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COLLEGE CHANGES **EVERYTHING**

HIGHER EARNING POTENTIAL

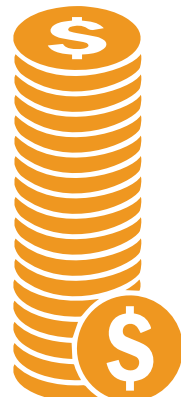
College graduates simply earn more. A worker with an **associate degree earns 18% more** than a worker with a high school diploma. A worker with a **bachelor's degree earns 67% more** than a worker with a high school diploma.



High School Diploma



Associate Degree



Bachelor's Degree

BETTER CHANCE OF EMPLOYMENT

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.



All 10 of the careers classified by Iowa Workforce Development as “hot jobs” in Iowa require at least a bachelor’s degree.

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.

OTHER BENEFITS OF COLLEGE

- Meet people from different backgrounds and cultures
- Discover your passion
- 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

Be your own advocate! Start searching and researching colleges/ universities and scholarship opportunities early in your high school careers... Make your wonderful school counselor your best friend and ask them questions about financial aid!

Linda Linn, retired school counseling consultant,
Prairie Lakes AEA

HIGH SCHOOL CHECKLIST

From your first day of high school to your first day of college, these tips will keep you on course.

► FRESHMAN YEAR

- **MEET YOUR COUNSELOR.** 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 add to an existing account. College Savings Iowa is sponsored by the State of Iowa and can be started with \$25. Learn more at collegesavingsiowa.com.
- **CHOOSE THE RIGHT CLASS SCHEDULE.** Research college admission requirements.
- **FIND OUT ABOUT ADVANCED PLACEMENT** (AP) and other honors courses. If your high school does not offer AP courses, it might provide online access 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 DUAL CREDIT** for your junior and senior years. Dual credit, also called concurrent 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 again 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 MAKING CAMPUS VISITS.** Call ahead to schedule appointments with financial aid and admissions offices. Also be on the lookout for college fairs.

▶ 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 CAMPUS VISITS.** If possible, sit in on classes that interest you and arrange to spend time in student housing. Also keep attending college fairs at your high school or in your community.
- **TAKE THE SAT OR ACT IN THE SPRING** and have the official scores sent to schools that interest you. See a comparison of the two tests below.
- **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.gov to get an idea of how much need-based federal aid you might receive. This tool will give you an early start on the financial aid process by providing an unofficial estimate of your EFC (Expected Family Contribution) and allowing you to transfer your data to FAFSA.

▶ COMPARING EXAMS

	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

► 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. Watch for College Application Campaign events at your high school.
- **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. Watch for FAFSA Completion Initiative events at your high school or in your community.
- **FILE THE IOWA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION.** To take advantage of some state-funded grants and scholarships, you must complete the Iowa Financial Aid Application (IowaCollegeAid.gov/IFAA).
- **ASK YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TO SEND YOUR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** to all 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. Watch for College Decision Day celebrations at your high school.



► ARE YOU PLANNING A GAP YEAR?

Some students take a year between high school and college to work, volunteer, travel or save money. If this is your plan, line up your college acceptance, then defer it for a year or arrange a leave of absence. Don't forget to file for financial aid during your gap year. Studies show that students who have a concrete plan are much more likely to start college after their gap year. You can find more information from the Gap Year Association, gapyearassociation.org.

► SUMMER TRANSITION

- **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.
- **FINALIZE HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS.** If you plan to live on campus, make sure you've submitted all necessary applications and deposits. If you'll have a roommate, get in touch with that person.
- **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'll live on campus, think about whether you might need multiple move-in trips to accommodate all your belongings. If you'll be driving to classes every day, or if you plan to keep a car on campus, arrange for a campus parking permit.

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
- Food and beverage preparation

Just as you apply for a job, you apply with the company or business that sponsors the apprenticeship. Find more information at earnandlearniowa.gov.

▶ 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
- Welder
- Certified nursing assistant
- Cosmetologist
- Chef
- 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
- Registered nurse
- Auto mechanic
- Administrative assistant
- Veterinary technician

▶ BACHELOR'S DEGREES

A bachelor's degree typically takes at least four years at any four-year college or university. Career examples:

- Teacher
- Accountant
- Social worker
- Engineer
- Dietitian

▶ 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
- Pharmacist
- Medical doctor
- Lawyer
- Psychologist
- College professor
- Veterinarian



TYPES OF COLLEGES

► PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

- Iowa has three: University of Iowa, Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa
- Also called Regent Universities
- Bachelor's and advanced degrees
- Funded by the state
- Lower tuition and fees than private institutions

► PRIVATE, NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS

- Often smaller, with lower student-to-faculty ratios
- Bachelor's and sometimes advanced degrees
- Higher cost offset by grants and scholarships from endowments, in addition to federal and state aid
- No direct state support

► PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS

- Also called proprietary
- Privately owned and operated to generate profit
- Often offer technical and pre-professional programs
- Might also offer associate, bachelor's and master's degrees

► COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Iowa has 15 community college districts
- Lower tuition and fees than four-year institutions
- Associate degrees, diplomas, vocational certificates, transfers to four-year institutions
- Open admission—only requirement is high school or equivalency diploma
- Funded by the state

► VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

- Public or private
- Many are for-profit
- Prepare for a specific occupation or trade
- Examples: IT, cosmetology, auto repair, paralegal

CHOOSING A COLLEGE

RESEARCH THESE BASIC FACTORS:

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

COMPILE A LIST OF POSSIBILITIES. Start by listing colleges that meet criteria you find important. Gather more information by talking to your school counselor, attending college fairs and visiting college websites.

SCHEDULE CAMPUS VISITS. Here are tips to make these visits useful:

- Make appointments with the financial aid and admissions offices.
- Prepare a list of questions ahead of time.
- Take a tour, check out housing options and explore the surrounding area.
- Eat in a campus cafeteria and stay overnight in campus housing, if possible.
- Sit in on a class that interests you.
- Document your feelings after each visit.
- If you're considering colleges that are too far away to visit, start with virtual campus tours. Check the college's website or look into websites such as ecampustours.com and campustours.com.

PUT A VARIETY OF SCHOOLS ON YOUR LIST. Include at least one of each of these:

- A "safety school," where you're confident you'll be accepted. (In Iowa, community colleges are open-admission, which means they accept any student with a high school diploma or equivalent.)
- A "target school," which you know is a solid possibility based on your GPA and test scores.
- A "stretch school" (also called a "dream school" or "reach school"), which might have an extremely low admission rate or might simply be a school where your statistics are slightly below the usual range. Don't sell yourself short. Outstanding essays or letters of recommendation might nudge you onto the "accepted" list.

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

CHOOSING A CAREER

CONSIDER YOUR PERSONALITY. Identify areas that interest you and activities you do well, then think about careers that could put those interests and strengths to use. Also consider the work rewards that might make you happy. These could include helping others, contributing to your community, being creative, solving problems, earning a high salary, producing results, leading others, having a structured day or being recognized.

TAKE AN ASSESSMENT. At Future Ready Iowa's Career Coach (futurereadyiowa.gov/career-coach), you can take an assessment to see what career best suits your personality. You can also research Iowa careers, what they pay, how many jobs are available and what education level they require.

GET SOME 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, where you follow a professional on the job, lets you experience the types of work and tasks required. Internships or summer jobs can provide even more insight.

CHOOSING A MAJOR

A career goal can help determine your major, but there are other factors to consider, too:

WHAT TYPES OF STUDY DO YOU ENJOY? Do you like working with data or with ideas? Do you prefer experimenting or reading?

WHAT PARTICULAR CLASSES DO YOU ENJOY? If no core classes spark your interest, explore other areas with your electives.

WHAT ARE YOUR ABILITIES? What high school courses are your best subjects? These might overlap with your favorite classes, or they might not.

WHY DO YOU 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 YOU 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.

WHAT IS THE CAREER OUTLOOK? How many students in this major find employment in their field after they graduate? Could you improve your employability by studying in a related field?

Students should begin exploring what they are passionate about and what interests them. Ask yourself: What could I learn and talk about for a long time?
What makes me excited to wake up in the morning?

Lily Nellans, graduate of Roosevelt High School in Des Moines,
student at Western Kentucky University

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

► 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.

WORLD LANGUAGE: 2–3 YEARS

Two years is recommended, but some majors require three years in one language or two years each in two languages. Think about what languages might be useful in the careers you're considering.

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 CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL

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

DUAL CREDIT

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.

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).

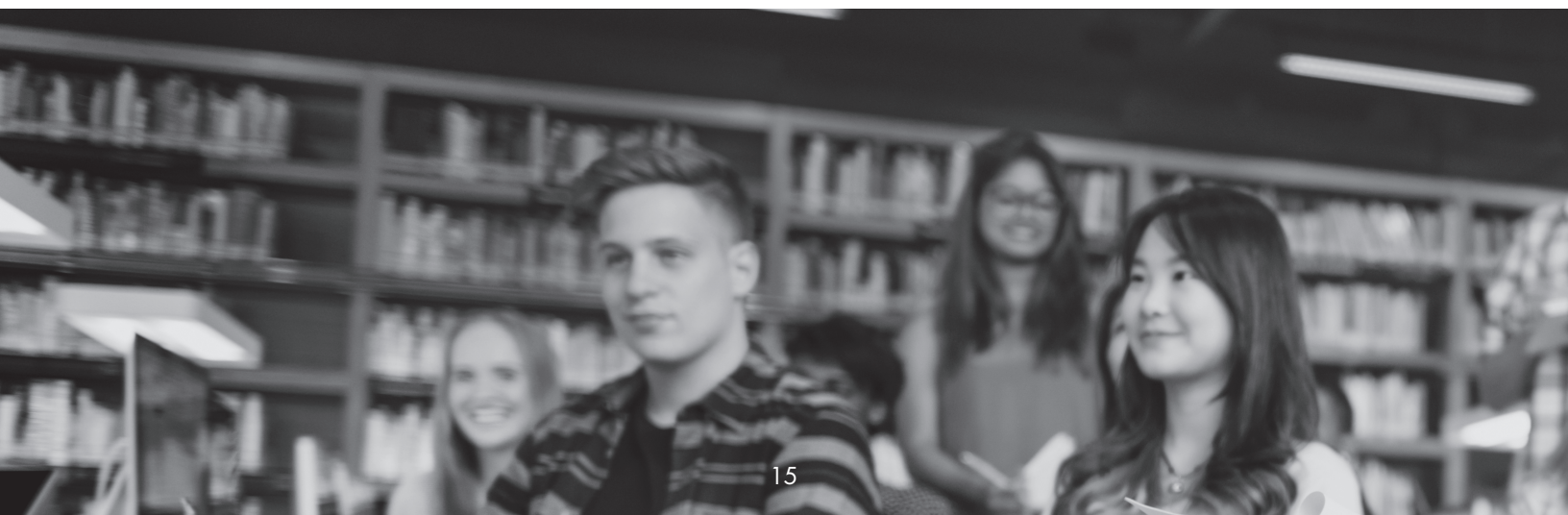
CHECK YOUR RAI. If you are applying to Iowa State University, the University of Iowa or the University of Northern Iowa, you'll need a Regent Admissions Index (RAI) of at least 245. The RAI is a combination of your ACT or SAT score, high school rank, GPA and the number of core courses you have completed. Calculate your RAI at regents.iowa.gov/rai/.

SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION. Make sure you submit all requested documentation with your college applications. 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)

Pay attention to deadlines! **Set aside time each week where your 'job' is college applications** and financial aid. It may not pay right now, but hopefully it will in the long run! It is a great way to stay on top of deadlines. If you don't commit the time, deadlines will creep up on you and you won't be prepared. Your lives are busy, so mark your calendar each week for an appointment to prepare for your future.

Karla Wymore,
Mason City High School counselor



► MAKE YOURSELF A STRONG CANDIDATE

WATCH YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA. One in three college admissions officers visit applicants' social media pages. Keep your accounts clear of negative posts. These might include:

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

CHECK THE APPLICATION DETAILS. Make sure you know deadlines and application requirements for each college before you apply. Some colleges might require essays, interviews or letters of recommendation.

TAKE YOUR TIME ON ESSAYS. Essays show who you are beyond your GPA and test scores, so take them seriously. Be sure you answer the question being asked. Give yourself time to outline, write and rewrite.

PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD. Spell-check and proofread. Better yet, ask someone else to look at your applications and essays with fresh eyes.

BE TRUTHFUL. Never lie on a college application. Don't exaggerate activities, inflate your grades or class rank or plagiarize an essay.

LINE UP USEFUL RECOMMENDATION LETTERS. Ask people who know you well. Give them plenty of time, and offer suggestions about abilities or experience you'd like them to emphasize.

MAKE SURE YOU SUBMIT. Don't assume an online application was successfully submitted. You should receive a confirmation screen and/or email telling you it was received.

► KNOW WHAT MATTERS

Colleges consistently list grades in college prep classes as their most important criteria. Other factors include:

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



ADMISSIONS PROCESS: **4-YEAR**

GATHER NECESSARY INFORMATION AND COMPLETE THE COLLEGE'S APPLICATION.

Items that you'll need:

- 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

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

ADMISSIONS PROCESS: 2-YEAR

✓ **GATHER NECESSARY INFORMATION AND COMPLETE THE COLLEGE'S APPLICATION.**

Items that you'll need:

- 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.



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TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

WHERE TO GO FIRST—AND LAST

Most college students rely on multiple sources of financial aid to pay for their education. While different types of funds can work together to form your aid package, you should take advantage of them in this order:



Free money: Grants and scholarships are awarded based on financial need, accomplishments and/or abilities. They are gifts. You will not have to pay this money back.



Earned money: You might qualify for a federal work-study job, or you might land a part-time job on your own. You will earn this money and will not have to pay it back.



Borrowed money: Loans are money that you pay back with interest. Start with federal loans, which offer the best interest rates and terms. Private loans should be your last option.

4 STEPS TO FIND FUNDS

More than three-quarters of first-time undergraduates in Iowa receive some form of financial aid. If you want to be one of them, here are the steps to follow:

1. FILE 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 2019-20 beginning October 1, 2018, using 2017 tax information. 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. Our FAFSA tips start on page 21.

2. SUBMIT THE IOWA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

The Iowa Financial Aid Application, or IFAA, allows you to apply for multiple state-administered aid programs with one document. Iowa residents can link directly to the IFAA from the FAFSA confirmation page. Just click on "Start your state application." You can also access the Iowa Financial Aid Application directly at iowaCollegeAid.gov/IFAA. You can find more information on state grants and scholarships on page 25 and at iowaCollegeAid.gov.

3. DECIDE ON A COLLEGE AND ACCEPT AID

Any college that accepts you will send you a financial aid award letter, provided you listed that school on your FAFSA. Award letters outline the financial aid package each college can offer. (More about award letters on page 24.) To officially accept a college's offer and reserve your place, submit your deposit by the reply deadline. May 1 is the date for most colleges. Talk to the financial aid office at the college or university if an unusual circumstance delays your response.

4. APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Continue seeking and applying for private scholarships. Think of this search as a part-time job. If you spend 20 hours on scholarship applications and receive one award worth \$1,000, you just made \$50 an hour for your efforts! You can find more information on private scholarships on page 26.

► CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE AID

The Eligibility Wizard in the Iowa Financial Aid Application estimates your eligibility for state financial aid. You answer fewer than 10 questions. If you're not eligible, you're done. If you meet initial eligibility requirements, you'll see instructions to continue the application process for additional grants and scholarships. **Go to iowaCollegeAid.gov/IFAA.**

BEFORE THE FAFSA

FSA ID

You'll need a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID to complete the FAFSA. The FSA ID serves as an electronic signature for the FAFSA as well as other federal student aid applications and systems and should be kept safe. If you have a prior FSA PIN, you can link it to your new FSA ID. You and your parents (if you are a dependent*) should apply for separate FSA IDs. You can create your FSA ID before you begin the FAFSA by visiting fsaid.ed.gov.

DOCUMENTS

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)

You don't need to have your tax information in front of you. If you use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, it will let you prefill answers to some FAFSA questions by transferring tax data directly from the IRS website.

TIME FRAME

The average time needed to file the FAFSA is about half an hour. Set aside 30 to 60 minutes to be safe.

▶ ARE YOU AN INDEPENDENT STUDENT?

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 as of December 31 of the award year
- 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.

FILING THE FAFSA

APPLICATION FORM

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

FILING TIPS

- Enter your name exactly as it appears on your Social Security card.
- Enter your address exactly as it appears on your family's tax returns.
- 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.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

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

Deadlines for grants and scholarships funded by the state of Iowa can fall as early as March 1. Page 25 provides a chart of application deadlines for all programs administered by Iowa College Aid.

Colleges and universities have priority deadlines as early as January. Although you can file after that date, some aid is limited and might no longer be available. The Directory of Iowa Colleges and Universities, starting on page 36, includes the priority deadline for FAFSA filing for each school.

NEVER PAY TO FILE!

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



AFTER THE FAFSA

VERIFICATION

If your FAFSA is selected for verification, don't panic. Roughly one-third of all FAFSAs are selected for this process, where colleges review student financial aid applications for accuracy. The process must be completed before financial aid can be awarded. Your college's financial aid office will contact you and inform you of steps you need to take.

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 to the colleges you listed on your FAFSA. 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 file your FAFSA electronically (approximately three weeks if you file 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.

EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

Your Expected Family Contribution, or EFC, is the amount your family can contribute toward your college education, as determined by your FAFSA. 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

Each college or university that you list on your FAFSA and that accepts you will determine your Financial Need: the Cost of Attendance (COA) at that school minus your EFC. While Cost of Attendance varies by school, 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.

COST OF ATTENDANCE
(depends on the college)

- EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION
(stays the same regardless of college)

= YOUR FINANCIAL NEED

AWARD LETTER

Each college or university that you list on your FAFSA and that accepts you will send you an award letter, outlining the federal, state and college-specific financial aid available to you. It might arrive by email or postal mail. It might come with your acceptance letter or shortly afterward.

This financial aid package is designed to cover your Financial Need by bridging the gap between the Cost of Attendance and Your Expected Family Contribution. Your award letter will probably include one or more types of loans. (See page 27 for more information on student loans.)

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—usually May 1. Talk to the financial aid office at the college or university if an unusual circumstance delays your response.

► UNDERSTANDING YOUR AWARD LETTER

Your award letter could include these different types of financial aid:

FREE MONEY

Grants and scholarships are money that you won't need to pay back. These might come from federal and state funds, from the school itself or from private sources. This award letter includes federal, state and school awards. (More about grants and scholarships on page 25.)

BORROWED MONEY

Loans are money that you borrow and pay back with interest. You are not required to take out the entire amount of loans listed in your award letter—in fact, it's better if you don't. If you borrow, start with federal loans. If your parents plan to borrow, federal PLUS loans might be an option. Exhaust all your federal loan opportunities before you consider private loans. (More about loans on page 27.)

EARNED MONEY

Federal Work Study is a campus or community job. Although it's part of your financial aid package, you'll be responsible for landing the job, based on referrals from the financial aid office. (More about Federal Work Study at studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/work-study.)

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GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

2017-18 Financial Aid Award Notification – Award Letter

Student ID: [REDACTED]
February 1, 2017
Reply Deadline: Within 45 Days

Dear [REDACTED]

Grand View University is pleased to offer you financial assistance for the 2017-2018 academic year. The amount of your assistance is based on an analysis of your academic record, financial resources, and the availability of funds. Your award assumes that you will be enrolled in the enrollment status indicated below. (F=Full, Q=Three Quarter, H=Part, L=Less Than Half.) You must be classified as a full-time day student and be charged the full-time day tuition rate to receive institutional money. This award is subject to adequate funding and to the verification of your financial data.

Please circle Accept or Decline for each item and return a signed copy of this financial aid notification.

Budget: \$31,974
EFC: \$0
Need: \$31,974

Estimated Billable Costs (Costs billed by Grand View) for an Undergraduate Off-Campus Student: \$26,586
This total includes estimated tuition, fees and required declining balance meal plan.

Housing Status:	Parent	Parent		
Enrollment Status:	F	F		
Gift:	Fall	Spring	Total	Circle One
Grand View Grant	2,000	2,000	4,000	Accept/Decline
Federal Pell Grant	2,960	2,960	5,920	Accept/Decline
Fed Supplemental Ed Opp Grant	175	175	250	Accept/Decline
Iowa Tuition Grant	2,825	2,825	5,650	Accept/Decline
Student Loans:				
Fed Subsidized Stafford Loan	1,750	1,750	3,500	Accept/Decline
Fed Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	1,000	1,000	2,000	Accept/Decline
Federal Perkins Loan	500	500	1,000	Accept/Decline
Total Awards:	11,210	11,210	22,420	
Remaining Out-Of-Pocket Expenses:				\$4,166
Other Aid Opportunities:				
Other Payment Options	2,083	2,083	4,166	Accept/Decline
Federal Work Study	750	750	1,500	Accept/Decline

In order to finalize your financial aid, we need the following information. Please submit the documents to our office as soon as possible.
Your financial aid is not final until all requested information and signatures are provided.

Missing Documents:
17/18 Signed Award Letter; Other Payment Options; Perkins Rights/Responsibility; DL Stafford Entrance Counsel; Stafford Promissory Note (mpn); Perkins Master Promissory Note

IMPORTANT: COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE
A University of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Pay attention to what's missing. In addition to a signed copy of your award letter, is the school asking for other paperwork? Make sure you submit everything on time so you don't jeopardize your financial aid.



FILE EVERY YEAR

Remember, you'll need to **file a new FAFSA for every year you plan to be in college.** Changes from year to year in your or your family's financial situation will be reflected in your new EFC for each year.

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS: **FREE MONEY**

	Program	Type of college	Application required*	Application deadline	Maximum award
FEDERAL GRANTS	Pell Grant: Based on financial need determined by FAFSA	Any	FAFSA	June 30 of following year	\$6,095
	Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants: Based on financial need	Any participating	FAFSA	Contact school	\$4,000
STATE GRANTS	Iowa Tuition Grant: For Iowa residents attending private colleges and universities	Private Iowa college/university	FAFSA	July 1	Average Regent tuition and fees**
	Kibbie Grant: For Iowa residents in specific career or technical education programs	Iowa community college	FAFSA	July 1	½ average Community College tuition and fees
	Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant: For Iowa residents in career or technical education programs	Iowa community college	FAFSA	July 1	\$1,200**
	Iowa National Guard Education Assistance Program: For Iowa National Guard members	Eligible Iowa college/university	FAFSA, IFAA	July 1 (fall deadline)	% of average Regent tuition
	Education & Training Voucher: For students who are in or who aged out of foster care or who were adopted after age 16	Eligible college/university	FAFSA, IFAA	December 1	\$5,000
STATE SCHOLARSHIPS	All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship: Must have graduated from high school (or earned equivalency) within the past two years	Eligible Iowa college/university	FAFSA, IFAA	March 1	½ average Regent tuition and fees
	Gov. Terry E. Branstad State Fair Scholarship: For Iowa high school graduates who have participated in the Iowa State Fair	Eligible Iowa college/university	FAFSA, IFAA	March 1	\$5,000
	Robert D. Blue Scholarship: For Iowa students who exhibit academic excellence, civic duty and moral character	Eligible Iowa college/university	FAFSA, Blue Scholarship Application	May 1	\$1,000

*FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (fafsa.gov); IFAA: Iowa Financial Aid Application (IowaCollegeAid.gov/IFAA).

**This is the maximum award allowed under Iowa statute. The actual amount funded each year might be lower.

► GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS FAQs

IS THIS REALLY FREE MONEY? Yes. While you have to meet certain requirements to receive grants and scholarships, you do not have to pay them back. Literally thousands of grants and scholarships are available to college students.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? Grants are usually need-based aid, while scholarships are usually merit-based. Eligibility for need-based grants is determined by your family's ability to pay for college, with income being one important factor. Other factors might include number of people in your family and number of family members in college. Merit-based scholarships are awarded based on particular talents or achievements. Merit-based aid might be given for academics, sports, arts or leadership, for instance.

WHERE DO THEY COME FROM? Grants and scholarships can come from government sources or from private sources (such as colleges and universities, nonprofit foundations and religious or service organizations). The chart opposite outlines federal and state grants and scholarships available to Iowans.

HOW DO I GET THEM? By filing the FAFSA and following up with the Iowa Financial Aid Application, you apply for federal grants and for the eight grants and scholarships administered by the state of Iowa.

► WHERE TO FIND PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Federal and state awards aren't the only sources of free financial aid. Other places to look:

- **Colleges and universities:** They might provide scholarships related to areas of study, academic achievements, outstanding talent, leadership, athletic ability or other criteria. Contact the financial aid office and your program department.
- **Corporations:** Some offer scholarships to children of employees.
- **School networks:** Your high school might offer scholarships for graduating students. Also check with the area alumni association of your college.
- **Community organizations:** Many local groups sponsor scholarships. Check your city's website or call your local community center for a list of nonprofit and government groups.
- **Religious organizations:** Your place of worship might offer scholarships. If not, it might partner with other organizations.

NOTE: Reputable organizations will not charge fees for scholarship searches.



STUDENT LOANS: BORROWED MONEY

If you take out student loans, you can save money by following these two guidelines:

- **Borrow as little as possible.** You do not have to borrow the entire amount specified in your award letter.
- **Pay it off as fast as possible** by making more than the minimum monthly payment. You'll pay less in interest if you shorten the term of the loan. The average student loan borrower in Iowa can shave a full year off a 10-year loan by paying just \$27 extra a month.

Here are the loan options available to help pay for college:

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 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 7/1/2018	5.045% fixed	5.045% fixed	6.595% fixed

Fees

Stafford loans disbursed from October 1, 2017, to September 30, 2018, have a 1.066% origination fee that is deducted from each loan disbursement. The fee decreases slightly to 1.062% for loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2018.

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN LIMITS

Borrower's Academic Level	Annual Amount for a Dependent Student	Annual Amount for an Independent Student*
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

*See page 21 for a definition of independent student.

Financial aid might seem like an overwhelming and confusing process, but **we all want to help** and be sure that students understand their awards.

Renae Armentrout, financial aid director,
Southeastern Community College

► WHY TAKE FEDERAL LOANS FIRST?

Federal loans generally offer lower interest rates, stronger consumer protection and more borrower-friendly repayment plans than private loans. Federal loans might qualify for forgiveness programs. Some federal loans won't come due or accrue interest as long as you're in school.

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. 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, 2018, is 7.595%.

Fees

Federal PLUS loans disbursed from October 1, 2017, to September 30, 2018, have a 4.264% origination fee deducted from each disbursement. The fee decreases slightly to 4.248% for loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2018.

Disbursement

Apply at least eight weeks before you need the money. Funds 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 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. 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.

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 different 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 (nslds.ed.gov).

TYPES OF COLLEGE COSTS

Iowa averages for the 2018-19 school year, listed by type of school:

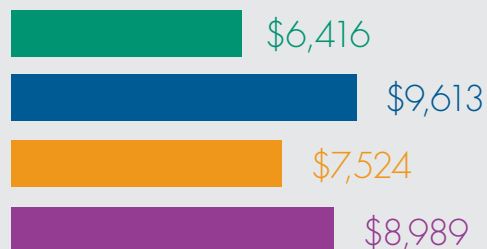
Community colleges Public universities Private for-profit schools Private nonprofit schools

TUITION & FEES (Go to page 36 to find individual schools)



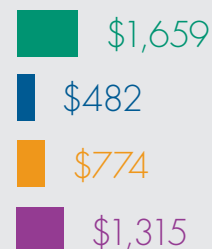
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On-campus housing and meals



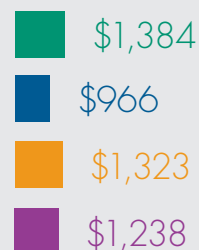
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To and from campus



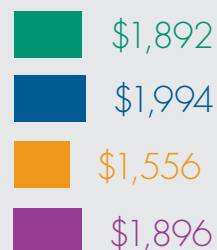
BOOKS & SUPPLIES

Examples: textbooks, course materials, office and art supplies



PERSONAL EXPENSES

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



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 to earn in college.

CHOOSE ECONOMICAL HOUSING. You can cut your dormitory costs if you choose a basic shared room instead of a private room or a deluxe apartment-style unit.

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 before you start college.

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 with your family can save on housing costs. If you choose this option, make an extra effort to get involved in campus activities.

RENT YOUR TEXTBOOKS. Many colleges allow you to rent textbooks, saving hundreds of dollars. Try websites such as chegg.com, efollett.com, textbooks.com and bookrenter.com. If you buy books, buy them used.

CLAIM TAX BENEFITS. Take advantage of the Student Loan Interest Deduction, the American Opportunity Tax Credit, the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit and the Tuition and Fees Deduction. You can learn more from IRS Publication 970 at irs.gov.



HOW YOUR FAMILY CAN HELP

College Savings Iowa allows parents, grandparents, relatives and friends to contribute toward the education expenses of young people regardless of income or state of residence. You can start an account with just \$25. Learn more at collegesavingsiowa.com.

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RESOURCES ON CAMPUS

DON'T HESITATE TO ASK FOR HELP

Everyone handles the transition from high school to college differently. But whether you're a first-generation student or a legacy, traveling to another state or living at home, remember that you're surrounded by people who want to help you succeed. Explore these resources on campus:



Health center: Scope this out (location, hours, fees) before you need it. You don't want to stress over these details while you're feeling crummy.



Fitness center: Your campus activity fee might already cover your membership, so work up a sweat.



Library: Digitized collections with search engines are far more reliable than Google. Plus, librarians are trained to help you track down the information you need.



Counseling center: Student life—and life in general—can be stressful. You don't have to muddle through alone.



Tutoring or writing center: Student employees are trained to assist their peers. These centers might offer one-on-one or group assistance.



Job placement center: This is a great place to start your career search later or to look now for part-time jobs or occasional weekend work.

MAKING THE **ADJUSTMENT**

Everyone handles the transition from high school to college differently. But whether you're a first-generation student or a legacy, traveling to another state or living at home, you'll need to take on more responsibility and be more independent than in high school.

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. Be patient, because new friendships take time to develop. Your relationships with your family will change, too, as you move closer to adulthood. You might find yourself feeling homesick. If that's the case, stay in regular touch with family and friends to keep those old connections strong, even as you dive into campus groups and activities to make new connections.

STUDENTS WITH **DISABILITIES**

Your acceptance at the college or university of your choice will not be influenced by a disability. Academic accommodations available to you 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.

- Attend and participate in your annual Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings. Know your annual goals.
- Identify the person or office at the college responsible for providing services to students with disabilities, and schedule an appointment.
- 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).

More information on services for students with disabilities is available at **IowaCollegeAid.gov**.

GET TO KNOW YOUR ADVISOR

Academic 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. 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.

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 and can provide tips for transitioning to college.

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. Here's why:

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.



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:

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 at your current college 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. 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.

TRANSFERRING TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL?

The website transferiniowa.org 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.



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► WHERE TO FIND **DATA ON ANY SCHOOL**

The following pages offer quick snapshots of colleges and universities that offer courses for credit in Iowa. You can find more information on these schools and any school in the country with the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard (collegescorecard.ed.gov). You can look up:

- Test scores—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.
- Costs—not the published costs, but the average costs that students at your income level actually pay.
- Demographics—breakdown of student population by race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status.
- Success rates—retention rate after one year and graduation rate.
- Debt—how many students take out federal loans, graduates' typical debt and monthly payments.
- Earnings—average graduate's salary after earning a degree.

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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

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 30,406

Tuition & Fees: \$8,988

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,720

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,048

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

Iowa State University is an internationally recognized university with a friendly, welcoming personality. Students from all 50 states and over 100 countries come to Ames, Iowa, to explore opportunities and embrace their adventure. With more than 100 majors, world-class faculty, a "magical" Big 12 athletics atmosphere, and 800-plus student clubs and organizations, Iowa State offers an environment where students enjoy reaching their potential and discovering their passions.

Featuring big city concerts, athletics and entertainment, and small town warmth and hospitality, Ames has a little bit of everything. A safe, supportive community, Ames is just 30 minutes from the Des Moines metro area.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

108 Calvin Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242

CONNECT

Website: uiowa.edu

Admissions:

319-335-3847

Financial Aid:

319-335-1450

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 24,503

Tuition & Fees: \$9,267

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$11,171

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$950

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

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.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY



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

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 11,907

Tuition & Fees: \$8,938

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,948

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$900

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

Speak to your professors.

Get to know them. Go to office hours. You'll find the good ones, and they'll help you with more than homework. They will find you opportunities and introduce you to people you need to know.

Dallas Tuttle,
University of Northern Iowa graduate

As one of the most affordable universities in the state, the University of Northern Iowa continues to deliver valuable, personalized education. UNI's small classes—taught by faculty, not teaching assistants—give students the opportunity to connect with mentors one-on-one and learn alongside caring faculty on challenging projects.

Ever-expanding campus resources and academic distinctions prepare graduates for their next step. Within six months of graduation, 94% of UNI grads are employed or continuing their education. Alumni make their mark on the world in nearly every field and profession—from leading international corporations to educating young children and impacting our national government.

At UNI, academic excellence and the welcoming, diverse atmosphere make it possible for students to discover their dreams.



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

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 945

Tuition & Fees:

\$30,970

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,144

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,323

FAFSA Code: 001846

ACT Code: 1276

SAT Code: 6046

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

**Minimum Admission
Requirements:**

18 ACT, 2.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

Nursing, Education,
Business Administration,
Social Work, Kinesiology
and Human Performance

BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY

610 W. Fourth Street, Storm Lake, IA 50588

CONNECT

Website: bvuvu.edu

Admissions:

800-383-9600

Financial Aid:

800-383-2821

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,804

Tuition & Fees:

\$34,004

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,538

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$999

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

Out of a hill once covered in briar patches sprouted Briar Cliff University, a Catholic Franciscan institution that is home to 1,100 students. Since 1930, the University has educated students in the Franciscan tradition of service, caring and openness to all. Grounded in faith and the pursuit of higher learning, the liberal arts education from Briar Cliff shapes more than just students' résumés — it shapes their character. With over 30 undergraduate degree programs, several online degree completion programs and a host of graduate degrees, Briar Cliff supports students in all stages of higher education.

For more information, visit www.briarcliff.edu.

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 96% 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.

Briar Cliff UNIVERSITY

the catholic franciscan learning place

BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY

CENTRAL COLLEGE

812 University Street, Pella, IA 50219

CONNECT

Website: central.edu

Admissions:

877-462-3687

Financial Aid:

641-628-5336

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,200

Tuition & Fees:

\$37,295

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$10,280

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,039

Tuition & Fees:

\$33,350

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,600

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 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.

To conquer the world, first you must learn about it. That begins with the comprehensive liberal arts and sciences curriculum at Clarke University. From state-of-the-art classroom experiences to real-life service learning to top-notch community networks, Clarke University has everything to ensure your success. Clarke does more than train you for a job — we prepare you for your career and a life 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 31 academic majors, 12 pre-professional programs, four graduate programs, two doctorate programs, and more than 40 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 21 varsity sports, the newest being football, lacrosse, and esports. Clarke competes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).



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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,400

Tuition & Fees:

\$44,050

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,480

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

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.



COE COLLEGE

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,000

Tuition & Fees:

\$42,299

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,384

Est. Books &

Supplies: Not provided

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

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 42 states and 17 foreign countries, and renowned visiting speakers, faculty and entertainers, Cornell offers the world from its hilltop campus.



Cornell College

DIVINE WORD COLLEGE

102 Jacoby Drive, Epworth, IA 52045

CONNECT

Website: dwci.edu

Admissions:

800-553-3321

Financial Aid:

563-876-3353

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 105

Tuition & Fees:

\$13,000

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$3,700

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$180

FAFSA Code: 001858

ACT Code: 1286

SAT Code: 6174

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

2.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

Philosophy, Theology,

Religious Studies,

Intercultural Studies

DORDT COLLEGE

498 Fourth Avenue NE, Sioux Center, IA 51250

CONNECT

Website: dordt.edu

Admissions:

800-343-6738

Financial Aid:

800-343-6738

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,449

Tuition & Fees:

\$30,870

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,590

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,600

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

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 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.



D O R D T C O L L E G E

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

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 3,400

Tuition & Fees:

\$41,250

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$10,528

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,100

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

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 275

Tuition & Fees:

\$18,400

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,500

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

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), 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: nearly 99% of students launch a career or enter graduate school within six months of graduation.

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

Drake
UNIVERSITY


EMMAUS
BIBLE COLLEGE

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 261

Tuition & Fees:

\$16,966

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,800

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$2,780

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,404

Tuition & Fees:

\$28,600

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,760

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,250

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.



faith baptist bible college
and theological seminary



Graceland
UNIVERSITY | 1895

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,900

Tuition & Fees:

\$27,518

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,178

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$824

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

Founded in 1896, Grand View is a nonprofit, private liberal arts University that offers 40 undergraduate and four graduate degree programs both in traditional and online formats. Our academic departments have close relationships with central Iowa employers through internship programs, advisory councils 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 13:1, 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.



GRINNELL COLLEGE

1103 Park Street, Grinnell, IA 50112

CONNECT

Website: grinnell.edu

Admissions:

641-269-3600

Financial Aid:

641-269-3250

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,712

Tuition & Fees:

\$52,392

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$12,810

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 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.



**Grinnell
College**

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment:

Not provided

Tuition & Fees:

Not provided

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$231

Minimum Admission Requirements:

See website

Types of Programs:

Christian Ministry

(Certificate)

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment:

601

Tuition & Fees:

\$30,500

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$10,500

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,200

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.



IOWA WESLEYAN
UNIVERSITY | 1842

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,575

Tuition & Fees:

\$34,184

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,275

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 2,053

Tuition & Fees:

\$42,290

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,460

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,040

FAFSA Code: 001874

ACT Code: 1330

SAT Code: 6375

Priority Deadline for

Aid Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

See website

Types of Programs:

Liberal Arts, including

Neuroscience and Data

Science majors

Loras College is Iowa's first college and the second oldest Catholic college west of the Mississippi. With more than 40 majors and a curricular focus on experiential learning, Loras consistently earns high placement in Best Colleges by U.S. News Media Group. As for the institutional experience, 96% of Loras seniors rated the College as excellent or good overall according to the National Survey of Student Engagement. In 2017, Forbes designated Loras as one of America's 200 most loved colleges and universities using its Grateful Graduate Index. 99% of the class of 2017 reported being employed or continuing their education within one year of graduation. Loras is home to the Best All-Around Newscast in Midwest Region 7 and Loras College Dance marathon has been recognized nationally as the No. 1 per capita fundraising school since 2009—raising more than \$1.9 million for the Children's Miracle Network. Unique scholarship programs designed to support students' leadership and intellectual growth.

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 168 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 39 states and 74 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.



LORAS COLLEGE™

LUTHER COLLEGE

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 354

Tuition & Fees:

\$16,215

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,400

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,000

FAFSA Code: 011113

ACT Code: 1317

SAT Code: 4497

Minimum Admission Requirements:

3.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

Art, Business,
Humanities, Science,
Sustainable Living

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,322

Tuition & Fees:

\$31,530

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,610

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

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 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

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,256

Tuition & Fees:

\$31,998

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,534

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,340

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

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

101 Seventh Street SW, Orange City, IA 51041

CONNECT

Website: nwciowa.edu

Admissions:

800-747-4757

Financial Aid:

712-707-7131

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,046

Tuition & Fees:

\$31,100

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,200

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$500

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

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 1,800+ students come from around the globe, creating a vibrant, diverse and open-minded campus community. Mount Mercy offers more than 45 programs of study and is known for professional programs in nursing, education, biology, business, and criminal justice. Mount Mercy was recently named Iowa's best college by Money magazine, based on educational quality, affordability, and alumni success.

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, 18 intercollegiate athletic teams and 8 music groups, students can connect with others who share similar values and interests.

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 1,260 students through undergraduate, online and graduate programs, offering more than 40 majors and 16 pre-professional programs. Additionally, Northwestern College offers 18 intercollegiate athletic teams, 10 vocal and instrumental music performance groups, 6 theatrical shows each year, and multiple 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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 28

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

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

701 North C Street, Indianola, IA 50125

CONNECT

Website: simpson.edu

Admissions:

515-961-1624

Financial Aid:

515-961-1630

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,432

Tuition & Fees:

\$39,144

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,380

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,323

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

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.

SIMPSON COLLEGE

PRIVATE NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY

518 W. Locust Street, Davenport, IA 52803

CONNECT

Website: sau.edu

Admissions:

563-333-6300

Financial Aid:

563-333-5775

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 2,371

Tuition & Fees:

\$30,614

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$11,120

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$600

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

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE

2000 University Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52001

CONNECT

Website: dbq.edu

Admissions:

800-722-5583

Financial Aid:

563-589-3170

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,921

Tuition & Fees:

\$34,110

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,780

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$950

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

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.

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.



UNIVERSITY of DUBUQUE

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

605 Washington Street, Fayette, IA 52142

CONNECT

Website: uiu.edu

Admissions:

800-553-4150

Financial Aid:

800-553-4150

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 7,231

Tuition & Fees:

\$30,450

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,454

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,560

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

Founded in 1857, Upper Iowa University is a private, not-for-profit university providing undergraduate and graduate degree programs to about 5,800 students—nationally and internationally—at its Fayette campus, 20 U.S. education locations, as well as locations in Malaysia and Hong Kong. Upper Iowa University is a recognized innovator in offering accredited, quality programs through flexible, multiple delivery systems, including online and self-paced degree programs. With a focus on developing leaders and lifelong learners, UIU provides dual enrollment programs for high school students as well as continuing education and professional development opportunities for learners of any age. For more information, visit uiu.edu.



UPPER IOWA
— UNIVERSITY —

WARTBURG COLLEGE

100 Wartburg Blvd., Waverly, IA 50677-0903

CONNECT

Website: wartburg.edu

Admissions:

319-352-8264

Financial Aid:

319-352-8262

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,527

Tuition & Fees:

\$41,280

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$9,995

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,100

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

Wartburg is a private, Lutheran, liberal arts college with an enrollment of 1,527 students, including 121 international students from 55 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, 91% of Wartburg graduates complete their degrees within four years, and 99% are placed in jobs or graduate schools within six months of graduation.



Wartburg
College™

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,372

Tuition & Fees:

\$25,600

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 is an inclusive and dynamic community where all students are valued, supported, and given the opportunity to reach their highest potential. Since 1873, our rich Quaker heritage gives us a foundation for a diverse student body with a deep understanding of acceptance.

We foster a culture of willingness to change to meet the needs of our students. Innovative educational delivery options include traditional daytime courses, online and evening classes, and 8-week courses that provide opportunities for individuals to receive their education on their own terms.



Follow up with your college after completing the FAFSA. Many students complete the FAFSA and believe the financial aid process ends there. **It is essential that students follow up** with their selected institution to ensure that no other forms need to be completed or documents provided prior to being awarded financial aid.

Ean Freels, financial aid director,
Des Moines Area Community College



PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 148

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

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 600

Tuition & Fees:

\$22,076

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,254

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,323

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

You will find popular majors, small classes, a vibrant campus and generous scholarships at Waldorf University.

Located in the welcoming town of Forest City, Waldorf is centrally located between Des Moines and Minneapolis.

Waldorf degree programs include exciting majors in: Biology, Business, Communications, Criminal Justice and Theatre Arts. Our outstanding athletic facilities are home to over 20 men's and women's programs including: basketball, wrestling, soccer, bowling, ice hockey and more. Waldorf students are also able to perfect communications skills while working at Waldorf radio and television stations.

Performing Arts and Music are also sources of student pride.



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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,800

Tuition & Fees: \$4,172

Est. On-Campus

Housing: \$9,900

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 64,509

Tuition & Fees: \$4,992

On-Campus Room &

Board: Varies

Est. Books &

Supplies: Not provided

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 861

Tuition & Fees: \$4,656

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,450

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,100

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

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 5,605

Tuition & Fees: \$5,336

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,217

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,324

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

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 is a comprehensive community college offering college transfer courses and more than 45 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:

641-683-5262

Financial Aid:

641-683-5262

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 4,090

Tuition & Fees: \$5,440

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$4,770

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,320

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

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 4,949

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

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 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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 3,015

Tuition & Fees: \$6,058

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,230

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,324

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 6,129

Tuition & Fees: \$4,248

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,500

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,324

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 19,150

Tuition: \$5,170

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 2,032

Tuition & Fees: \$4,656

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,280

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,337

FAFSA Code: 001875

ACT Code: 1332

SAT Code: 6394

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

Arts and Sciences,
Nursing, Welding,
Business, Education

Kirkwood Community College has the options that you are seeking. Choose from over 120 programs, certificates and diplomas to find your perfect path. You can graduate with an associate degree or program certificate, 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 available scholarships. By filling out 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 60 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.

Kirkwood
COMMUNITY COLLEGE


MARSHALLTOWN
Community College
IOWA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,800

Tuition & Fees: \$4,172

Est. On-Campus

Housing: \$9,900

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 2,947

Tuition & Fees: \$5,10

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,128

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,001

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 4,536

Tuition & Fees: \$5,820

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

Northeast Iowa Community College accepts everyone and serves the communities of northeast Iowa, both urban and rural. For more than 50 years, the college has committed to supporting families and lifting communities through education and training. In fact, 97 percent of all graduates are employed or continuing their education one year after graduation. The one-on-one attention you receive will get you on the right path, whether your plans include transferring to a four-year college, training to start your career or exploring new career options. We're affordable, and students who enroll in any of the College's programs of study will receive a high return on investment and experience lower debt after graduation. Two campuses and seven service locations in five northeast Iowa communities provide academic advising, individualized services and guidance to prepare you for your future.



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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 2,750

Tuition & Fees: \$6,120

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,040

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,312

FAFSA Code: 004600

ACT Code: 1375 **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

Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC) offers a high-quality, affordable educational experience both on-campus and online. NCC features small class sizes for personal instruction, skilled faculty, and some of today's most current technology. Choose from over 50 programs including Arts & Science transfer, healthcare, business, manufacturing, automotive, electrical and more. NCC offers five programs that are not found anywhere else in Iowa: Powerline, Powerline Technology, Industrial Instrumentation & Control, Electrical Technology, and Heavy Equipment Operation & Maintenance. NCC has been the recipient of several national awards including Best Electrical Programs in the United States, Schools.com and Best Junior College for Getting a Job in the Nation and #1 in the State of Iowa, Zippia.com.



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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 9,000

Tuition & Fees: \$4,172

Est. On-Campus

Housing: \$9,900

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,739

Tuition & Fees: \$5,550

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,600

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,324

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: swcciaowa.edu

Admissions:

641-782-1421

Financial Aid:

800-247-4023, ext. 333

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 1,650

Tuition & Fees: \$5,310

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,660

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,324

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 7,570

Tuition & Fees: \$5,340

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,533

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,650

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 329

Tuition & Fees:

\$18,662

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,200

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

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 758

Tuition & Fees:

\$17,952

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,562

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

Allen College is a small, private, healthcare specific institution associated with UnityPoint Health - Allen Hospital located in Waterloo, IA. Established in 1925 the emphasis preparing competent and qualified healthcare providers remains. 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, Drake University, Hawkeye Community College, Loras College, Simpson College, University of Northern Iowa and Wartburg College providing smooth transitions.

With a tradition of more than 90 years of excellence in health care education, Allen College is an excellent collegiate choice. Boasting remarkable pass rates in required licensing exams, Allen is the ideal investment. It is located on a beautiful campus. The metropolitan area combines the diversity of a large city with the friendliness of a small town.

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.



Allen College
UnityPoint Health



MERCY COLLEGE
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

NURSING & HEALTH CARE COLLEGES

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

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 19

Tuition & Fees: \$2,756

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,004

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

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

AT A GLANCE

Undergraduate

Enrollment: 310

Tuition & Fees:

\$17,120

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,253

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

If you're searching for the right place to prepare—for success – academically and professionally—you'll find it at Palmer College of Chiropractic. Palmer will help you turn your passion for helping others into a successful career. As the first and largest chiropractic college, Palmer has more successful graduates than any other institution.

Palmer doctors are prepared for real-world success with a rigorous curriculum and hands-on experience, blending science, art and philosophy. With an average 15:1 student/faculty ratio, you'll get the individual attention you need from faculty and staff who are focused on your success. When you graduate, you'll feel confident in providing quality chiropractic care to patients.

Visit www.palmer.edu/about-us to learn more about chiropractic and Palmer's legacy as the founding college of the profession.

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.



PALMER
College of Chiropractic



St. Luke's College
UnityPoint Health



I wish students knew how important it is to **take in every opportunity possible:** free workshops, tutoring on such things as web page construction, pointers from someone who is a good photographer. All of these opportunities are free, and you never know when they may come in handy.

Pat Blank, adjunct instructor,
University of Northern Iowa

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

Body Wisdom Massage Therapy School

515-727-4890 | bodywisdomschool.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

Dancing Prairie Massage Therapy

319-471-7543 | dancingprairie.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—Cedar Falls

319-505-0402 | tspacedarfalls.com

The Salon Professional Academy—Iowa City

312-730-3483 | tspa-iowacity.com

Total Look School of Cosmetology

563-547-3624 | totallookschool.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 Medical Laboratory Science Program

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

Stick with it. Don't quit. **You determine success or failure.** And yes, most of the time the professors do know what they are talking about.

David Thomas,
Kaplan University (Purdue University Global) graduate



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

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

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

Northcentral University

866-766-0331 | ncu.edu

Purdue University Global

844-787-3834 | purdueglobal.edu

Regis College

781-768-7000 | regiscollege.edu

Ross College

866-815-5578

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

San Joaquin Valley College

866-544-7898 | sjvc.edu

South University

800-688-0932 | southuniversity.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

Viterbo University

888-235-2200 | viterbo.edu

Walden University

866-492-5336 | waldenu.edu

Western Illinois University

309-298-1414 | wiu.edu

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