Code: 1322

SAT Code: 6307

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: January 15

Minimum Admission Requirements:

See website

Types of Programs: Liberal

Arts and General, Teacher

Preparation, Pre-Professional

Preparation, Master's,

Specialist's, Doctoral

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 11,981

Tuition & Fees: \$8,483

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,781

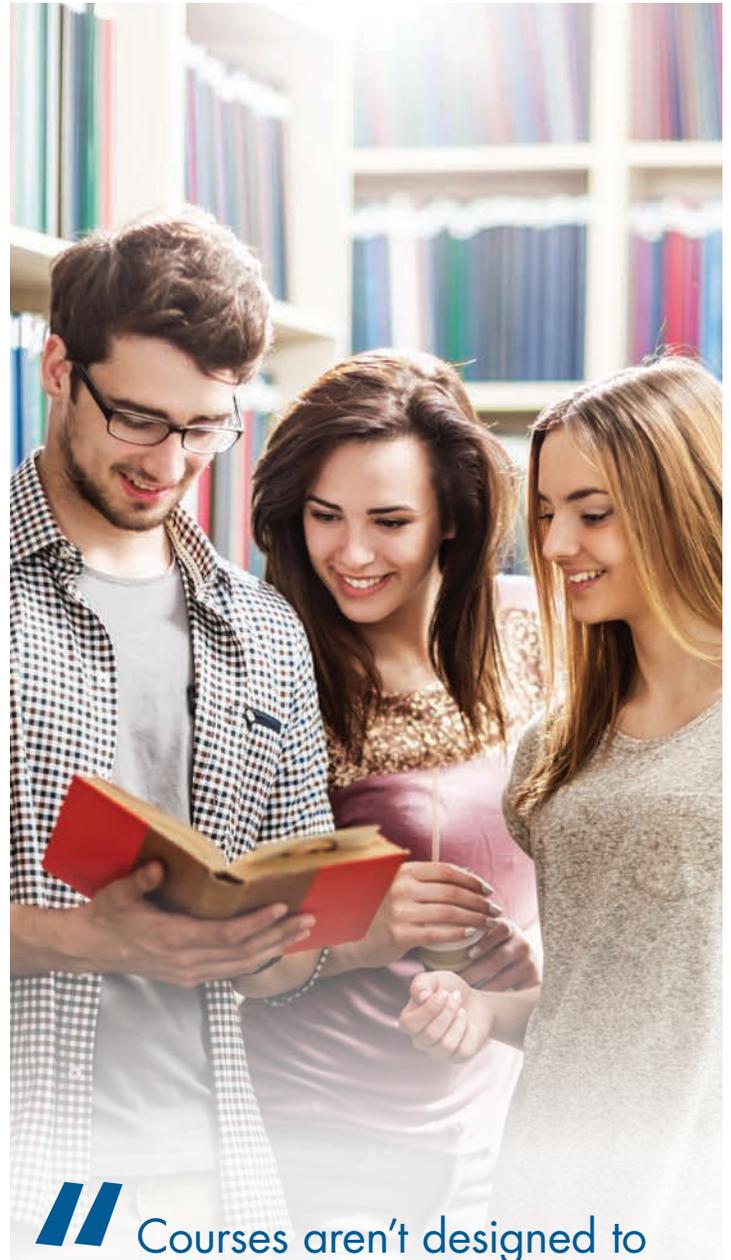
Est. Books &

Supplies: \$900

As one of the most affordable universities 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 theater, 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.

UNI's 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.

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



“ Courses aren't designed to teach you all you need to know, so don't expect them to. Instead, use what is taught to inspire you to dive deeply into your own self-directed learning. ”

Rob Whitehead,
assistant professor
at Iowa State University



PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

3303 Rebecca Street, Sioux City, IA 51104

CONNECT

Website: briarcliff.edu

Admissions:

712-279-5200

Financial Aid:

712-279-5200

FAFSA Code: 001846

ACT Code: 1276

SAT Code: 6046

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

19 ACT, 2.5 GPA

Types of Programs:

Nursing, Education, Business

Administration, Social Work,

Kinesiology and Human

Performance

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,117

Tuition & Fees: \$29,606

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,640

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,339

Perched on a scenic hilltop where three states meet, Briar Cliff University is a private, Catholic Franciscan institution that attracts students who dream about making a difference in the world.

As one of the country's most service- and outreach-oriented universities, Briar Cliff was founded in 1930 by the Sisters of Saint Francis of Dubuque, with a mission to educate students in the Franciscan tradition of service, caring and openness to all.

More than three-quarters of classes at Briar Cliff are taught by full-time faculty—not adjunct instructors or graduate assistants—meaning students are able to form lasting relationships with professors, working side-by-side on research, internship placements and networking opportunities.

Beyond the classroom, Briar Cliff is nationally recognized for its community outreach. Students spend 10,000 hours annually spearheading service projects across the community, the region, the nation and the world.

BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY

610 W. Fourth Street, Storm Lake, IA 50588

CONNECT

Website: bvu.edu

Admissions:

800-383-9600

Financial Aid:

800-383-2821

FAFSA Code: 001847

ACT Code: 1278

SAT Code: 6047

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: June 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

18 ACT, 3.0 GPA;

Types of Programs:

Business, Communication and

Arts, Education and Exercise

Science, Science, Social Science

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,921

Tuition & Fees: \$32,854

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,490

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$999

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 94% 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 pre-professional programs, BVU provides a wide array of options which blend 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 socioeconomic levels.



CENTRAL COLLEGE

812 University Street, Pella, IA 50219

CONNECT

Website: central.edu

Admissions:

877-462-3687

Financial Aid:

641-628-5336

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,250

Tuition & Fees: \$35,930

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,980

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,114

FAFSA Code: 001850

ACT Code: 1284

SAT Code: 6097

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: January 15

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

20 ACT, 3.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

Liberal Arts, Pre-Professional,
Engineering, Teacher Education

CLARKE UNIVERSITY

1550 Clarke Drive, Dubuque, IA 52001

CONNECT

Website: clarke.edu

Admissions:

800-383-2345

Financial Aid:

800-383-2345

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,200

Tuition & Fees: \$31,950

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,400

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,200

FAFSA Code: 001852

ACT Code: 1290

SAT Code: 6099

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 15

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

2.5 GPA

Types of Programs: Liberal

Arts, 3+3 Physical Therapy,
4+1 Master of Art in Education,
Social Work, Nurse Practitioner

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 97% of students are placed within a year of graduation. Additionally, 92% of students who graduate do so in four years. And with 99% 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, not teaching assistants. Academic coursework integrates real-world experience. Students are encouraged to pursue service learning and internships, and all majors offer the flexibility to study abroad and still graduate in four years.

The connections formed at Central last a lifetime. From friends and classmates to faculty and alumni, students form a community of supporters.

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 careers and lives well-lived.

Our 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, four graduate programs, two doctorate programs and over 30 student-run clubs and organizations. Our University provides many scholarship opportunities including athletic talent awards and fine art talent awards.

Clarke's 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 football will be added to the roster in 2018.



PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

COE COLLEGE

1220 First Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

CONNECT

Website: coe.edu

Admissions:

877-225-5263

Financial Aid:

319-399-8540

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,400

Tuition & Fees: \$42,430

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,140

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,000

FAFSA Code: 001854

ACT Code: 1294

SAT Code: 6101

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

20 ACT, 3.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

Liberal Arts, Sciences
and General, Business
Administration and Economics,
Fine Arts, Teacher Education

CORNELL COLLEGE

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

CONNECT

Website: cornellcollege.edu

Admissions:

800-747-1112

Financial Aid:

877-579-4049

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,000

Tuition & Fees: \$40,880

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,110

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,339

FAFSA Code: 001856

ACT Code: 1296

SAT Code: 6119

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

See website

Types of Programs:

Liberal Arts, Pre-Professional,
Teacher Education

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, or off-campus study program. Coe College is one of the few liberal arts institutions to promise hands-on learning.

In recent years, Coe students have interned at the Chicago Board of Trade, Mayo Clinic, Google, NASA and Rockwell Collins. Others have completed research on Coe's campus through the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates program or the 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 skills needed to be successful after graduation.

Cornell College, a selective liberal arts college in Mount Vernon, Iowa, is recognized as one of the "Colleges That Change Lives." Cornell is characterized by the immersion of its "One Course at a Time" curriculum, which allows students to focus on a single academic subject for an 18-day block. Since professors only teach one block at a time, students have more access to professors, and professors can teach students off-campus in whatever venue best fits the material. There are no slow intros, far-off exams or papers, or gaps between class sessions, mirroring the pace of working environments where employees are expected to handle tight deadlines and high expectations. With a student body from 45 states and 20 foreign countries, and renowned visiting speakers, faculty and entertainers, Cornell offers the world from its hilltop campus.



DIVINE WORD COLLEGE

102 Jacoby Drive, Epworth, IA 52045

CONNECT

Website: dwci.edu

Admissions:

800-553-3321

Financial Aid:

563-876-3353

FAFSA Code: 001858

ACT Code: 1286

SAT Code: 6174

Minimum Admission Requirements:

2.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

Philosophy, Theology, Religious Studies, Intercultural Studies

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 52

Tuition & Fees: \$12,750

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$3,600

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$300

Divine Word College is a Catholic liberal arts college seminary accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The seminary is dedicated to educating men and women for missionary service as priests, Brothers, Sisters and laypersons. A Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in three major fields: Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies and Intercultural Studies. A two-year Associate of Arts degree in Intercultural Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies and Theology and Religious Studies is also offered. Minority and foreign students make up 94% of the student body. The college is owned and operated by the Society of the Divine Word, a worldwide Catholic missionary organization.

DORDT COLLEGE

498 Fourth Avenue NE, Sioux Center, IA 51250

CONNECT

Website: dordt.edu

Admissions:

800-343-6738

Financial Aid:

800-343-6738

FAFSA Code: 001859

ACT Code: 1301

SAT Code: 6171

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:

19 ACT, 2.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

Education, Business

Administration, Agriculture,

Engineering, Nursing

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,523

Tuition & Fees: \$29,130

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,730

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,120

Dordt College is a comprehensive Christian college 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 successes.

The Wall Street Journal named Dordt College the top school in the nation for student engagement, a measure of how involved, inspired and challenged students are. U.S. News & World Report, Princeton Review, Washington Monthly, Money Magazine, and Forbes.com all list Dordt College as a top school in the region.

Dordt College has a friendly and vibrant community, and most students live on campus. Nearly all students receive financial aid, and 98.9% of graduates were employed within six months of graduation.



PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

2507 University Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50311

CONNECT

Website: drake.edu

Admissions:

515-217-3181

Financial Aid:

515-271-2905

FAFSA Code: 001860

ACT Code: 1302

SAT Code: 6168

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

Arts and Sciences, Business,

Education, Pharmacy and

Health Sciences, Journalism

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 3,340

Tuition & Fees: \$38,916

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$10,158

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,100

Drake University, a mid-sized, private university and home of the world-famous Drake Relays, is recognized as a top value in education (The Princeton Review, Kiplinger's, etc.), and ranked fifth nationally for academic quality and first in Iowa for highest paid graduates. A respected education is also affordable, thanks to generous scholarships and Drake's Tuition Guarantee, which locks in tuition cost while you earn your degree.

Your education will be personal and customized, with an exceptional 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio and accomplished professors focused on teaching, mentorship and connecting you to outstanding professional opportunities in Iowa's capital city and beyond. You'll also benefit from Drake's supportive, welcoming campus community and all of the clubs, concerts, festivals and fun traditions that happen here.

The result? Success: 99% of students launch a career or enter graduate school within six months of graduation.

EMMAUS BIBLE COLLEGE

2570 Asbury Road, Dubuque, IA 52001

CONNECT

Website: emmaus.edu

Admissions:

563-588-8000

Financial Aid:

563-588-8000

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 265

Tuition & Fees: \$17,520

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,100

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$600

FAFSA Code: 016487

ACT Code: 1371

SAT Code: 1215

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

18 ACT, 2.0 GPA

Types of Programs: Biblical

Studies, Teacher Education,

Counseling Psychology,

Business Administration,

Computer Science

Are you ready to impact the world for Christ? Prepare for your career and your life as a Christian—we'll equip you for both at Emmaus Bible College.

Emmaus Bible College is a private, fully accredited, four-year Christ-centered college dedicated to educating and equipping learners to impact the world for Christ. Located in Dubuque, Iowa (ranked #12 in top small college towns by USA Today), Emmaus has among the region's most affordable private tuition rates with a strong, easy-to-understand scholarship program.

Emmaus offers 35+ majors and minors in ministry-related fields and professional studies, including programs like Applied Mathematics, Business Administration, Computer Science, Counseling Psychology, Cross-Cultural Nursing, ESL Education, Intercultural Studies, Teacher Education, Youth Ministries and many more. Each of our ministry and professional degrees includes a dual major in Biblical Studies. Learn more about all of our programs at www.emmaus.edu/academics



FAITH BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

1900 NW Fourth Street, Ankeny, IA 50023

CONNECT

Website: faith.edu

Admissions:

888-FAITH-4-U

Financial Aid:

888-FAITH-4-U

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 234

Tuition & Fees: \$16,766

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

Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,339

FAFSA Code: 007121

ACT Code: 1315

SAT Code: 6214

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 15

Minimum Admission Requirements:

2.0 GPA

Types of Programs: Biblical Studies, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Pastoral, Administrative Assistant

GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

1 University Place, Lamoni, IA 50140

CONNECT

Website: graceland.edu

Admissions:

866-472-2352

Financial Aid:

866-472-2352

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,446

Tuition & Fees: \$28,110

On-Campus Room & Board: \$8,480

Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,160

FAFSA Code: 001866

ACT Code: 1314

SAT Code: 6249

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: February 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:

21 ACT, 3.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

Elementary Education, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Social Media Marketing, Agricultural Business

Faith Baptist Bible College exists to prepare students for life and ministry. Whether a student is looking to go into full-time ministry or simply looking to gain a better understanding of God's Word to prepare for life, Faith excels at equipping students for both. Every program Faith offers 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 activities and opportunities for involvement. Faith competes at the NCCAA level and participates in soccer, volleyball, cross country, basketball and track and field. Many students also have the opportunity to travel throughout the United States and abroad on ministry and missions teams.

Located in Ankeny, Iowa, one of the fastest-growing cities in the country, the campus is minutes from hundreds of businesses, restaurants and stores, creating a wide variety of great job opportunities.

Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa, is a place to shape a new vision for your life. You'll find a welcoming, empowering, nonsectarian Christian community where we ask each student, "Who do you want to be?" Then, working alongside them, we help them explore their interests and passions. We help them understand their strengths and values. And in the end, we help them discover something invaluable: themselves. No matter what major or course of study, Graceland's liberal arts education will give a competitive edge toward success. Graceland offers an essential education like no other—made possible by a faithful, supportive community like no other. It is, for all who come here... The Power of Together.



PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

1200 Grandview Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50316

CONNECT

Website: grandview.edu

Admissions:

515-263-2810

Financial Aid:

515-283-2820

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,900

Tuition & Fees: \$26,426

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,834

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$816

FAFSA Code: 001867

ACT Code: 1316

SAT Code: 6251

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: January 15

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

18 ACT, 2.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

Business, Nursing, Education,

Art, Biochemistry

GRINNELL COLLEGE

1103 Park Street, Grinnell, IA 50112

CONNECT

Website: grinnell.edu

Admissions:

641-269-3600

Financial Aid:

641-269-3250

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,699

Tuition & Fees: \$48,758

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$11,980

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$900

FAFSA Code: 001868

ACT Code: 1318

SAT Code: 6252

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: January 15

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

See website

Types of Programs:

Humanities, Science, Social

Studies, Interdisciplinary Majors,

Concentrations

Founded in 1896, Grand View is a nonprofit, private liberal arts University that offers 40 undergraduate and five graduate degree programs both in traditional and online formats. Our academic departments have close relationships with central Iowa employers through advisory councils, internship programs and consultation. Which means Grand View's programs have a real-world perspective you can use on your very first job after graduation. At Grand View, students find a winning combination of high-quality programs, experienced professors and caring individuals. With an average class size of 16 and a student-to-faculty ratio of 14:1, students get to know their professors and other students well. Learning is an interactive process at Grand View—students engage in lively discussions, work on real-world projects, and participate in career-related work experiences. Grand View welcomes and supports students from all walks of life, geographies, religions and ethnicities.

Founded in 1846, Grinnell College is a private, co-educational, liberal arts college that seeks to educate its students in the liberal arts through free inquiry and the open exchange of ideas. Grinnell provides a lively academic community of students and teachers of high scholarly qualifications from diverse social and cultural backgrounds. The college aims to graduate women and men who can think clearly, who can speak and write persuasively and eloquently, who can evaluate critically both their own and others' ideas, who can acquire new knowledge and who are prepared to use their knowledge and abilities to serve the common good.



INSTE BIBLE COLLEGE

2302 SW Third Street, Ankeny, IA 50023

CONNECT

Website: inste.edu

Admissions:

515-289-9200

Financial Aid:

515-289-9200

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 213

Tuition & Fees: \$815

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$130

Minimum Admission Requirements:

See website

Types of Programs:

Christian Ministry (Certificate), Bible and Theology (Advance Certificate, Diploma, Associate of Arts, AA, BA)

IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

601 North Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

CONNECT

Website: iwc.edu

Admissions:

319-385-6231

Financial Aid:

319-385-6242

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 523

Tuition & Fees: \$30,500

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$10,500

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,100

FAFSA Code: 001871

ACT Code: 1324

SAT Code: 6308

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:
17 ACT, 2.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

Nursing, Business, Criminal Justice, Arts and Humanities, Education

What makes Inste Bible College unique? First of all, it is both portable and affordable. INSTE is affordable. A person can complete the entire course of study in INSTE for less than it would cost for one semester at a traditional Bible College. Furthermore, INSTE comes to the student through two delivery systems—either a church-based small group or through an online cyber-group—so Bible college training is available to all.

Secondly, INSTE's methodology sets it apart. Most formal educational systems 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 his or her church. Through its Beyond Academics component, INSTE integrates the student's academic acquisition to his or her practical ministry formation.

Iowa Wesleyan University, founded in 1842, is Southeast Iowa's four-year comprehensive university. Celebrating its 175th anniversary, Iowa Wesleyan University is a transformational learning community whose passion is to educate, empower and inspire students to lead meaningful lives and careers.



PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

LORAS COLLEGE

1450 Alta Vista, Dubuque, IA 52001

CONNECT

Website: loras.edu

Admissions:

563-588-7236

Financial Aid:

800-245-6727

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,600

Tuition & Fees: \$31,418

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,308

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,100

FAFSA Code: 001873

ACT Code: 1328

SAT Code: 6370

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

20 ACT, 3.0 GPA

Types of Programs: Media
Studies, Business Administration,
Sport Management

LUTHER COLLEGE

700 College Drive, Decorah, IA 52101

CONNECT

Website: luther.edu

Admissions:

563-387-1412

Financial Aid:

563-387-1018

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,150

Tuition & Fees: \$41,020

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,970

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,040

FAFSA Code: 001874

ACT Code: 1330

SAT Code: 6375

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: February 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

See website

Types of Programs:

Liberal Arts

Loras College leverages its historic roots as Iowa's first college, the second-oldest Catholic college west of the Mississippi River and one of the nation's 10 diocesan colleges to deliver challenging, life-changing experiences as part of its residential, Catholic setting. Loras is ranked 111th out of the Top 100 baccalaureate colleges, according to the 2016 Washington Monthly College Rankings and the 11th Best Regional College, according to Midwest U.S. News Best Colleges. Other highlights: 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio, 94% of the faculty hold a Ph.D. or terminal degree in their field, more than 40 undergraduate majors, minors, graduate and pre-professional areas of study, 100% of incoming students received Loras scholarships or other financial assistance, more than 80 intramural activities and more than 55 clubs and organizations.

Founded in 1861, Luther College is a four-year, liberal arts institution affiliated with the Lutheran Church (ELCA). 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, while 95% of Luther's 175 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 43 states and 65 countries. Co-curricular activities include 14 music ensembles and 19 intercollegiate sports, and nearly two-thirds of students study away prior to 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

CONNECT

Website: mum.edu

Admissions:

641-472-1110

Financial Aid:

641-472-1156

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 394

Tuition & Fees: \$27,530

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$4,700

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$4,800

FAFSA Code: 011113

ACT Code: 1317

SAT Code: 4497

Minimum Admission Requirements:

3.0 GPA

Types of Programs: Art, Business, Humanities, Science, Sustainable Living

Maharishi University of Management (MUM) is an unconventional university with a focus on personal inner growth, self-discovery, sustainability, natural health and positive values. MUM supports a progressive and inclusive campus culture that's creative, dynamic and committed to making the world a better, more peaceful place.

A popular feature of MUM is the block system, where students take only one full-time course each month in small, interactive classes with professors who care about personal and academic growth.

MUM offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the arts, sciences, business and humanities and is accredited through the doctoral level by the Higher Learning Commission.

MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE

1501 Morningside Avenue, Sioux City, IA 51106

CONNECT

Website:

morningside.edu

Admissions:

712-274-5000

Financial Aid:

712-274-5159

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,902

Tuition & Fees: \$30,390

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,390

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$800

FAFSA Code: 001879

ACT Code: 1338

SAT Code: 6415

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: December 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

20 ACT, 2.5 GPA

Types of Programs: Liberal

Arts, Science, Nursing, Music,

Music Education

Morningside College is a private, four-year college affiliated with the United Methodist Church offering more than 65 majors and pre-professional programs. With a 13:1 student-to-faculty ratio, you are assured a quality education focused directly on you. Belonging to the NAIA Great Plains Athletic Conference, Morningside offers 26 varsity athletic programs. Opportunities are available for studying abroad, undergraduate research and internships. Our beautiful 69-acre campus is located in a residential area in Sioux City, Iowa (metro population: 160,000). We boast a 99% placement rate for employment or graduate school and 100% of first-time, full-time students receive financial aid. We are a member of the North Central Association and fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).



PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY

1330 Elmhurst Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

CONNECT

Website: mtmercy.edu

Admissions:

319-368-8213

Financial Aid:

319-368-6467

FAFSA Code: 001880

ACT Code: 1340

SAT Code: 6417

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: February 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

20 ACT, 2.75 GPA

Types of Programs:

Nursing, Biology, Business,

Criminal Justice, Teacher

Education

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,580

Tuition & Fees: \$30,382

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,166

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,200

Mount Mercy University, located in beautiful Cedar Rapids, Iowa, offers students a fulfilling education, promising people of all backgrounds solid preparation for a changing world. Our nearly 1,900 students come from around the globe, creating a vibrant, diverse and open-minded campus community.

Housed on a hill nestled in the historical Mound View neighborhood, Mount Mercy's main campus is safe, charming and full of life. With over 30 on-campus clubs and organizations, students can connect with others who share similar values and interests. The university's strong Campus Ministry culture engages students and encourages exploration of faith through daily Mass, spiritual direction, reflections groups, service learning and volunteer opportunities.

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

101 Seventh Street SW, Orange City, IA 51041

CONNECT

Website: nwciova.edu

Admissions:

800-747-4757

Financial Aid:

712-707-7131

FAFSA Code: 001883

ACT Code: 1346

SAT Code: 6490

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

18 ACT, 2.5 GPA

Types of Programs: Biology,

Business, Education, Liberal

Arts, Social Sciences

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,099

Tuition & Fees: \$30,200

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,000

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,350

Northwestern College is a Christian academic community engaging students in courageous and faithful learning and living that empowers them to follow Christ and pursue God's redeeming work in the world.

Northwestern College had its start in 1882 when residents of northwest Iowa founded Northwestern Classical Academy to prepare students for college and ultimately the ministry. In 1928 a junior college was established, and in 1960 Northwestern became a four-year college.

Today Northwestern offers a Christian liberal arts education in the Reformed tradition to more than 1,200 students through undergraduate, online and graduate programs, offering more than 40 majors and 16 pre-professional programs. Additionally, Northwestern College offers 16 intercollegiate athletic teams, 10 vocal and instrumental music performance groups, 6 theatrical shows each year, and 13 ministry and service opportunities.



SHILOH UNIVERSITY

100 Shiloh Drive, Kalona, IA 52247

CONNECT

Website: shilohuniversity.edu

Admissions:

319-656-2447

Financial Aid:

319-656-2447

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 25

Tuition & Fees: \$4,500

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,000

FAFSA Code: 42596

ACT Code: 7093

SAT Code: 7362

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission
Requirements:

2.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

Associate of Arts, Biblical
and Pastoral Studies,
Interdisciplinary Studies, New
Testament Studies

SIMPSON COLLEGE

701 North C Street, Indianola, IA 50125

CONNECT

Website: simpson.edu

Admissions:

515-961-1624

Financial Aid:

515-961-1630

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,479

Tuition & Fees: \$37,663

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,963

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,339

FAFSA Code: 001887

ACT Code: 1354

SAT Code: 6650

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: February 1

Minimum Admission
Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

Business, Education, Biology,
Political Science, Liberal Arts

Shiloh University offers Christian degree programs 100% online, giving you the flexibility to begin your college career on your own terms. It is the University's mission to provide you with a life-changing quality education that you can pursue full-time or while you work, anywhere in the world, or as you continue to make an impact in your church and community. At just \$150 per credit, our tuition is five times less expensive than the national average, which minimizes the need to take on student debt. Study with a passionate global community of students and faculty as you are equipped for an impactful Christian life.

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 19 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.



PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY

518 W. Locust Street, Davenport, IA 52803

CONNECT

Website: sau.edu

Admissions:

563-333-6300

Financial Aid:

563-333-5818

FAFSA Code: 001889

ACT Code: 1352

SAT Code: 6617

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 15

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

20 ACT, 2.5 GPA

Types of Programs:

Engineering, Nursing, Business,

Pre-Law, Social Work

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,300

Tuition & Fees: \$30,016

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$10,164

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,320

St. Ambrose University is a coeducational, Catholic university affiliated with the Diocese of Davenport. Students received more than \$48 million in financial aid last year, and the "BEE Finished in Four Years" Plan guarantees timely degree completion.

The University offers more than 60 areas of study leading to bachelor's degrees, as well as graduate programs granting master's and doctoral degrees. Robust academic and co-curricular programs are offered in the liberal arts and sciences, education, business, health sciences and STEM fields.

Students enjoy a dynamic campus that features opportunities to study abroad, conduct undergraduate research and engage in service trips; a new Wellness and Recreation Center; apartment-style residence halls; a range of varsity and intramural sports; more than 90 student clubs and organizations; and a reputation for amazing personal attention.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE

2000 University Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52001

CONNECT

Website: dbq.edu

Admissions:

800-722-5583

Financial Aid:

563-589-3170

FAFSA Code: 001891

ACT Code: 1358

SAT Code: 6869

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

18 ACT, 2.5 GPA

Types of Programs:

Aviation, Natural and Applied

Sciences, Business, Sports

Management, Computer Studies

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,921

Tuition & Fees: \$28,700

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,350

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$950

The University of Dubuque (UD), a private University affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), was founded in 1852. UD has initiated a variety of initiatives to help increase enrollment, improve academic programs and beautify the campus with contemporary building projects. Over the past 20 years, over \$250 million has been invested in new campus construction and renovations to support a growing and diverse enrollment of nearly 2,300 students representing 43 states and 22 countries. Its student population represents one of the most diverse private colleges in Iowa. In order to adapt to the world's ever-changing social, economic, and academic challenges, UD developed Diamond—an education model that focuses classroom learning around four key principles setting the standards for committed faculty and staff, exciting and relevant coursework and inspirational spiritual guidance. Diamond promotes an environment that is student-centered and individually focused.



UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

605 Washington Street, Fayette, IA 52142

CONNECT

Website: uiu.edu

Admissions:

800-553-4150

Financial Aid:

800-553-4150

FAFSA Code: 001893

ACT Code: 1360

SAT Code: 6885

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:

17 ACT, 2 GPA

Types of Programs:

Business, Liberal Arts, Science, Education, Graduate

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 5,650

Tuition & Fees: \$29,600

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,460

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,560

Founded in 1857, Upper Iowa University is a private, nonprofit university providing undergraduate and graduate degree programs to about 5,800 students—nationally and internationally—at its residential campus in Fayette, Iowa, and through 25 U.S. education locations as well as offerings in Malaysia and Hong Kong. Upper Iowa University is a recognized innovator in high-quality online and self-paced education. With a focus on developing leaders and lifelong learners, UIU provides a comfortable and supportive learning environment to foster student success—92% are employed or pursuing a graduate degree shortly after graduation. UIU also offers dual enrollment programs for high school students, continuing education and professional development opportunities for working adults and a wide variety of education options tailored to fit the dynamic lifestyle of today's military personnel. It's an education built for life. Learn more today! Visit uiu.edu.

WARTBURG COLLEGE

100 Wartburg Blvd., Waverly, IA 50677-0903

CONNECT

Website: wartburg.edu

Admissions:

319-352-8264

Financial Aid:

319-352-8262

FAFSA Code: 001896

ACT Code: 1364

SAT Code: 6926

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:

19 ACT

Types of Programs:

Liberal Arts, General, Teacher Preparation, Pre-Professional, Music Therapy

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,482

Tuition & Fees: \$39,730

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,748

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,110

Wartburg is a private, Lutheran, liberal arts college with an enrollment of 1,482 students, including 131 international students from 58 countries. Dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning, Wartburg focuses on a traditional curriculum enriched by a variety of learning opportunities. Through travel, study abroad, experiential learning, service learning, civic engagement, community service, undergraduate research and close work with individual faculty, Wartburg students embark on a journey of discovery to embrace their passions, unlock their potential, and realize their purpose.

Notably, 93% of Wartburg graduates complete their degrees within four years, and 98% are placed in jobs or graduate schools within six months of graduation.



PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY

201 Trueblood Avenue, Oskaloosa, IA 52577

CONNECT

Website: wmpenn.edu

Admissions:

641-673-1012

Financial Aid:

641-673-1060

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,600

Tuition & Fees: \$25,000

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,952

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,224

FAFSA Code: 001900

ACT Code: 1372

SAT Code: 6943

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

18 ACT, 2.0 GPA

Types of Programs: Liberal

Arts and Sciences, BSN,

Pre-Professional Programs,

Teacher Preparation

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 42 states and 20 countries.





“ Ask for help. Nobody expects you to know everything. If you don't know where to start, ask a trusted professor where to go. The sooner you ask, the better. Most important: Don't be embarrassed. Professors have weathered their own confused, messy lives and the lives of countless other students. ”

Patricia Prijatel, professor emerita at Drake University

PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

KAPLAN UNIVERSITY

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

CONNECT

Website: kaplanuniversity.edu

Admissions:

Varies by campus

Financial Aid:

Varies by campus

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 23,147

Tuition & Fees: \$8,904

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$295

FAFSA Code: 004586

ACT Code: 5184

SAT Code: 3388

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: June 30

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

Accounting, Business,

Communication, Corrections,

Criminal Justice

HAMILTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

1011 East 53rd Street, Davenport, IA 52807

CONNECT

Website:

hamiltontechcollege.edu

Admissions:

563-386-3570

Financial Aid:

563-386-3570

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 170

Tuition & Fees: \$14,500

Est. Books &

Supplies: Included in tuition

FAFSA Code: 012064

ACT Code: 5184

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

Electronics Engineering

Technology (AS, BS), Medical

Assisting Technology, Medical

Coding Specialist, Insurance

Coding Specialist

Kaplan University is an institution of higher learning dedicated to providing innovative undergraduate, graduate and continuing professional education. The University offers online and campus-based programs in fields such as social and behavioral sciences, business, criminal justice, education, health sciences, information technology, legal studies and nursing. Students can earn associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees as well as certificates and diplomas. Concord Law School at Kaplan University was the nation's first wholly online law school. The University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC). It is a part of Kaplan Higher Education LLC, which is a subsidiary of Kaplan, Inc., a subsidiary of Graham Holdings Company.

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 UNIVERSITY

106 South Sixth Street, Forest City, IA 50436

CONNECT

Website: waldorf.edu

Admissions:

800-292-1903

Financial Aid:

800-292-1903

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 600

Tuition & Fees: \$21,664

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,484

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,395

FAFSA Code: 001895

ACT Code: 1362

SAT Code: 6925

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

18 ACT, 2.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

Communications, Education,
Criminal Justice Administration,
Business, Biology

At Waldorf you will find popular majors, small classes, a vast array of activities and student organizations, a vibrant University and a generous scholarship program.

Waldorf University, located in the center of Forest City, is a liberal arts school just 2 hours north of Des Moines and 2 hours south of Minneapolis.

An example of our degree programs include Biology, Business, Communications, Criminal Justice and Theatre Arts. Our outstanding athletic facilities are home to over 20 programs inclusive of Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Wrestling, Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Bowling, Ice Hockey and more. Waldorf University also offers an exceptional communications lab, inclusive of our own radio and television station.

Performing Arts and Music are also sources of pride at Waldorf. Waldorf is the perfect place to become an integral part of a welcoming University community.



“ The best advice I received my freshman year was to keep my door open when I was in my room. I met my best friend because she walked in and said ‘Hi!’ ”

**Samantha Miller, student at
St. Ambrose University**

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1000 Lincoln Blvd., Clinton, IA 52732

CONNECT

Website: eicc.edu

Admissions:

563-244-7000

Financial Aid:

563-244-7070

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,578

Tuition & Fees: \$4,470

Est. Off-Campus

Housing: \$7,434

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,600

FAFSA Code: 001853

ACT Code: 1292

SAT Code: 6100

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

College Transfer Arts and
Sciences, Career and Technical,
Continuing Education

DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2006 South Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny, IA 50023

CONNECT

Website: dmacc.edu

Admissions:

515-964-6200

Financial Aid:

515-964-6200

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 36,938

Tuition & Fees: \$2,265 (semester)

On-Campus Room &

Board: Varies

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$670

FAFSA Code: 004589

ACT Code: 1272

SAT Code: 6177, 6044

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

Business, Liberal Arts and
Sciences, Health Sciences,
Criminal Justice,
Advance Manufacturing

Clinton Community College is part of Eastern Iowa Community Colleges—which also includes Scott and Muscatine Community Colleges—celebrating a combination of urban and rural environments. This creates an incredible diversity of ages, ethnic backgrounds, and cultural experiences among our students and staff. The colleges offer more than 30 career education programs and an equal number of college transfer concentrations. The colleges achieved the maximum accreditation from the North Central Association and work closely with Iowa's Regent institutions to ensure transferability of credits. Technology programs and facilities are kept up-to-date due to strong relationships with the business community, offering students hands-on, relevant career training in a number of fields.

DMACC is dedicated to helping students realize their career dreams. DMACC currently serves students from nearly every county in Iowa, either through its six campuses and five learning centers or online. Students are drawn to DMACC's exceptional facilities, state-of-the-art classrooms and quality instruction. A new Student Center complex on the Ankeny Campus includes basketball and racquetball courts, swimming pools, food court and study space. All this and DMACC still has the lowest tuition and fees of any college or university in Iowa. It could be the reason why Value Colleges named DMACC the 10th best value among nearly 1,800 two-year colleges in the entire nation! The advantage for DMACC graduates is that Central Iowa offers one of the hottest job markets in the nation and employers like to hire DMACC graduates. To learn more about DMACC go to www.dmacc.edu/prospectivestudents



ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1100 College Avenue, Iowa Falls, IA 50126

CONNECT

Website: ellsworthcollege.com

Admissions:

641-648-4611

Financial Aid:

800-322-9235

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 832

Tuition & Fees: \$1,956

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$2,850

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$222

FAFSA Code: 001862

ACT Code: 1306

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs: Equine,

Nursing, Agriculture, Criminal

Justice, Business Administration

Ellsworth Community College has nearly 80 degree programs, lots of student activities and a beautiful campus in Iowa Falls. Degree programs include agriculture, equine, nursing, criminal justice, athletic training and business administration. This close-knit "family" atmosphere makes Ellsworth students feel right at home. With more than 70% of ECC students transferring to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree, ECC has one of the highest student success rates of any community college in Iowa. Another reason so many students choose to start their college experience at Ellsworth and then transfer credits for a bachelor's degree is that ECC has dual enrollment agreements with the University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa and Iowa State University. Dual enrollment gives ECC students access to academic advising, library resources, athletic events and all the other amenities of the state universities.

HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1501 E. Orange Road, Waterloo, IA 50701

CONNECT

Website: hawkeyecollege.edu

Admissions:

319-296-4000

Financial Aid:

319-296-4020

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 5,574

Tuition & Fees: \$5,048

Est. Off-Campus

Housing: \$8,054

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,340

FAFSA Code: 004595

ACT Code: 1309

SAT Code: 6288

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

High school or equivalent

Types of Programs: Liberal

Arts, Career Technical programs

Hawkeye is a comprehensive community college offering college transfer courses and more than 81 areas of training among our 48 vocational programs. The College has earned a reputation for small, hands-on classes, utilizing cutting-edge technology. Vocational or career programs are offered in agriculture and natural resources, arts, business, education, health, industrial and engineering technology, information technology, power technology and safety services.

Hawkeye's two-year transfer programs allow 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 one of the top sources of transfer 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 high-demand workforce programs and customized training.



COMMUNITY COLLEGES

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

525 Grandview Avenue, Ottumwa, IA 52501

CONNECT

Website: indianhills.edu

Admissions:

641-683-5153

Financial Aid:

641-683-5262

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 4,407

Tuition & Fees: \$5,440

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$4,770

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,300

FAFSA Code: 008298

ACT Code: 1282, 1269

SAT Code: 6083, 6312

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

Arts and Sciences/College

Transfer, Career and Workforce

Education, Health Sciences,

Advanced Technologies

Indian Hills Community College has embarked on its second half-century of changing the lives of the tens of thousands of students who have gone to the college with the hope of increasing their knowledge and improving their future. Indian Hills has more than 50 years of offering entire academic programs as well as specific courses that meet the needs of area employers and enhance the job prospects of its students.

IHCC offers a four-day academic week, which has proven to be very popular for students who are balancing their college schedule with work or family commitments.

More than 80% of all Indian Hills students receive some form of financial assistance.

To see all that Indian Hills has to offer, you need to schedule a campus visit. Arrange your personal campus tour by contacting the IHCC Admissions Office.

IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

One Triton Circle, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

CONNECT

Website: iowacentral.edu

Admissions:

800-362-2793 ext. 5030

Financial Aid:

800-362-2793 ext. 5020

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 5,718

Tuition & Fees: \$5,340

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,750

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,339

FAFSA Code: 004597

ACT Code: 1304, 1312

SAT Code: 6217, 6932

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs: Arts,

Applied Science, Professional

Studies, Diploma

Iowa Central provides quality educational opportunities in the classroom and outside of the classroom. For all we serve, Iowa Central strives to be the premier learning community and college of choice, preparing the best citizens and workers for our region and beyond. We will aspire to:

- Contribute effectively to the economic, social and cultural opportunities of our region
- Work proactively with businesses, civic organizations, high schools and other academic institutions to improve collaboration, develop educational and career opportunities, expand Iowa Central's visibility and target public and private investment into Iowa Central
- Monitor progress against our priorities, commitments and aims, using relevant performance indicators, benchmarks and targets. Through this assessment, we will maintain focus on our planning process to ensure we continue to meet academic and institutional needs



IOWA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

19 South Seventh Street, Estherville, IA 51334

CONNECT

Website: iowalakes.edu

Admissions:

800-346-6018

Financial Aid:

712-852-5276

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 3,062

Tuition & Fees: \$5,848

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,190

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,340

FAFSA Code: 001864

ACT Code: 1308

SAT Code: 6195

Priority Deadline for

Scholarships: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs: General

Studies, Vocational, Sustainable

Energy, Agriculture, Nursing

IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2700 College Road, Council Bluffs, IA 51502

CONNECT

Website: iwcc.edu

Admissions:

712-325-3277

Financial Aid:

712-325-3277

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 6,500

Tuition & Fees: \$4,248

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$3,215

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$500

FAFSA Code: 004598

ACT Code: 1327

SAT Code: 6302

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

Nursing, Business

Administration, General Studies,

Computer Science, Advance

Manufacturing

At Iowa Lakes Community College, students are offered a variety of options from which they can choose their educational career path. Students may choose their path at any of five campuses: Emmetsburg, Estherville, Algona, Spencer and Spirit Lake. They may take classes either full-time or part-time; during the day, evenings or weekends; via television, fiber optics or with a professor in the classroom; or online. Students may choose to take college transfer courses, vocational or technical classes; one class at a time; or continuing education classes. The college is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Programs are a reflection of the strong partnerships the college has with area business, industry and education.

Located in Council Bluffs, Iowa, near Omaha, Nebraska. The college was founded in 1967, and offers 84 programs in both vocational and technical areas as well as in liberal arts. It is also home to a respected flight school for various aircraft-related professions. IWCC is also the site of college/alternative radio station 89.7 The River, which serves the entire Omaha metropolitan area.



COMMUNITY COLLEGES

KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

CONNECT

Website: kirkwood.edu

Admissions:

800-363-2220

Financial Aid:

319-398-7600

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 19,900

Tuition: \$4,860

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$2,500

FAFSA Code: 004076

ACT Code: 1275

SAT Code: 6027

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs: Liberal

Arts (AA, AS), Career and

Technical Training

MARSHALLTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

3700 South Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158

CONNECT

Website: mcc.iavalley.edu

Admissions:

866-622-4748

Financial Aid:

641-752-7106

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,022

Tuition & Fees: \$4,536

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,158

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,600

FAFSA Code: 001875

ACT Code: 1332

SAT Code: 6394

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: January 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs: Arts and

Sciences, Nursing, Welding,

Business, Education

Kirkwood Community College has more of what you're looking for. Choose from over 120 programs, certificates and diplomas to find your perfect path. You can graduate and transfer to a four-year institution or go straight into the workforce. Whatever path you choose, you'll learn from passionate, experienced and award-winning faculty who care about your education and future.

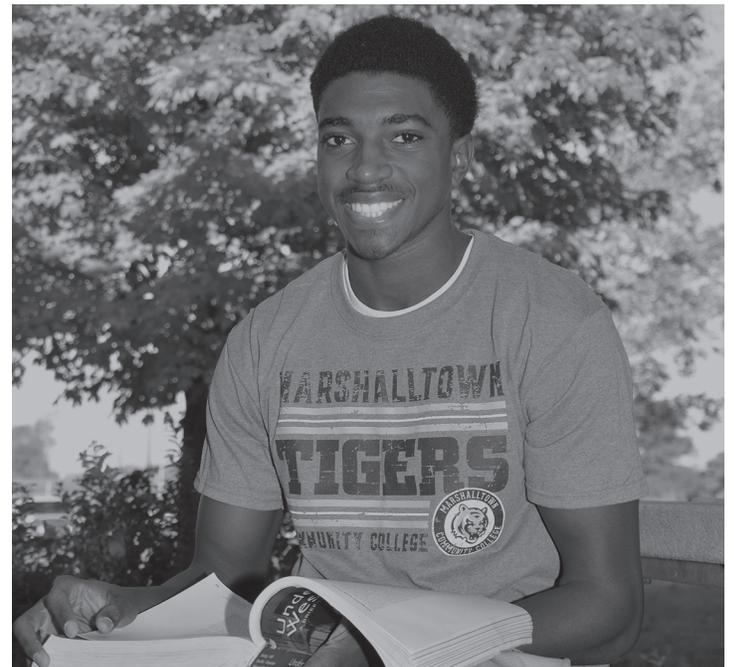
Kirkwood has one of the lowest tuitions in the state with more than \$3 million in scholarships. With just one scholarship application, it's never been easier to see if you are eligible for any of the 1,200-plus scholarships at Kirkwood.

Find the program that's right for you; get a first-rate education; save tens of thousands of dollars and have a great time doing it! Everything you want in a college experience is right here at Kirkwood.

Go to www.kirkwood.edu/admissions to learn more.

Marshalltown Community College students connect with classmates and faculty, engage in and out of the classroom and succeed in securing their degree and future plans. MCC offers more than 55 one-year and two-year degree and diploma program options. MCC also operates a satellite campus, Iowa Valley Grinnell, about 35 miles south of Marshalltown.

Approximately 80% of MCC students earn a Liberal Arts and Science transfer degree. MCC's career and technical programs include Accounting, Automotive Repair Technology, Broadcasting/Digital Media, Business Administration, Business Administrative and Information Services Assistant, Computer Applications in Business, Computer Network Management, Criminal Justice, Culinary Apprenticeship, Dental Assisting, Electro-Mechanical Systems Technology, Electrical Maintenance Mechanic, Gunsmith Technology, Industrial Maintenance Mechanic, Machine Tool Technology, Manufacturing Welding, Marketing, Medical Assistant, Medical Office Practitioner, Nursing, Paralegal and Utility Technician.



MUSCATINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

152 Colorado Street, Muscatine, IA 52761

CONNECT

Website: eicc.edu

Admissions:

563-288-6000

Financial Aid:

563-288-6060

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,586

Tuition & Fees: \$4,470

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

Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,600

FAFSA Code: 001882

ACT Code: 1344

SAT Code: 6422

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

College Transfer Arts and Sciences, Career and Technical, Continuing Education

NORTH IOWA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

500 College Drive, Mason City, IA 50401

CONNECT

Website: niacc.edu

Admissions:

641-422-4245

Financial Aid:

641-422-4168

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 3,023

Tuition & Fees: \$5,213

On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,920

Est. Books & Supplies: \$986

FAFSA Code: 001877

ACT Code: 1336

SAT Code: 6400

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs: Transfer,

Career, Career Option,

Continuing Education

Muscatine Community College is part of Eastern Iowa Community Colleges—which also includes Clinton and Scott Community Colleges—celebrating a combination of urban and rural environments. This creates an incredible diversity of ages, ethnic backgrounds, and cultural experiences among our students and staff. The colleges offer more than 30 career education programs and an equal number of college transfer concentrations. The colleges achieved the maximum accreditation from the North Central Association and work closely with Iowa's Regent institutions to ensure transferability of credits. Technology programs and facilities are kept up-to-date due to strong relationships with the business community, offering students hands-on, relevant career training in a number of fields.

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) has served the North Iowa region for nearly 100 years. The main campus is located in Mason City, a friendly community conveniently located between Minneapolis and Des Moines. NIACC's 500-acre countryside campus features modern instructional and recreational facilities, including brand-new lakeside housing, a state-of-the-art Diesel Technology Center and industry-leading Health Simulation Center. 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.



COMMUNITY COLLEGES

NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1625 Hwy. 150 South, Calmar, IA 52132
8342 NICC Drive, Peosta, IA 52068

CONNECT

Website: nicc.edu

Admissions:

800-728-2256, ext. 147

Financial Aid:

800-728-7367, ext. 215

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 6,540

Tuition & Fees: \$4,440

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,400

FAFSA Codes:

004587 Calmar;

012634 Peosta

ACT Code: 1265, 1365

SAT Code: 6754

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs: Liberal

Arts, Healthcare, Agriculture,

Advance Manufacturing,

Information Technology

Northeast Iowa Community College is not "just" a community college. It is among the very best of community colleges! The College accepts everyone, and the one-on-one attention you receive will get you on your best path, whether your plans include transferring to a four-year college or learning a trade or new skill, or you need extra time to explore career options. We're affordable. The full-time student tuition at Northeast Iowa Community College in 2016 was \$21,663 less than Iowa private colleges and \$2,346 less than Iowa public university tuition! Students who enroll in any of the College's 70 programs will receive a high return on their investment and experience lower debt after graduation. Two campuses and service locations in five northeast Iowa communities provide academic advising, individualized services and guidance to prepare students for their future careers.

NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

603 West Park Street, Sheldon, IA 51201

CONNECT

Website: nwicc.edu

Admissions:

800-352-4907

Financial Aid:

800-352-4907

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,704

Tuition & Fees: \$5,910

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,040

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,312

FAFSA Code: 004600

ACT Code: 1375

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

Powerline, Heavy Equipment,

Radiologic Technology, Industrial

Instrumentation and Control,

Industrial and Commercial

Wiring

In the Applied Technology Programs at NCC, we talk a lot about skills and hands-on learning. 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. We'll prepare you for the workforce. You'll graduate with solid skills and abilities that will land you a job with confidence. Many of NCC's technical programs transfer to four-year colleges and universities!

NCC also offers transfer programs. It makes sense. Start here 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 four-year college or university. It's all within your reach when you choose NCC.



SCOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

500 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722

CONNECT

Website: eicc.edu

Admissions:

563-441-4000

Financial Aid:

563-441-4040

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 5,193

Tuition & Fees: \$4,768

Est. Off-Campus

Housing: \$7,500

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,600

FAFSA Code: 004074

ACT Code: 1307

SAT Code: 0282

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

College Transfer Arts and
Sciences, Career and Technical,
Continuing Education

SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1500 West Agency Road, West Burlington, IA 52655-0180

CONNECT

Website: scciowa.edu

Admissions:

866-SCC-IOWA

Financial Aid:

866-722-4692 ext. 5014

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,976

Tuition & Fees: \$5,220

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,948

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,340

FAFSA Code: 004603

ACT Code: 1280, 1326

SAT Code: 6340, 6048

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

Terminal Occupational below
the BA, two years creditable
toward a BA

Scott Community College is part of Eastern Iowa Community Colleges—which also includes Clinton and Muscatine Community Colleges—celebrating a combination of urban and rural environments. This creates an incredible diversity of ages, ethnic backgrounds and cultural experiences among our students and staff. The colleges offer more than 30 career education programs and an equal number of college transfer concentrations. The colleges achieved the maximum accreditation from the North Central Association and work closely with Iowa's Regent institutions to ensure transferability of credits. Technology programs and facilities are kept up-to-date due to strong relationships with the business community, offering students hands-on, relevant career training in a number of fields.

It is the mission of Southeastern Community College 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 Mount Pleasant center. SCC offers approximately 35 Career Education Programs including Respiratory Care, Construction Technology and Animation. General education courses are offered during the day, evening and online.



COMMUNITY COLLEGES

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1501 West Townline Street, Creston, IA 50801

CONNECT

Website: swcciowa.edu

Admissions:

641-782-1421

Financial Aid:

800-247-4023, ext. 333

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,650

Tuition & Fees: \$5,100

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,960

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,600

FAFSA Code: 001857

ACT Code: 1298

SAT Code: 6122

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs: Arts and

Sciences College Transfer (AA

and AS), Career and Technical

Education (Certificate, Diploma,

AAS and AAA)

WESTERN IOWA TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

4647 Stone Avenue, Sioux City, IA 51102

CONNECT

Website: witcc.edu

Admissions:

712-274-6403

Financial Aid Office:

712-274-6402

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 8,033

Tuition & Fees: \$5,130

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,152

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,530

FAFSA Code: 004590

ACT Code: 1369

SAT Code: 6950

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 14

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs: General

Studies, Nursing, Culinary Arts,

Air Conditioning, Networking

Administration and Security

Southwestern Community College (SWCC) is a comprehensive community college located in Creston. SWCC students receive solid foundations in liberal arts, and credits transfer to four-year institutions. Career and technical education programs are offered in a number of career education fields for students choosing to complete hands-on education and go directly into the workforce.

Southwestern Community College has centers in Osceola and Red Oak. The college offers online classes and programs for students as well.

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.



NURSING & HEALTH CARE COLLEGES

ALLEN COLLEGE

1990 Heath Street, Waterloo, IA 50703

CONNECT

Website: allencollege.edu

Admissions:

319-226-2014

Financial Aid:

319-226-2514

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 360

Tuition & Fees: See website

FAFSA Code: 030691

ACT Code: 1273

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

See website

Types of Programs:

Nursing and Health Sciences

DES MOINES UNIVERSITY

3200 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312

CONNECT

Website: dmu.edu

Admissions:

515-271-1499

Financial Aid:

515-271-1470

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,585

Tuition: See website

FAFSA Code: 015616

ACT Code: 1329

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

See website

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

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 health care 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.

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.



NURSING & HEALTH CARE COLLEGES

MERCY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

928 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309

CONNECT

Website: mchs.edu

Admissions:

515-643-3175

Financial Aid:

515-643-6715

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 800

Tuition & Fees: \$17,600

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,540

FAFSA Code: 006273

ACT Code: 1347

SAT Code: 2803

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

18 ACT, 2.25 GPA

Types of Programs:

Nursing, Physical Therapist

Assistant, Diagnostic Medical

Sonography, Health Information

Management, Public Health

Mercy College welcomes you to visit campus! Speaking with a member of the admissions team and taking a tour of campus will help you understand your options as you explore the endless possibilities available in health care!

Campus Visit Days are tailored to your interest, including those programs housed within the School of Allied Health, School of Nursing and a separate day for those of you who are high school juniors.

If you are unable to attend a Campus Visit event, we are happy to meet with you individually. Simply email admissions@mchs.edu and let us know what time works best for you.

PALMER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

1000 Brady Street, Davenport, IA 52803

CONNECT

Website: palmer.edu

Admissions:

800-722-3648

Financial Aid:

800-722-3648

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 80

Tuition & Fees: \$2,708

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,925

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$650

FAFSA Code: 012300

ACT Code: 1349

SAT Code: 6593

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 28

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

2.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

General Science, Chiropractic

Technology, Doctor of

Chiropractic

Palmer College provides learning opportunities that are challenging and interactive, delivered by faculty who are recognized as the best in the profession. Here, you can earn a Doctor of Chiropractic degree, Master of Science in Clinical Research degree, Bachelor of Science in General Science and an Associate of Applied Science in Chiropractic Technology degree. You will achieve excellence in classrooms, labs and in the world's largest chiropractic outpatient clinic system, where every student receives faculty-supervised, real-world patient experience.

The Bachelor of Science in General Science program will give you a solid start and flexibility for future career paths. These studies complement the Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) coursework and enhance your ability to earn a D.C. degree. The A.A.S. in Chiropractic Technology degree prepares you to assist a chiropractor with patient care. It also gives you business management skills.



ST. LUKE'S COLLEGE

2720 Stone Park Blvd, Sioux City, IA 51104

CONNECT

Website: stlukescollege.edu

Admissions:

712-279-3158

Financial Aid:

712-279-3377

FAFSA Code: 007291

ACT Code: 1377

SAT Code: 3625

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:

19 ACT, 2.5 GPA

Types of Programs: Medical Laboratory Science, Phlebotomy, Nursing, Respiratory Care, Radiology Technology

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 245

Tuition & Fees: \$17,120

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,253

St. Luke's College has a 115-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.



“ Don't blink. I know that sounds cliché, but your college experience goes by extremely quickly. Get involved, get excited and don't miss out. ”

**Kylie Hunter, student
at Drake University**



OTHER IOWA COLLEGES

BEAUTY, BARBER AND MASSAGE THERAPY COLLEGES

American College of Hairstyling

515-244-0971 | americancollegeofhair.com

American Hair Academy

319-372-6248 | americanhairacademy.com

Aveda Institute

515-224-5244 | avedainstitutedesmoines.com

Capri College—Cedar Rapids

800-397-0612 | capricollege.com

Capri College—Davenport

800-728-1336 | capricollege.com

Capri College—Dubuque

800-728-0712 | capricollege.com

Capri College—Waterloo

319-234-2600 | capricollege.com

Carlson College of Massage Therapy

319-462-3402 | carlsoncollege.com

E Q School of Hair Design

712-328-2613 | eqschool.net

Faust Institute of Cosmetology—Storm Lake

712-732-6570 | faustinstitute.com

Faust Institute of Cosmetology—Spirit Lake

712-336-3518 | faustinstitute.com

Iowa School of Beauty—Ankeny

515-965-3991 | iowaschoolofbeauty.com

Iowa School of Beauty—Marshalltown

641-752-4223 | iowaschoolofbeauty.com

Iowa School of Beauty—Ottumwa

641-684-6504 | iowaschoolofbeauty.com

Iowa School of Beauty—Sioux City

712-274-9733 | iowaschoolofbeauty.com

Iowa School of Beauty—Urbandale

515-278-9939 | iowaschoolofbeauty.com

LaJames International College—Cedar Falls

888-880-2106 | ljic.edu

LaJames International College—Davenport

888-880-2106 | ljic.edu

LaJames International College—Fort Dodge

888-880-2106 | ljic.edu

LaJames International College—Iowa City

888-808-2106 | ljic.edu

LaJames International College—Johnston

515-278-2208 | ljic.edu

LaJames College—Mason City

641-424-2161 | lajames.com

Le Mars Beauty College

712-546-4195 | lemarsbeautycollege.com

The Nail Tech Institute of Iowa

515-265-6844

Northeast Iowa Community College Cosmetology Department

563-562-3263 | nicc.edu/cosmetology

PCI Academy

515-956-3781 | pci.academy.com

The Salon Professional Academy (formerly College of Hair Design)

319-505-0402 | tspacedarfalls.com

Total Look School of Cosmetology

563-547-3624 | totallookschool.com

World of Beauty Academy

515-280-9999 | worldofbeautyacademydsm.com

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY SCHOOLS

**Covenant Medical Center School
of Radiologic Technology**

319-272-7296 | wheatoniowa.org

Iowa Methodist Medical Center Schools

515-241-6883 | iowahealth.org

**Mercy Medical Center North Iowa School
of Radiologic Technology**

641-428-6079 | mercynorthiowa.com/xrayschool

**Mercy/St. Luke's School of Radiologic
Technology—Cedar Rapids**

319-369-7097 | stlukescr.org

Mercy Medical Center—Sioux City

712-279-2371

mercysiouxcity.com/medical-laboratory-science-program

**St. Luke's School of Medical Laboratory
Science—Cedar Rapids**

319-369-7311

unitypoint.org/cedarrapids/school-of-medical-laboratory-science



OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS REGISTERED IN IOWA

Iowa College Aid participates in a distance education State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). See nc-sara.org for a full list of out-of-state schools authorized to offer distance education programs to Iowans under SARA.

Antioch School of Church Planting and Leadership Development

515-292-1933 | antiochschool.edu

Art Institute of Pittsburgh

800-275-2470 | artinstitutes.edu/pittsburgh

Ashford University

866-711-1700 | ashford.edu

Bellevue University

800-756-7920 | bellevue.edu

Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing & Health Sciences

800-877-9140 | brcn.edu

Boston University

617-353-2300 | bu.edu

California State University, Northridge

818-677-1200 | csun.edu

Chamberlain University

877-751-5783 | chamberlain.edu

Concordia University Irvine

800-229-1200 | cui.edu

DeVry University

866-338-7934 | devry.edu

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

800-522-6787 | worldwide.erau.edu

Kendall College

888-905-3632 | kendall.edu

Little Priest Tribal College

402-878-2355 | littlepriest.edu

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

800-944-6287 | mbts.edu

Mount Carmel College of Nursing

800-556-6942 | mccn.edu

National Louis University

888-658-8632 ext. 5900 | nl.edu

Nebraska Wesleyan University

800-541-3818 | nebrwesleyan.edu

Northcentral University

866-766-0331 | ncu.edu

Nova Southeastern University

800-541-6682 | nova.edu

Ross College

866-815-5578

rosseducation.edu/locations/iowa/quad-cities-ross-college

Saint Leo University

800-334-5532 | saintleo.edu

San Joaquin Valley College

866-544-7898 | sjvc.edu

Simmons College

617-521-2000 | simmons.edu

South University

800-688-0932 | southuniversity.edu

Southwest Minnesota State University

800-642-0684 | smsu.edu

Strayer University

888-311-0355 | strayer.edu

Trident University International

800-579-3197 | trident.edu

Ultimate Medical Academy

888-213-4473 | ultimatemedical.edu

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

800-241-1027 | usa.edu

University of Southern California

213-740-2311 | usc.edu

Vatterott College

888-202-2636 | vatterott.edu

Viterbo University Iowa Center

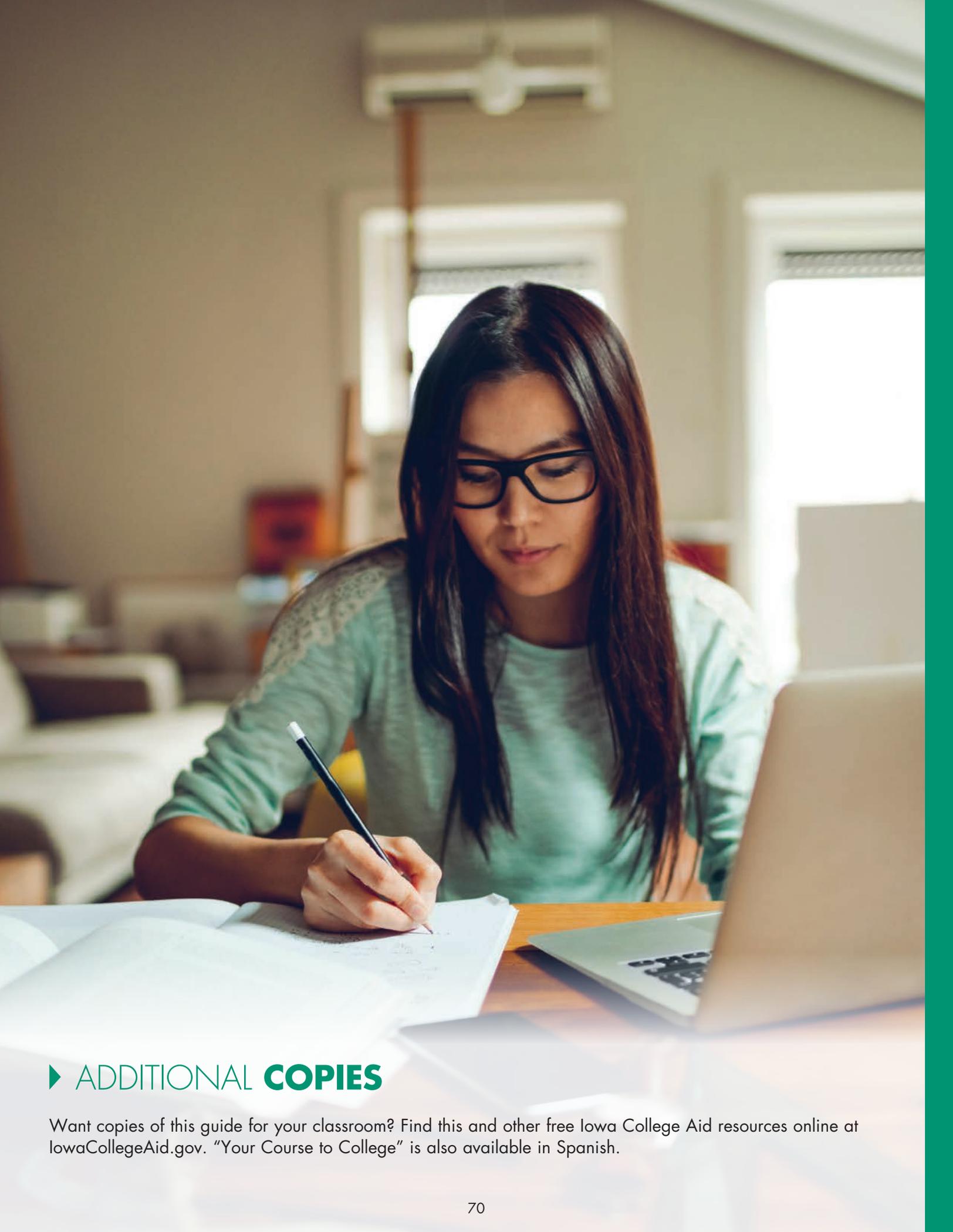
888-235-2200 | viterbo.edu

Walden University

866-492-5336 | waldenu.edu

Western Illinois University

309-298-1414 | wiu.edu



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