

# ACCREDITATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

## New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)

Quinnipiac University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.).

Accreditation of an institution of higher education by the commission indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality periodically applied through a peer review process. An accredited college or university is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation.

Accreditation by the commission is not partial but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution. Inquiries regarding the accreditation status by the commission should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. For comments and complaints, individuals may contact:

New England Commission of Higher Education  
301 Edgewater Place, Suite 210  
Wakefield, MA 01880  
781-425 7785  
Email: [info@neche.org](mailto:info@neche.org)  
<https://www.neche.org/for-the-public/comments-complaints/>

## Office of Higher Education of the State of Connecticut

Quinnipiac also is accredited by the Office of Higher Education of the State of Connecticut and is authorized by the General Assembly of the state to confer such degrees and grant such diplomas as are authorized by the office. Contact information for filing a complaint with the Office of Higher Education:

### Office of Higher Education

450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 707  
Hartford, CT 06103-1841  
800-947-1800

[https://portal.ct.gov/ohe/knowledge-base/articles/for-students/student-school-complaints?language=en\\_US](https://portal.ct.gov/ohe/knowledge-base/articles/for-students/student-school-complaints?language=en_US) ([https://portal.ct.gov/ohe/knowledge-base/articles/for-students/student-school-complaints/?language=en\\_US](https://portal.ct.gov/ohe/knowledge-base/articles/for-students/student-school-complaints?language=en_US))

The State Bar Examining Committee has approved the undergraduate programs of Quinnipiac for pre-law education.

Specific school accreditations are listed below.

## College of Arts & Sciences

The legal studies minor/certificate has been approved by the American Bar Association as a paralegal education program.

## School of Business

Quinnipiac's undergraduate and graduate business and accounting programs are accredited by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. As a school of business with AACSB-accredited business and accounting programs, Quinnipiac meets or exceeds established standards, as determined by periodic AACSB peer group review. The AACSB quality standards relate to curriculum, faculty resources, admission, degree requirements, library and computer facilities, financial resources and intellectual climate.

## School of Communications

The Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science in Public Relations programs are certified by the Certification in Education for Public Relations (CEPR) through the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

## School of Computing and Engineering

The Civil Engineering program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <https://www.abet.org> (<https://www.abet.org/>), under the commission's General Criteria and Program Criteria for Civil and Similarly Named Engineering Programs.

The Industrial Engineering program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <https://www.abet.org> (<https://www.abet.org/>), under the commission's General Criteria and Program Criteria for Industrial and Similarly Named Engineering Programs.

The Mechanical Engineering program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <https://www.abet.org> (<https://www.abet.org/>), under the commission's General Criteria and Program Criteria for Mechanical and Similarly Named Engineering Programs.

The Software Engineering program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <https://www.abet.org> (<https://www.abet.org/>), under the commission's General Criteria and Program Criteria for Software and Similarly Named Engineering Programs.

The BS in Computer Science program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, <https://www.abet.org> (<https://www.abet.org/>), under the commission's General Criteria and Program Criteria for Computer Science and Similarly Named Computing Programs.

## School of Education

The master of arts in teaching program and the educational leadership program are fully accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the Connecticut Department of Education. The U.S. Department of Education recognizes CAEP as a specialized accrediting body for schools, colleges and departments of education.

The following programs in the School of Education are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) from 2021-2028:

- Elementary Education
- Biology Education
- English Education
- Mathematics Education
- Social Studies/History Education
- Spanish Education
- 6th Year Educational Leadership

The following are new programs which were approved by the CSDE and will be submitted for accreditation in the next cycle as per the requirements of CAEP.

Chemistry Education (approved in 2024)

Special Education - Initial Certification (approved in 2022)

### School of Health Sciences

All programs in the School of Health Sciences have been approved by appropriate state and national agencies or are in the process of accreditation.

- The athletic training program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).
- The cardiovascular perfusion program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.
- The social work program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).
- The dual-degree bachelor of science/master of occupational therapy (BS/MOT) program and the entry-level doctor of occupational therapy (EOTD) programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE).
- The pathologists' assistant program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).
- The physical therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).
- The radiologic sciences bachelor's degree program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.
- The radiologist assistant program is formally recognized by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).
- Physician assistant graduate program accreditation:  
At its **September 2023** meeting, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) placed the **Quinnipiac University Physician Assistant Program** sponsored by **Quinnipiac University** on **Accreditation-Probation** status until its next review in **September 2025**.

Probation accreditation is a temporary accreditation status initially of not less than two years. However, that period may be extended by the ARC-PA for up to an additional two years if the ARC-PA finds that the program is making substantial progress toward meeting all applicable standards but requires additional time to come into full compliance. Probation accreditation status is granted, at the sole discretion of the ARC-PA, when a program holding an accreditation status of Accreditation - Provisional or Accreditation - Continued does not, in the judgment of the ARC-PA, meet the *Standards* or when the capability of the program to provide an acceptable educational experience for its students is threatened.

Once placed on probation, a program that fails to comply with accreditation requirements in a timely manner, as specified by the ARC-PA, may be scheduled for a focused site visit and is subject to having its accreditation withdrawn.

Specific questions regarding the Program and its plans should be directed to the Program Director and/or the appropriate institutional official(s).

The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at <https://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-quinnipiac-university/>.

Review our Accreditation FAQs (<https://www.qu.edu/schools/health-sciences/programs/masters-degree/physician-assistant/accreditation-and-policies/#faqs>)

### School of Law

Quinnipiac University School of Law is fully approved by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association.

### School of Medicine

The Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. The school is also authorized by the state of Connecticut to award the MD degree. The Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine is a member of the American Association of Medical Colleges.

### School of Nursing

- The bachelor's degree program in nursing at Quinnipiac University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<https://www.aacnnursing.org/ccne-accreditation> (<https://www.aacnnursing.org/ccne-accreditation/>)).
- The master's degree program in nursing at Quinnipiac University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<https://www.aacnnursing.org/ccne-accreditation> (<https://www.aacnnursing.org/ccne-accreditation/>)).
- The doctor of nursing practice program at Quinnipiac University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<https://www.aacnnursing.org/ccne-accreditation> (<https://www.aacnnursing.org/ccne-accreditation/>)).
- The undergraduate nursing programs in Quinnipiac University's School of Nursing are endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation ([ahnc.org](http://ahnc.org)) (<https://ahnc.org>)).
- The Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences Simulation Program (Area of Teaching/Education) is accredited by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare.

### National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA)

Quinnipiac University has been approved to participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). SARA is an agreement among its member states, districts and U.S. territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance-education courses and programs. The Connecticut Office of Higher Education is the portal agency for administration of SARA in Connecticut and is responsible for the resolution of out-of-state students' complaints against SARA institutions located in Connecticut.

Information about how to file a complaint ([https://portal.ct.gov/ohe/knowledge-base/articles/for-students/student-school-complaints/?language=en\\_US](https://portal.ct.gov/ohe/knowledge-base/articles/for-students/student-school-complaints/?language=en_US)) with the Office of Higher Education is available on the CT Office of Higher Education website.

All correspondence, including institutional applications and student complaints, should be sent via email to **Emily.Bjornberg@ct.gov** or via post to the following address:

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SARA Coordinator  
Office of Higher Education  
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 707  
Hartford, CT 06103-1841