



YOUR COURSE TO

COLLEGE



2019-20 guide for Iowa high school students

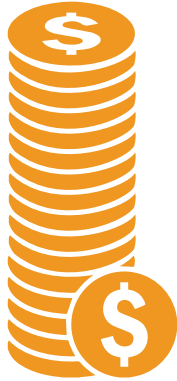
COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING!

HIGHER EARNINGS

A worker with an associate degree earns 23 percent more than a worker with a high school diploma. A worker with a bachelor's degree earns 58 percent more than a worker with a high school diploma.



High school diploma



Bachelor's degree

OVERALL KNOWLEDGE

College teaches critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving—all skills that employers want.

QUALITY OF LIFE

College graduates in Iowa are more likely to have access to employer-sponsored health insurance and retirement plans. The more education Iowans have, the better they report their health to be. College-educated Iowans are also more likely to enjoy leisure activities like reading and going to movies.

LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT

In 2018 the unemployment rate for Iowans with only a high school diploma was 4.5 percent. It was 3 percent for Iowans with associate degrees and 2 percent for Iowans with bachelor's degrees.



High school diploma



Bachelor's degree

OTHER BENEFITS

- Meet people from different backgrounds and cultures
- Discover your passion
- Build your confidence
- Get involved in clubs and activities
- Make your own decisions
- Learn more about yourself
- Challenge yourself and prove you can succeed

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WHERE WILL YOUR COURSE LEAD?

Your graduation from high school will mark one of the biggest transitions in your life. You'll gain new freedom to make your own decisions—and you'll carry the responsibility for those decisions. It's an exciting time, but it can be scary, too.

As you think about how to continue your education after high school, remember that no one path is right for everyone. In fact, no one path is the single perfect path for you. You have many options, and this section will help you identify some that might fit your goals.

Remember that not everyone's path is direct and unbroken. If you take a few detours or even U-turns along the way, that's all right.



WHAT DOES COLLEGE MEAN?

The definition of college has expanded in recent years.

College means any education after high school, whether it's a two- or four-year degree, a certificate, a diploma, or some other professional credential. You might attend a college or university, enroll in on-the-job training, or enlist in the military. You might take classes full-time or part-time, in person or online.

All of these options will build your knowledge and skills, make you more employable, and increase your earning potential.



BE A LIFELONG LEARNER

No matter what education path you choose after high school, it will not be the end of your learning. Think back just 20 years: Internet users were connecting from their desktop computers through landlines. Smart phones, social media, and the cloud were just emerging.

Within a decade or two, you could be working with technology no one has yet envisioned. You might hold a job that doesn't even exist today. Continuing your education now will prepare you to be flexible and successful throughout your career.

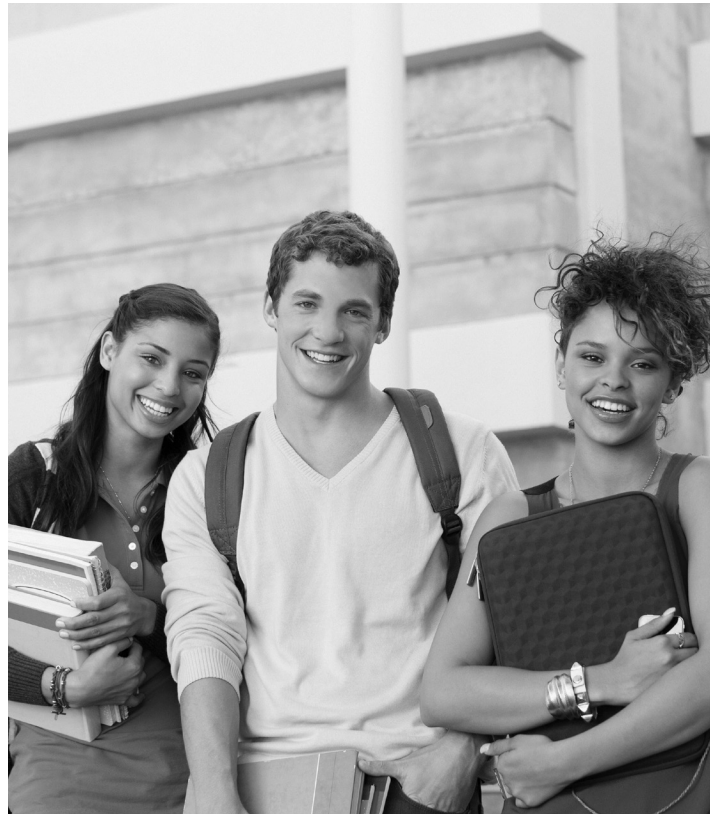


HIGH SCHOOL CHECKLIST

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

FRESHMAN YEAR

- ✓ **MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR.** Talk about your goals and how you can meet them. Ask if your school has other staff members who can help with your college plans.
- ✓ **PLAN YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE.** Take classes that will meet college admission requirements, and think about how to spread them over four years. Also use your electives to try out new areas of interest.
- ✓ **ASK ABOUT ADVANCED PLACEMENT** (AP), dual credit, and career/technical courses. Even if you can't take them yet, ask how you can prepare.
- ✓ **GET INVOLVED.** Join a club, activity, or sport at your school or in the community. Involvement looks good on a college application—but more important, you'll meet new people and explore your interests.
- ✓ **VOLUNTEER.** Silver Cord and similar school-based programs can connect you with organizations that need volunteers, or check out volunteeriowa.org.
- ✓ **SET UP A COLLEGE SAVINGS ACCOUNT,** or keep adding to it if you already have one. (See page 20.)



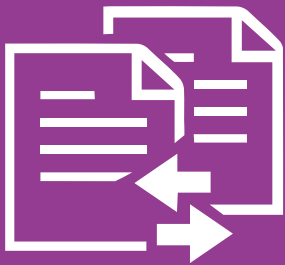
SOPHOMORE YEAR

- ✓ **CHECK IN WITH YOUR COUNSELOR.** Make sure you are on track for the courses you want and need. Ask about prerequisites for advanced courses in your junior and senior years.
- ✓ **TAKE THE PSAT IN OCTOBER.** It's good practice for taking it in your junior year, when scores will determine National Merit Scholarship qualification. Ask your counselor or go to collegeboard.org/psat for information.
- ✓ **RESEARCH FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS** and begin searching for scholarships. Make a list of those you might be eligible for, and take note of deadlines.
- ✓ **MAKE CAMPUS VISITS.** Call ahead to schedule appointments with financial aid and admissions offices. If possible, sit in on classes that interest you and arrange to spend time in student housing. Also be on the lookout for college fairs.
- ✓ **KEEP YOUR GRADES UP.** Stay focused on schoolwork. Colleges will look at the grades from more than just your junior and senior years.



JUNIOR YEAR

- ✓ **REVIEW COURSEWORK WITH YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR** to be sure you have taken (or are scheduled to take) all the courses you need to graduate and to meet college admission requirements.
- ✓ **TAKE THE PSAT IN THE FALL** to be considered for a National Merit Scholarship. Plus, it's good practice for the SAT. Fee waivers are available.
- ✓ **PREP FOR ENTRANCE EXAMS.** Ask your teachers or counselor if your school offers test prep. You can also get help, including practice tests, online at act.org, collegeboard.org, and khanacademy.org/sat.
- ✓ **NARROW YOUR COLLEGE AND CAREER SEARCH.** Pay attention to the results of career inventories and assessments. Focus on colleges and programs that can prepare you for the career you want.
- ✓ **START OR CONTINUE CAMPUS VISITS.** Watch for trips organized by your high school.
- ✓ **TAKE THE SAT OR ACT IN THE SPRING** and have the scores sent to schools that interest you. Even if you plan to attend a program that doesn't require entrance exams, these scores can help you understand your academic strengths. See a comparison of the two tests below.
- ✓ **ASK FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.** Many schools, scholarships, and employers will request these letters. Identify teachers, counselors, employers or other adults who can attest to your achievement and abilities.
- ✓ **MAKE A TIMELINE** for your college and scholarship applications. Research deadlines and plan now so you won't be rushed. Pay attention to early decision deadlines if that option interests you.
- ✓ **FILL OUT THE FAFSA4CASTER** at fafsa.gov. This tool will provide an unofficial estimate of how much need-based federal aid you might receive. Plus, you can transfer your data to the FAFSA when it's time to file.



COMPARING EXAMS

ACT

- Four sections: English, math, reading, and science, plus optional essay
- Structure: Primarily multiple-choice
- Time (with essay): 3 hours, 35 minutes
- Scoring scale: 1–36

SAT

- Three sections: reading, writing, and math, plus optional essay
- Structure: Primarily multiple-choice, but math section requires students to produce answers
- Time (with essay): 3 hours, 50 minutes
- Scoring scale: 400–1600

SENIOR YEAR

- ✓ **IF YOU PLAN TO RETAKE THE ACT OR SAT,** register for a date at least two months before the application deadlines for all the colleges and scholarships you are considering.
- ✓ **PREPARE YOUR FINAL LIST OF COLLEGES.** Consider the factors listed on page 14 to help you determine your best college fit.
- ✓ **SUBMIT ADMISSION APPLICATIONS.** Most early decision applications are due October 1. Many regular decision deadlines fall between January 1 and February 1. Watch for application 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 colleges of interest for their priority deadlines. Watch for FAFSA completion events at your high school or in your community.
- ✓ **FILE THE IOWA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION.** To qualify for some state-funded grants and scholarships, you must complete the Iowa Financial Aid Application. You'll have the option to link to it from your completed FAFSA, or you can find it at iowaCollegeAid.gov/IFAA.
- ✓ **REGISTER FOR AP EXAMS.** Note that the registration date has moved to November 15—several months earlier than past years. Go to collegeboard.org for AP exam information.
- ✓ **ASK YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TO SEND YOUR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** to all the colleges where you are applying. Each high school has its own process: You probably need to fill out a form in the counseling office. You might also need to bring in stamped, addressed envelopes, and your school might charge a small fee.
- ✓ **COMPARE ACCEPTANCE LETTERS AND FINANCIAL AID AWARDS.** When you're admitted, each college or university listed on your FAFSA will send you an award letter that shows the aid you are eligible to receive.
- ✓ **DECISION TIME!** Choose your college and confirm that you'll attend by paying your deposit. Watch for college decision celebrations at your high school.



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 items aren't included, be sure to account for them. Your high school counselor or your college financial aid office can help.
- ✓ **MAKE A TIMELINE.** List the steps you need to take before you arrive on campus. When is your deposit (your official decision of where you'll attend school) due? Your first tuition payment? Housing application and deposit? 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.
- ✓ **GET REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS.** Your school will send you a list of required vaccinations. Among the most common are vaccines for meningitis, tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis and HPV.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **ATTEND ORIENTATION.** Orientation, whether online or in-person, informs you about expectations and 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.
- ✓ **REGISTER FOR CLASSES.** Pay attention to the date and time you're supposed to register. Registering late will decrease your chances of getting the classes and times you want.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **FIND A WORK-STUDY JOB.** If Work-Study is part of your financial aid package, apply for jobs early before many of them are filled. Ask your financial aid office for recommendations.



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 four years including 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 free (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. Check with your colleges of interest to be sure credits will transfer.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

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

CAREER ACADEMIES/TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Joint programs with community colleges in specific technical fields. You might take classes at your high school or at another location.

PLANNING YOUR CAREER

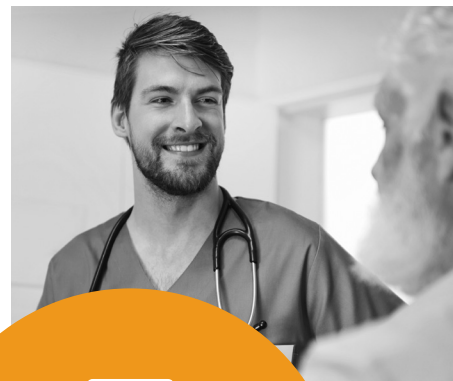
You've probably heard this question since you first learned to talk: "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Maybe you've known the answer for years, or maybe you're still figuring it out. If the answer isn't apparent to you, try asking a different question: "What problem do you want to solve?" That's the question that has inspired inventors, entrepreneurs, and leaders, and it can help you find your passion. Other things to consider:

- **Your interests and strengths.** What are you good at, and where you could put those talents to use?
- **Rewards you want from your job.** These could include helping others, contributing to your community, being creative, solving problems, earning a high salary, or being recognized.
- **The career outlook.** What are your chances of finding a job in this field? You can find information for jobs in Iowa at iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections and nationwide projections at bls.gov/ooh/.
- **Your firsthand experience.** This 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 for a few hours or a day, lets you experience the types of work and tasks required. Internships or summer jobs can provide even more insight.

WHERE CAN I FIND SOME CAREER DIRECTION?

The Future Ready Iowa Career Coach will not only tell you what careers best suit your personality, it will tell you what education they require and the median salaries for those occupations in Iowa. You can take a quick assessment with six questions or a detailed assessment with 60 questions.

Find it at futurereadyiowa.gov/career-coach.



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 classroom tuition, 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
- Cosmetologist
- Welder
- Chef
- Certified nursing assistant
- Radiological technician

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Associate degrees can usually be earned in two years (sometimes less) at community colleges or at some career/technical/business colleges and four-year colleges. Some associate degrees can be applied toward a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university. Career examples:

- Dental hygienist
 - Administrative assistant
 - Registered nurse
 - Veterinary technician
 - Auto mechanic
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BACHELOR'S DEGREES

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

Career examples:

- Teacher
 - Engineer
 - Accountant
 - Dietitian
 - Social worker
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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 additional years, depending on the type.

Career examples:

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

CHOOSING A MAJOR

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.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS MAJOR? Look at the requirements and course descriptions. Talk to people who are currently studying this subject, or to graduates in this field.

WHAT ARE YOUR FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES?

Are certain aid programs available specifically to students in this area of study?

TRY A CAREER NAVIGATOR. Ask if your high school offers an exploration system like Kuder Navigator.

WHAT ARE YOUR JOB OPPORTUNITIES? 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?



WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW MY MAJOR?

You're OK. You don't have to know your major before you start college. Try out some subjects that interest you, but remember to include core courses like math and composition, too. Your advisor can help you choose your classes.



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 SCHOOLS

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

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

PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT SCHOOLS

- 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

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

FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- Academic programs and majors
- Price
- Average student loan debt
- Location
- Size of campus/total enrollment
- Diversity
- Average ACT or SAT score
- Graduation rates
- Job placement rates

SPECIALIZED MISSION SCHOOLS

Some colleges and universities are established to serve a specific group of students. These include single-sex schools and schools that serve underrepresented races/ethnicities. One example is historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs). These schools were established before 1964, when segregation and discrimination were still legal, to serve black students who were unlikely to be admitted anywhere else. Another example is Hispanic-serving institutions (HSIs), which are defined as schools where at least a quarter of undergraduate students identify as Hispanic.

TIPS FOR CAMPUS VISITS

- 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 campustours.com.

COLLEGE SCORECARD

Not sure where to find all this information? Start with the U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard: collegescorecard.ed.gov. More on page 39.



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, GPA, and number of core courses completed. Note: The RAI has dropped class rank as of summer 2020 enrollment. 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
- Essay (if needed)
- Letters of recommendation
- Official ACT and/or SAT scores
- Official high school transcript
- Official college transcripts for dual credit courses (if needed)
- AP exam scores (if needed)

If your school hosts an application event, make sure to have these materials with you.

HOW MANY PLACES SHOULD YOU APPLY?

Consider submitting more than one application—there's no reason to sell yourself short, and a school that looks expensive could turn out to be quite affordable after financial aid. A good variety includes at least one of each of the following:

- 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 "dream school," which might have an extremely low admission rate or might be a school where your statistics are slightly below the usual range. Outstanding essays or letters of recommendation might nudge you onto the "accepted" list.



AVOID THESE COMMON MISTAKES

BAD IMPRESSION ON 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 or illegal behavior
- Bad-mouthing other people or schools
- Discriminatory comments
- Lying about activities or accomplishments

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS. Make sure you know deadlines and application requirements for each college before you apply. Some colleges might require essays, interviews, or letters of recommendation.

BEING UNTRUTHFUL. Never lie on a college application. Don't exaggerate your activities, inflate your grade point average or class rank, or plagiarize an essay.

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



WHAT DO COLLEGES REALLY CARE ABOUT?

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

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



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

4-YEAR

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 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.

You'll need to submit an official transcript to each college where you apply. You can request transcripts through your high school—see page 7.

PAY THE APPLICATION FEE OR SUBMIT A FEE WAIVER

(if needed). 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 or deferral.

SUBMIT YOUR TEST SCORES

(if required).

SUBMIT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

(if required).

SUBMIT ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

(if required). Some programs might require a portfolio or an audition video.

WRITE APPLICATION ESSAY

(if required).

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



2-YEAR

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

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SUBMIT THE APPLICATION AND CONFIRM RECEIPT.

ALMOST FINISHED! Most two-year colleges require that you take a placement test like ALEKS or Accuplacer to assess your skills in reading, writing, and mathematics before you enroll.



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.



3 STEPS TO FIND FINANCIAL AID

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

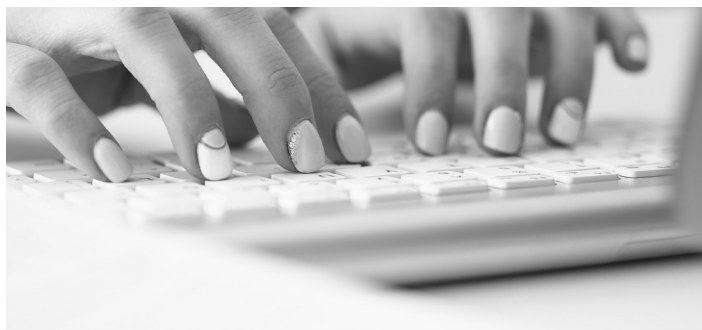
To qualify for most financial aid, you must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Even if you're not sure you'll need aid, file the FAFSA—it's free. Just about every family is eligible for some form of financial aid: grants, scholarships, Work-Study, or student loans. Our FAFSA tips start on page 21.


✓ 2. FILE THE IOWA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

The FAFSA should link you directly to the Iowa Financial Aid Application to determine your eligibility for state-funded grants and scholarships. If it doesn't, or if you didn't follow the link, access the Iowa Financial Aid Application directly at IowaCollegeAid.gov/IFAA. More on page 22.

✓ 3. APPLY FOR PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Even after you receive your award letter, you can (and should) keep looking 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! More information on pages 26–27.





SAVING FOR COLLEGE

If your family is saving for your college education, a state-sponsored College Savings Iowa 529 account is an excellent option. Even non-family members can set up these tax-advantaged accounts, starting with as little as \$25, regardless of what they earn or where they live. Learn more at collegesavingsiowa.com.

BEFORE THE FAFSA

CREATE YOUR FSA ID

You'll need a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID to complete the FAFSA. It will serve as an electronic signature. You and your parents* should apply for separate FSA IDs. You can create your FSA ID before you begin the FAFSA by visiting fsaid.ed.gov. Do not use an email address associated with your high school—you might lose access after you graduate. Note: You'll need to create your FSA ID on a laptop or desktop computer, not a mobile device.

GATHER THESE DOCUMENTS 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)

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool will let you prefill some answers by transferring tax data directly from the IRS website.

TIME FRAME

The average time needed to file the FAFSA is about half an hour.

IF YOU CAN'T PROVIDE YOUR PARENTS' INFORMATION

If special circumstances mean you can't 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.

*Unless you are an independent student. Find the criteria at lowacollegeaid.gov/Independent.



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.



FILING THE FAFSA

APPLICATION FORM

You can file the FAFSA with the myStudentAid app, file online at fafsa.ed.gov, or request a printed form by calling 1-800-4-FEDAID or by visiting fafsa.gov/options.htm. The FAFSA will gather information about your finances, your family's finances, and your college plans. You can complete the FAFSA for 2020-21 beginning October 1, 2019, using 2018 tax information.

FILING TIPS

- Enter your legal 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.
- Confirm with your school counselor that your FAFSA has been completed and that no information is missing

WHERE TO FIND HELP

Many high schools and colleges hold FAFSA completion events. You can also ask your counselor or other school staff.

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 40, 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 your college or university.

IOWA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

The Iowa Financial Aid Application (IFAA) starts with an Eligibility Wizard that estimates your eligibility for state financial aid. You answer fewer than 10 questions. If you're not eligible for state aid, you're done. If you meet initial eligibility requirements, you'll see instructions to continue the application process for additional grants and scholarships. 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.

AFTER THE FAFSA

STUDENT AID REPORT

After you complete your FAFSA, the U.S. Department of Education will compile your Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR will be sent to you and to colleges you listed on your FAFSA. If you provided an email address, you'll receive instructions to access an online copy of your SAR; otherwise it will be mailed. Typically, you'll be able to access your SAR within five days if you file electronically (approximately three weeks if you file by paper). The SAR contains your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Colleges and universities use your EFC to determine your eligibility for financial aid programs.

EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

Your Expected Family Contribution, or EFC, is the number colleges will use to calculate your eligibility for aid. Factors that determine your EFC include income and net worth for you and your parents, family size, age of your 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 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



WHAT IF I'M 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 tell you what steps you need to take.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR AWARD LETTER

Each college or university that you list on your FAFSA and that accepts you will send you an award letter outlining the 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 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 pages 25–27.)

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 28.)

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/workstudy.)

YOUR UNIVERSITY

STUDENT NAME

Cost of Attendance.....23,192
Unmet Need 2,960

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

SCHOLARSHIPS

State

GEAR UP Iowa Scholarship 1,200
All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship..... 4,532

Institutional

Dean's Academic Scholarship 1,000
Tennis Scholarship 500

GRANTS

Federal

Pell Grant..... 6,000
SEOG Grant..... 500

LOANS

Subsidized 3,500
Unsubsidized 2,000

WORK-STUDY

Federal 1,000

Your financial aid package was determined based on full-time enrollment, resident tuition and dependent student status. In order to finalize your financial aid package, you must submit the paperwork outlined on the back of this sheet and sign and return this form.

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. To officially accept a college's offer and reserve your place, submit your deposit by the reply deadline. May 1 is the date for many colleges. Talk to the financial aid office at the college or university if an unusual circumstance delays your response.

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GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS: FREE MONEY

	Program	Type of college	Application required*	Application deadline	Maximum award
STATE GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	Iowa Tuition Grant: For Iowa residents attending private colleges and universities	Private Iowa college/university	FAFSA	July 1	Average Regent tuition and fees**
	Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship: For students working toward an associate degree or lower credential for a high-demand job	Iowa community college, eligible private college	FAFSA	July 1	Determined by college
	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 National Guard Educational Service Scholarship: For Iowa National Guard members	Eligible Iowa college/university	FAFSA, IFAA	July 1 (fall deadline)	100% of maximum Regent tuition
	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
	Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant: For Iowa residents in career or technical education programs	Iowa community college	FAFSA	July 1	\$1,200**
	Future Ready Iowa Grant: For students who left college more than two years ago with at least half the credits for a bachelor's degree in a high-demand field	Eligible Iowa college/university	FAFSA, IFAA	July 1	\$3,500
OTHER AWARDS	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
	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
	GEAR UP Iowa Scholarship: For high school graduates who took part in GEAR UP Iowa's class of 2020 cohort	Eligible college/university	FAFSA***	None	\$1,200
FEDERAL GRANTS	Pell Grant: Based on financial need determined by FAFSA	Any	FAFSA	June 30 of following year	\$6,095
	Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant: Based on financial need	Any participating	FAFSA	Contact school	\$4,000

*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.

***Plus early graduate or out of state applications if necessary.

GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP 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. The state of Iowa awards between \$60 million and \$70 million a year. More at IowaCollegeAid.gov/ScholarshipsAndGrants.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE? Eligibility for need-based aid is determined by your family's ability to pay for college, according to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Income is just one factor. Others might include number of people in your family and number of family members in college. Other financial aid programs might recognize particular talents or achievements. You might earn a scholarship for academics, sports, arts, or leadership, for instance. Still others are based on your field of study or planned career.

WHERE DO THEY COME FROM? Grants and scholarships can come from government or private sources.

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 grants and scholarships administered by the state of Iowa.



SEARCH TIPS

When you're looking for grants and scholarships:

- Never pay for a search.
- Beware of scams. Red flags include promises of "guaranteed" money or a request for money up-front to "hold" your award.
- Watch deadlines. Make a calendar, paying particular attention to priority deadlines. You have a better chance of receiving aid if you apply before the priority deadline.



WRITING ESSAYS

START WITH RESEARCH

Learn all you can about the criteria for this award.

START EARLY

Leave yourself plenty of time to write and revise. Starting at the last minute will force you to submit your first draft.

ANSWER THE QUESTION

Make sure you directly address the question being asked, especially in your thesis statement.

SHOW, DON'T TELL

Use examples to back up what you say. Don't just say you're passionate about a cause; detail the time you've spent on it.

PROOFREAD!

Go over your work carefully. Read out loud to force yourself to slow down. Read backward—typos are easier to spot. Use a spell-checker. Finally, ask someone else to read with fresh eyes.



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

ASK EARLY

Teachers, coaches, and counselors get many requests, so give them plenty of time. Don't wait until a week before the deadline, and be mindful of their schedules. Don't ask a teacher in the middle of exams, and don't ask a coach during the run-up to a state tournament.

ASK SOMEONE WHO KNOWS YOU

Choose someone who can speak about your abilities and experience. A letter from the governor won't mean much if that person has only met you once.

GIVE HELP

Don't make your letter writer start from scratch. Offer background about the scholarship. Explain what qualities you'd like to emphasize, then provide examples.

GIVE SPECIFICS

Make sure your letter writer knows details, like when the letter is due, how it should be submitted and whether there are word or page limits. Don't make your letter writer go searching for this information.

SAY THANK YOU

Once you know the letter has been submitted, be sure to thank the writer, either in person or with a handwritten note. Acknowledge the time your letter writer spent helping you achieve an important goal.



STUDENT LOANS: **BORROWED MONEY**

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

- **Borrow only what you need.** Treat the loan amount in your aid package as a limit, not a suggestion.
- **Exhaust all other options.** Consider loans only if grants, scholarships, and work won't cover your expenses.
- **Apply for federal loans first.** They're usually less expensive and offer more repayment plans. You're also more likely to have forgiveness opportunities. Private loans should be your last option.
- **Pay faster and pay less interest.** There's no penalty for paying off federal loans early.
- **Don't skip payments.** If you face difficulty making a payment, contact your loan servicer immediately to ask about hardship options. Missed payments will damage your credit.

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 qualify for 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, or during periods of deferment.

Unsubsidized Stafford Loans

Students do not have to demonstrate financial need for these loans (but they still must file a FAFSA to qualify). Students are responsible for interest charged throughout the life of the loan, even while in school.

Interest rates

Rates differ based on loan type, when the loan is first disbursed, and whether the loan is for an undergraduate or graduate student. Learn more at studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans/interest-rates.

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN INTEREST RATES

Loans first disbursed:	Undergraduate Subsidized Stafford	Undergraduate Unsubsidized Stafford	Graduate/Professional Unsubsidized Stafford
Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020	4.53% fixed	4.53% fixed	6.08% fixed

Fees

Stafford loans disbursed between October 1, 2018, and September 30, 2019, have a 1.062% origination fee that is deducted from each loan disbursement.

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

*Find the criteria for dependent versus independent student at IowaCollegeAid.gov/Independent.

FEDERAL PLUS LOANS

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

Who may borrow

- Parents of dependent undergraduate students, or a stepparent married to a 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

The rate for PLUS loans first disbursed between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020, is 7.08%.

Fees

Federal PLUS loans disbursed between October 1, 2018, and September 30, 2019, have a 4.248% origination fee deducted from each disbursement.

Loan limits

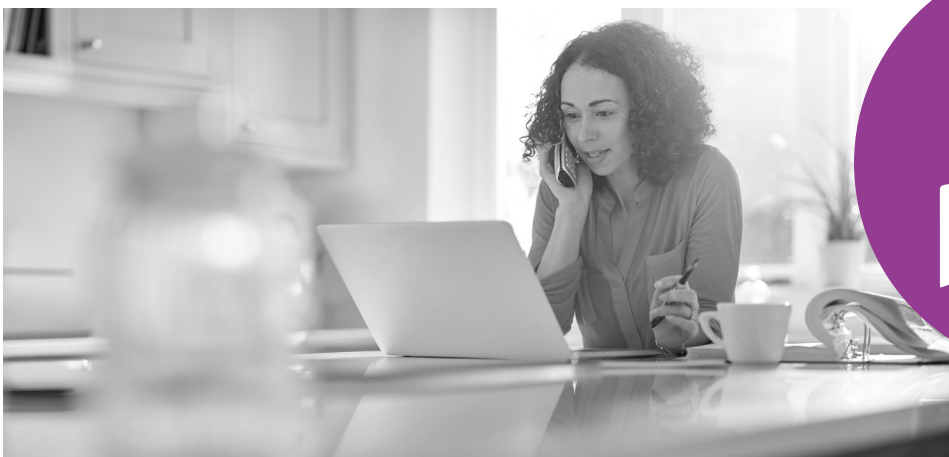
There is no annual or aggregate limit. A borrower may request an amount equal to the Cost of Attendance, minus any financial aid.

Repayment

Repayment begins after loan funds are fully disbursed. Parent borrowers may request postponement while the student is enrolled at least half-time and for six months afterward. Borrowers have up to 10 years to repay PLUS loans.

PRIVATE LOANS

Private loans are not federally insured, are not eligible for federal loan forgiveness programs, and are often more expensive than federal loans. In most cases, private lenders require students to pass a credit check and have a co-signer. If you need private loans or have questions about them, contact your financial aid office.





THE FEDERAL LOAN PROCESS

BEFORE YOU START COLLEGE

- Your school includes a loan or loans in your award package.
- You apply for the loan(s).
- Loan funds are sent to your school. If your bill is already paid, remaining funds can be given to you for living expenses.

WHILE YOU'RE IN COLLEGE*

- You don't have to make payments.
- For subsidized loans, you don't owe any interest for the time you're in college.*

AFTER YOU GRADUATE OR LEAVE COLLEGE*

- You're in a grace period for six months.

WHEN IT'S TIME TO REPAY

You'll have multiple options for repayment plans:

- **A fixed plan** means your monthly payments will stay the same until your loan is paid off.
- **A graduated plan** means monthly payments will increase at specified times, usually every two years.
- **An income-based plan** means your monthly payment will be a percentage of your income.

There is no one best repayment plan. The fixed plan is the default for federal loan repayment, but don't take that as a recommendation. It's simply an automatic pre-selection that doesn't take your situation into account.

An income-based plan might be best if you don't plan to enter a high-paying job. It also provides some buffer if you don't land a job right away, and your loan might be forgiven after a specified time.

The typical repayment period is 10 years.

Keep all your loan paperwork, and notify your servicer if you move.



WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW WHO MY LOAN SERVICER IS?

Look it up on the National Student Loan Data System (nslds.ed.gov). Log in using your Federal Student Aid ID.

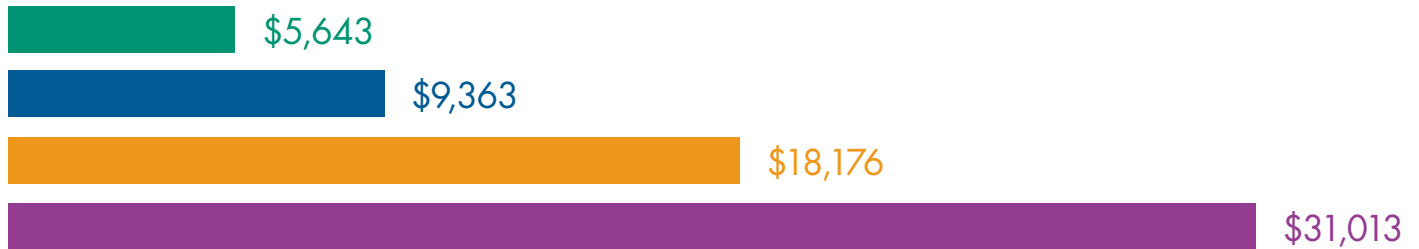
*"In college" means you're enrolled at least half-time.

TYPES OF COLLEGE EXPENSES

Iowa averages for the 2019-20 school year, listed by type of school:

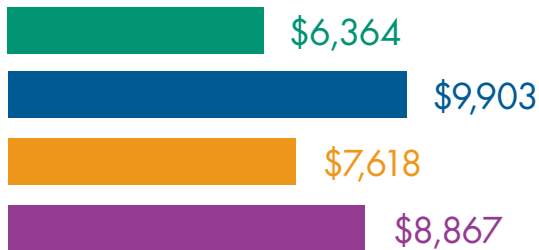
Community colleges Public universities Private for-profit schools Private nonprofit schools

TUITION & FEES



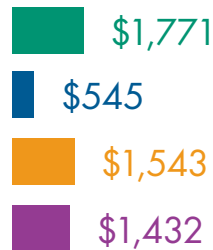
ROOM & BOARD

On-campus housing and meals



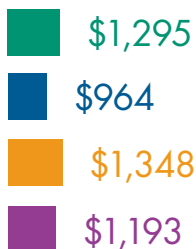
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To and from campus



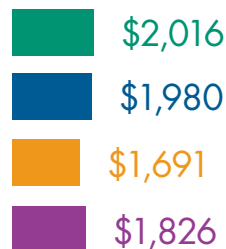
BOOKS & SUPPLIES

Examples: textbooks, course materials, office and art supplies



PERSONAL EXPENSES

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



(Go to page 40 to find individual schools.)

Source: Iowa College Student Aid Commission Student Budget Survey, 2019-20

WAYS TO PAY LESS

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 classes. 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. Note: Not all financial aid can be used for summer classes, so check with your financial aid office.

LIVE AT HOME. If your school is close enough and circumstances allow, living with your family can save on housing. 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, and textbooks.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 DO I GET A JOB IF I DIDN'T QUALIFY FOR WORK-STUDY?

Even if Federal Work-Study isn't part of your financial aid package, your campus job placement center can help you. Some campus jobs will still have vacancies after Work-Study students are placed, and employers in the community often post openings through campus job centers. You can even start your search before you arrive on campus—just check the job center's website.



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 support services are all around you. Explore these resources:

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.

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.

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

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

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

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.



SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

Many campuses offer networks for specific student populations. These might include a women's center, TRIO student services, an LGBTQ center, a multicultural center, campus ministries, international programs, and veterans' services.

MAKING THE **ADJUSTMENT**

As you begin college, you'll need to take on more responsibility and be more independent than you were in high school.

MANAGING TIME

In college, your days will not be as routine and predictable as they were in high school. You'll probably spend much less time in class but much more time studying and completing assignments on your own. 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 family might not be there to wake you in the morning. Your professors won't make sure you are keeping up with reading and assignments. It is your responsibility to follow the class syllabus. Sometimes 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. If you live away from home, 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. Even if you live at home, your relationships with your family will change as you move closer to adulthood. Remember that your family is navigating new terrain, too.



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, in addition to possibly teaching courses and conducting research.

BE PREPARED. Have a list of questions with you and write down the answers.

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.

SHARE YOUR CONCERNS. Speak up if you are struggling with a class or with college life in general. Your advisor can provide tips and put you in touch with campus resources.

THERE IS NO WRONG QUESTION TO ASK. Your advisor can help with academic or personal issues.



WHO ELSE CAN I TALK TO?

You are surrounded by people who want to see you succeed. In addition to your advisor, you can talk to your resident assistant or hall director, your professors, and college staff associated with student groups.





GET INVOLVED

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 your 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.

INCLUSIVE RESOURCES

The Iowa Department of Human Rights and Iowa Safe Schools offer information for students who are traditionally under-represented in higher education, including minority students, students with disabilities, women, and LGBTQ students. Find a list of websites at IowaCollegeAid.gov/Inclusive.

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).

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, take these steps:

KEEP YOUR GRADES UP. Even if you don't plan to stay at your current college, continue to go to class and turn in assignments. Your prospective college will want your most recent transcripts and might have a grade requirement, even if you were previously admitted. Many schools won't accept transfer credits for grades lower than a C-minus.

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.

REQUEST AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT. Have an official transcript sent from your current school to your prospective school. Some prospective schools might offer an unofficial transcript evaluation based on your own copy of your current transcript, but only an official evaluation based on an official transcript can tell you exactly how much of your new program you will be required to complete. Note: Many schools will not release your transcript if you have outstanding charges.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID. Add your new college to your FAFSA, and notify your current financial aid office of your plans to transfer. Some types of financial aid cannot be awarded by your new college until the old college cancels your aid. Contact current scholarship donors to see if scholarships can be transferred. 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.

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.

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.

More information for transfer students at IowaCollegeAid.gov/TransferStudents.



WHAT IF I WANT TO CHANGE MY MAJOR?

You're not alone. Nearly a third of college students change their major. Just be careful—changing too often could mean you take longer to earn your degree and spend more money. Before you make the switch, consult with your current advisor and with an advisor in your new program to determine how your required courses will change.

DORM ROOM LIST

FAN

Even if your room is air-conditioned, you might not have control over the temperature. Plus, a fan provides air circulation and white noise.

ROBE & FLIP-FLOPS

You'll want a robe for modesty and flip-flops for foot hygiene.

SHOWER CADDY

A caddy easily hauls your shampoo, conditioner, soap, razor, toothbrush, and other essentials back and forth.

UMBRELLA & SNOW BOOTS

Plan now for bad weather. You don't want to get caught without these essentials.

FIRST AID KIT

Have a supply of aspirin and other pain relievers, along with common first aid items like bandages and antiseptic.

TOOL KIT

Whether for assembling furniture or fixing minor problems, basic tools will come in handy.

DRY ERASE BOARD

Hang one on your door so your friends can leave messages.

POWER STRIPS

Older rooms might not have enough outlets to charge all your devices along with your roommate's.

TRAVEL MUG/WATER BOTTLE

Save money by carrying your own water or coffee.

LAMP

You'll appreciate the extra light for late-night study sessions.

SEWING KIT

Buttons and hems come loose. Be ready.

DRYING RACK

Save a little money by skipping the clothes dryer.

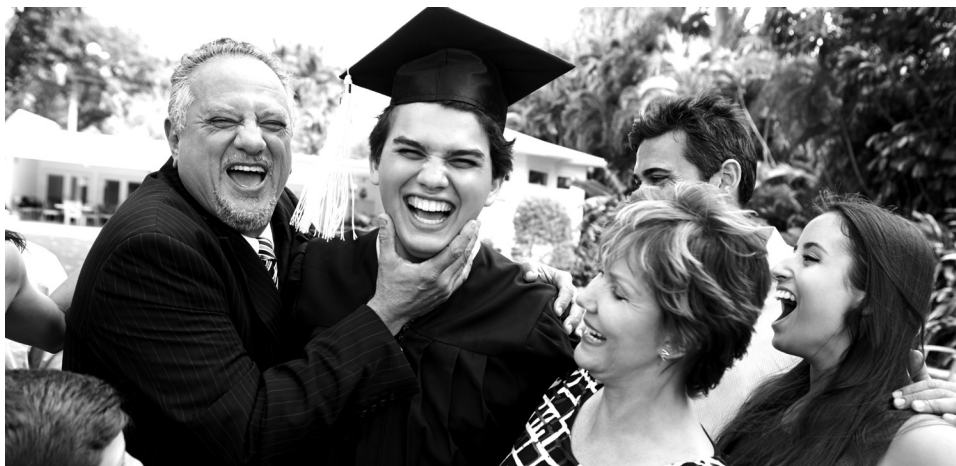
FABRIC AND AIR FRESHENER

Small space, multiple occupants—dorm rooms have a high potential for getting stinky.

DOOR STOP

Leave your door propped open to make new friends!





CHECK THE **SCORECARD**

The following pages provide quick snapshots of colleges and universities based 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:

- Range of SAT or ACT scores for students who are admitted
- Actual price paid by students at your income level after financial aid
- Student demographics—race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status
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- Federal Student Aid participant
- Accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education
- Licensed by another state of Iowa agency and/or registered by Iowa College Aid

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PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Ames | iastate.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 34,992	Priority aid deadline: December 1
Tuition & fees: \$9,320	Admission requirements: See website
On-campus room & board: \$9,149	Types of programs: Animal Science, Architecture, Business, Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering
Books & supplies: \$1,041	
FAFSA code: 001869	
ACT code: 1320	
SAT code: 6306	

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.

IOWA STATE
UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Iowa City | uiowa.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 32,948	Priority aid deadline: As soon as possible after October 1
Tuition & fees: \$9,830	Admission requirements: See website
On-campus room & board: \$11,400	Types of programs: Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, Liberal Arts, Music
Books & supplies: \$950	
FAFSA code: 001892	
ACT code: 1356	
SAT code: 6681	

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.

 THE UNIVERSITY
OF IOWA

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

Cedar Falls | uni.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 11,212

Tuition & fees: \$8,938

On-campus room & board: \$9,160

Books & supplies: \$900

FAFSA code: 001890

ACT code: 1322

SAT code: 6307

Priority aid deadline: January 15

Admission requirements:
See website

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



WHAT DOES “PUBLIC UNIVERSITY” MEAN?

Public universities receive funding directly from the state, which helps keep tuition lower than at most private colleges and universities. In Iowa they are also called “Regent universities” because they are governed by a Board of Regents.

You can apply to two or three of Iowa’s public universities at the same time using the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal, apply.iowaregents.edu.

Learn more about Iowa’s public universities at iowaregents.edu.

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

Sioux City | briarcliff.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,205	Priority aid deadline: March 1
Tuition & fees: \$32,332	Admission requirements: 18 ACT, 2.0 GPA
On-campus room & board: \$9,254	Types of programs: Nursing, Education, Business Administration, Social Work, Kinesiology and Human Performance
Books & supplies: \$1,320	
FAFSA code: 001846	
ACT code: 1276	
SAT code: 6046	

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.

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the catholic franciscan learning place

BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY

Storm Lake | bv.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,847	Priority aid deadline: June 1
Tuition & fees: \$35,194	Admission requirements: 18 ACT, 3.0 GPA
On-campus room & board: \$9,954	Types of programs: Business, Communication and Arts, Education and Exercise Science, Science, Social Science
Books & supplies: \$999	
FAFSA code: 001847	
ACT code: 1278	
SAT code: 6047	

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.

BUENA VISTA
UNIVERSITY

CENTRAL COLLEGE

Pella | central.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,117	Priority aid deadline: January 15
Tuition & fees: \$38,600	Admission requirements: 20 ACT, 3.0 GPA
On-campus room & board: \$10,280	Types of programs: Liberal Arts, Pre-Professional, Engineering, Teacher Education
Books & supplies: \$1,323	
FAFSA code: 001850	
ACT code: 1284	
SAT code: 6097	

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.



CLARKE UNIVERSITY

Dubuque | clarke.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,004	Priority aid deadline: April 15
Tuition & fees: \$34,670	Admission requirements: 2.5 GPA
On-campus room & board: \$10,000	Types of programs: Liberal Arts, 3+3 Physical Therapy, 4+1 Master of Art in Education, Social Work, Nurse Practitioner
Books & supplies: \$1,330	
FAFSA code: 001852	
ACT code: 1290	
SAT code: 6099	

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

Cedar Rapids | coe.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,422	Priority aid deadline: March 1
Tuition & fees: \$45,580	Admission requirements: 20 ACT, 3.0 GPA
On-campus room & board: \$9,820	Types of programs: Liberal Arts, Sciences and General, Business Administration and Economics, Fine Arts, Teacher Education
Books & supplies: \$1,000	
FAFSA code: 001854	
ACT code: 1294	
SAT code: 6101	

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

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



CORNELL COLLEGE

Mt. Vernon | cornellcollege.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,028	Priority aid deadline: March 1
Tuition & fees: \$44,096	Admission requirements: See website
On-campus room & board: \$9,760	Types of programs: Liberal Arts, Pre-Professional, Teacher Education
Books & supplies: \$1,200	
FAFSA code: 001856	
ACT code: 1296	
SAT code: 6119	

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.



DIVINE WORD COLLEGE

Epworth | dwci.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 105

Tuition & fees:
\$13,420

On-campus room & board: \$3,800

Books & supplies:
\$250

FAFSA code: 001858

ACT code: 1286

SAT code: 6174

Admission requirements:
2.0 GPA

Types of programs:
Philosophy, Theology,
Religious Studies,
Intercultural Studies

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 UNIVERSITY

Sioux Center | dordt.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,569

Tuition & fees:
\$31,770

On-campus room & board: \$10,020

Books & supplies:
\$1,110

FAFSA code: 001859

ACT code: 1301

SAT code: 6171

Priority aid deadline:
April 1

Admission requirements:
19 ACT, 2.0 GPA

Types of programs:
Education, Business
Administration,
Agriculture, Engineering,
Nursing

Dordt University 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 University 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 University as a top school in the region.

Dordt University 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

Des Moines | drake.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 4,869

Tuition & fees:
\$42,840

On-campus room & board: \$10,848

Books & supplies:
\$1,100

FAFSA code: 001860

ACT code: 1302

SAT code: 6168

Priority aid deadline:
March 1

Admission requirements:
HS diploma or equivalent

Types of programs:
Arts and Sciences,
Business, Education,
Pharmacy and Health
Sciences, Journalism

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.

Drake
UNIVERSITY

EMMAUS BIBLE COLLEGE

Dubuque | emmaus.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 254

Tuition & fees:
\$18,950

On-campus room & board: \$8,750

Books & supplies:
\$600

FAFSA code: 016487

ACT code: 1371

SAT code: 1215

Admission requirements:
18 ACT, 2.0 GPA

Types of programs:
Biblical Studies, Teacher
Education, Counseling
Psychology,
Business Administration,
Computer Science

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

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

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


EMMAUS
BIBLE COLLEGE

FAITH BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Ankeny | faith.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 342

Tuition & fees:
\$17,298

On-campus room & board: \$6,970

Books & supplies:
\$1,323

FAFSA code: 007121

ACT code: 1315

SAT code: 6214

Priority aid deadline:
March 15

Admission requirements:
2.0 GPA

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

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.



faith baptist bible college
and theological seminary

GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

Lamoni | graceland.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,986

Tuition & fees:
\$30,420

On-campus room & board: \$9,100

Books & supplies:
\$1,320

FAFSA code: 001866

ACT code: 1314

SAT code: 6249

Priority aid deadline:
February 1

Admission requirements:
21 ACT, 3.0 GPA

Types of programs:
Elementary Education,
Business Administration,
Criminal Justice, Social
Media Marketing,
Agricultural Business

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.



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PRIVATE NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

Des Moines | grandview.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,885	Priority aid deadline: January 15
Tuition & fees: \$28,678	Admission requirements: 18 ACT, 2.0 GPA
On-campus room & board: \$9,336	Types of programs: Business, Nursing, Education, Art, Biochemistry
Books & supplies: \$836	
FAFSA code: 001867	
ACT code: 1316	
SAT code: 6251	

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

Grinnell | grinnell.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,716	Priority aid deadline: January 15
Tuition & fees: \$54,354	Admission requirements: See website
On-campus room & board: \$13,292	Types of programs: Humanities, Science, Social Studies, Interdisciplinary Majors, Concentrations
Books & supplies: \$900	
FAFSA code: 001868	
ACT code: 1318	
SAT code: 6252	

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.



IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Mt. Pleasant | iwc.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 647

Tuition & fees:
\$25,424

On-campus room & board: \$6,725

Books & supplies:
\$1,323

FAFSA code: 001871

ACT code: 1324

SAT code: 6308

Priority aid deadline:
April 1

Admission requirements:
17 ACT, 2.0 GPA

Types of programs:
Nursing, Business,
Criminal Justice, Arts and
Humanities, Education

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.



LORAS COLLEGE

Dubuque | loras.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,489

Tuition & fees:
\$35,218

On-campus room & board: \$8,425

Books & supplies:
\$1,700

FAFSA code: 001873

ACT code: 1328

SAT code: 6370

Priority aid deadline:
March 1

Admission requirements:
20 ACT, 3.0 GPA

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

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.



PRIVATE NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

LUTHER COLLEGE

Decorah | luther.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 2,005

Tuition & fees:
\$44,070

On-campus room & board: \$9,760

Books & supplies:
\$1,040

FAFSA code: 001874

ACT code: 1330

SAT code: 6375

Priority aid deadline:
March 1

Admission requirements:
See website

Types of programs:
Liberal Arts, including Neuroscience and Data Science majors

MAHARISHI UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT

Fairfield | mum.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,589

Tuition & fees:
\$16,530

On-campus room & board: \$7,400

Books & supplies:
\$1,000

FAFSA code: 011113

ACT code: 1317

SAT code: 4497

Admission requirements:
3.0 GPA

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

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.

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.

LUTHER COLLEGE



MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE

Sioux City | morningside.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 2,697

Tuition & fees:
\$32,720

On-campus room & board: \$9,840

Books & supplies:
\$1,300

FAFSA code: 001879

ACT code: 1338

SAT code: 6415

Priority aid deadline:
December 1

Admission requirements:
20 ACT, 2.5 GPA

Types of programs:
Liberal Arts, Science,
Nursing, Music,
Music Education

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



MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY

Cedar Rapids | mtmercy.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,835

Tuition & fees:
\$33,930

On-campus room & board: \$4,957

Books & supplies:
\$1,250

FAFSA code: 001880

ACT code: 1340

SAT code: 6417

Priority aid deadline:
February 1

Admission requirements:
20 ACT, 2.75 GPA

Types of programs:
Nursing, Biology,
Business, Criminal Justice,
Teacher Education

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.



PRIVATE NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

Orange City | nwciova.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,307	Priority aid deadline: March 1
Tuition & fees: \$32,400	Admission requirements: 18 ACT, 2.5 GPA
On-campus room & board: \$9,600	Types of programs: Biology, Business, Education, Liberal Arts, Social Sciences
Books & supplies: \$1,250	
FAFSA code: 001883	
ACT code: 1346	
SAT code: 6490	

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

Kalona | shilohuniversity.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 31	Priority aid deadline: March 1
Tuition & fees: \$4,200	Admission requirements: 2.0 GPA
Books & supplies: \$1,000	Types of programs: Associate of Arts, Biblical and Pastoral Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, New Testament Studies
FAFSA code: 42596	
ACT code: 7093	
SAT code: 7362	

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

Indianola | simpson.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,444

Tuition & fees:
\$40,666

On-campus room & board: \$8,820

Books & supplies:
\$1,238

FAFSA code: 001887

ACT code: 1354

SAT code: 6650

Priority aid deadline:
February 1

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

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY

Davenport | sau.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 3,047

Tuition & fees:
\$31,812

On-campus room & board: \$11,024

Books & supplies:
\$1,320

FAFSA code: 001889

ACT code: 1352

SAT code: 6617

Priority aid deadline:
March 15

Admission requirements:
20 ACT, 2.5 GPA

Types of programs:
Engineering, Nursing,
Business, Pre-Law,
Social Work

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.



StAmbrose
University

PRIVATE NONPROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE

Dubuque | dbq.edu

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

Fayette | uiu.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 2,413	Priority aid deadline: July 1
Tuition & fees: \$35,570	Admission requirements: 18 ACT, 2.5 GPA
On-campus room & board: \$10,370	Types of programs: Aviation, Natural and Applied Sciences, Business, Sports Management, Computer Studies
Books & supplies: \$950	
FAFSA code: 001891	
ACT code: 1358	
SAT code: 6869	

Undergraduate enrollment: 5,382	Priority aid deadline: March 1
Tuition & fees: \$31,685	Admission requirements: 17 ACT, 2 GPA
On-campus room & board: \$8,706	Types of programs: Business, Liberal Arts, Science, Education, Graduate
Books & supplies: \$1,560	
FAFSA code: 001893	
ACT code: 1360	
SAT code: 6885	

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.

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.



WARTBURG COLLEGE

Waverly | wartburg.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,498

Tuition & fees:
\$43,930

On-campus room & board: \$9,280

Books & supplies:
\$1,100

FAFSA code: 001896

ACT code: 1364

SAT code: 6926

Priority aid deadline:
March 1

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.



WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY

Oskaloosa | wmpenn.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,280

Tuition & fees:
\$26,100

On-campus room & board: \$7,072

Books & supplies:
\$1,278

FAFSA code: 001900

ACT code: 1372

SAT code: 6943

Priority aid deadline:
July 1

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.



PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

HAMILTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Davenport | hamiltontechcollege.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 152

Tuition & fees:
\$14,000

Books & supplies:
Included in tuition

FAFSA code: 012064

ACT code: 5184

Admission requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of programs:

Electronics Engineering Technology (AS, BS), Medical Assisting Technology, Medical Coding Specialist, Insurance Coding Specialist

WALDORF UNIVERSITY

Forest City | waldorf.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 2,750

Tuition & fees:
\$22,352

On-campus room & board: \$7,618

Books & supplies:
\$1,348

FAFSA code: 001895

ACT code: 1362

SAT code: 6925

Priority aid deadline:
March 1

Admission requirements:
18 ACT, 2.0 GPA

Types of programs:
Communications, Education, Criminal Justice Administration, Business, Biology

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.

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

DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ankeny | dmacc.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 23,474

Tuition & fees: \$4,800

On-campus room & board: \$7,248

Books & supplies: \$904

FAFSA code: 004589

ACT code: 1272

SAT code: 6177, 6044

Priority aid deadline: April 1

Admission requirements:
HS diploma or equivalent

Types of programs:
Business, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Health Sciences, Criminal Justice, Advance Manufacturing

EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES: CLINTON

Clinton | eicc.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,610

Tuition & fees: \$4,860

Est. On-Campus Housing: \$6,462

Books & supplies: \$1,600

FAFSA code: 001853

ACT code: 1292

SAT code: 6100

Priority aid deadline: April 1

Admission requirements:
HS diploma or equivalent

Types of programs:
College Transfer Arts and Sciences, Career and Technical, Continuing Education

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

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.



COMMUNITY COLLEGES

EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES: MUSCATINE

Muscatine | eicc.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,458	Priority aid deadline: April 1
Tuition & fees: \$4,860	Admission requirements: HS diploma or equivalent
Est. On-Campus Housing: \$6,462	Types of programs: College Transfer Arts and Sciences, Career and Technical, Continuing Education
Books & supplies: \$1,600	
FAFSA code: 001882	
ACT code: 1344	
SAT code: 6422	

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.

EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES: SCOTT

Bettendorf | eicc.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 4,703	Priority aid deadline: April 1
Tuition & fees: \$4,860	Admission requirements: HS diploma or equivalent
Est. On-Campus Housing: \$6,462	Types of programs: College Transfer Arts and Sciences, Career and Technical, Continuing Education
Books & supplies: \$1,600	
FAFSA code: 004074	
ACT code: 1307	
SAT code: 0282	

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.

HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Waterloo | hawkeyecollege.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 5,234

Tuition & fees: \$5,865

On-campus room & board: \$3,771

Books & supplies: \$1,324

FAFSA code: 004595

ACT code: 1309

SAT code: 6288

Priority aid deadline: July 1

Admission requirements:
High school or equivalent

Types of programs:
Liberal Arts, Career
Technical programs

Hawkeye is a comprehensive community college offering college transfer courses and more than 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.



INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ottumwa | indianhills.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 3,918

Tuition & fees: \$5,616

On-campus room & board: \$4,830

Books & supplies: \$1,344

FAFSA code: 008298

ACT code: 1282, 1269

SAT code: 6083, 6312

Priority aid deadline: July 1

Admission requirements:
HS diploma or equivalent

Types of programs:
Arts and Sciences/
College Transfer, Career
and Workforce Education,
Health Sciences,
Advanced Technologies

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

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

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

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



COMMUNITY COLLEGES

IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Fort Dodge | iowacentral.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 5,350

Tuition & fees: \$5,700

On-campus room & board: \$6,900

Books & supplies: \$1,440

FAFSA code: 004597

ACT code: 1304, 1312

SAT code: 6217, 6932

Priority aid deadline: March 1

Admission requirements:
HS diploma or equivalent

Types of programs:
Arts, Applied Science,
Professional Studies,
Diploma

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

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



IOWA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Estherville | iowalakes.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 2,120

Tuition & fees: \$6,178

On-campus room & board: \$6,340

Books & supplies: \$1,384

FAFSA code: 001864

ACT code: 1308

SAT code: 6195

Priority aid deadline: July 1

Admission requirements:
HS diploma or equivalent

Types of programs:
General Studies,
Vocational, Sustainable
Energy, Agriculture,
Nursing

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.



IOWA VALLEY CC DISTRICT: ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Iowa Falls | ellsworthcollege.com

Undergraduate enrollment: 811	Priority aid deadline: March 1
Tuition & fees: \$6,120	Admission requirements:
On-campus room & board: \$5,970	HS diploma or equivalent
Books & supplies: \$1,200	Types of programs:
FAFSA code: 001862	Equine, Nursing, Agriculture, Criminal Justice, Business Administration
ACT code: 1306	

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.



IOWA VALLEY CC DISTRICT: MARSHALLTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Marshalltown | mcc.iavalley.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 2,754	Priority aid deadline: July 1
Tuition & fees: \$4,896	Admission requirements:
On-campus room & board: \$7,510	HS diploma or equivalent
Books & supplies: \$1,351	Types of programs:
FAFSA code: 001875	Arts and Sciences, Nursing, Welding, Business, Education
ACT code: 1332	
SAT code: 6394	

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.



COMMUNITY COLLEGES

IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Council Bluffs | iwcc.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 5,962	Priority aid deadline: July 1
Tuition & fees: \$5,885	Admission requirements:
On-campus room & board: \$8,650	HS diploma or equivalent
Books & supplies: \$1,400	Types of programs:
FAFSA code: 004598	Nursing, Business
ACT code: 1327	Administration, General
SAT code: 6302	Studies, Computer
	Science, Advance
	Manufacturing

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.



KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Cedar Rapids | kirkwood.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 14,322	Priority aid deadline: July 1
Tuition & fees: \$5,380	Admission requirements:
On-campus room & board: \$2,268	HS diploma or equivalent
Books & supplies: \$1,000	Types of programs:
FAFSA code: 004076	Liberal Arts (AA, AS),
ACT code: 1275	Career and Technical
SAT code: 6027	Training

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.



NORTH IOWA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mason City | niacc.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 2,995

Tuition & fees: \$5,602

On-campus room & board: \$7,342

Books & supplies: \$1,020

FAFSA code: 001877

ACT code: 1336

SAT code: 6400

Priority aid deadline: March 1

Admission requirements:
HS diploma or equivalent

Types of programs:
Transfer, Career, Career Option, Continuing Education

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.



NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Calmar, Peosta | nicc.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 4,418

Tuition & fees: \$5,940

Books & supplies: \$1,400

FAFSA codes:
004587 Calmar
012634 Peosta

ACT code: 1265, 1365

SAT code: 6754

Priority aid deadline: April 1

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.



COMMUNITY COLLEGES

NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Sheldon | nwicc.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,747

Tuition & fees: \$6,240

On-campus room & board: \$6,174

Books & supplies: \$1,312

FAFSA code: 004600

ACT code: 1375

Priority aid deadline: April 1

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.

SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

West Burlington | scciowa.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 2,548

Tuition & fees: \$5,670

On-campus room & board: \$8,690

Books & supplies: \$1,384

FAFSA code: 004603

ACT code: 1280, 1326

SAT code: 6340, 6048

Priority aid deadline: July 1

Admission requirements: HS diploma or equivalent

Types of programs: Terminal Occupational below the BA, two years creditable toward a BA

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.

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Creston | swcciaowa.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 1,547

Tuition & fees: \$6,080

On-campus room & board: \$7,660

Books & supplies: \$1,330

FAFSA code: 001857

ACT code: 1298

SAT code: 6122

Priority aid deadline: July 1

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)

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 COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Sioux City | witcc.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 5,673

Tuition & fees: \$5,460

On-campus room & board: \$5,650

Books & supplies: \$1,320

FAFSA code: 004590

ACT code: 1369

SAT code: 6950

Priority aid deadline: March 14

Admission requirements:
HS diploma or equivalent

Types of programs:
General Studies, Nursing, Culinary Arts, Air Conditioning, Networking Administration and Security

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

Waterloo | allencollege.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 661	Priority aid deadline: July 1
Tuition & fees: \$19,052	Admission requirements: See website
Books & supplies: \$1,200	Types of programs: Nursing and Health Sciences
FAFSA code: 030691	
ACT code: 1273	

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.



Allen College
UnityPoint Health

MERCY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Des Moines | mchs.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 729	Priority aid deadline: July 1
Tuition & fees: \$18,210	Admission requirements: 18 ACT, 2.25 GPA
On-campus room & board: \$6,080	Types of programs: Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Health Information Management
Books & supplies: \$1,588	
FAFSA code: 006273	
ACT code: 1347	
SAT code: 2803	

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 e-mail admissions@mchs.edu and let us know what time works best for you.



MERCY COLLEGE
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

PALMER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

Davenport | palmer.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 961

Tuition & fees: \$5,608

On-campus room & board: \$7,908

Books & supplies: \$1,940

FAFSA code: 012300

ACT code: 1349

SAT code: 6593

Priority aid deadline: April 28

Admission requirements: 2.0 GPA

Types of programs: General Science, Chiropractic Technology, Doctor of Chiropractic

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.



PALMER
College of Chiropractic

ST. LUKE'S COLLEGE

Sioux City | stlukescollege.edu

Undergraduate enrollment: 270

Tuition & fees: \$20,270

Books & supplies: \$1,253

FAFSA code: 007291

ACT code: 1377

SAT code: 3625

Priority aid deadline: March 1

Admission requirements: 19 ACT, 2.5 GPA

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

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.



St. Luke's College
UnityPoint Health

OTHER IOWA COLLEGES

BEAUTY, BARBER AND MASSAGE THERAPY COLLEGES

American College of Hairstyling

515-244-0971 | americancollegeofhair.com

American Hair Academy

319-372-6248 | americanhairacademy.com

Aveda Institute

515-224-5244 | avedainstitutedesmoines.com

Capri College—Cedar Rapids

800-397-0612 | capricollege.com

Capri College—Davenport

800-728-1336 | capricollege.com

Capri College—Dubuque

800-728-0712 | capricollege.com

Capri College—Waterloo

319-234-2600 | capricollege.com

Carlson College of Massage Therapy

319-462-3402 | carlsoncollege.com

E Q School of Hair Design

712-328-2613 | eqschool.net

Faust Institute of Cosmetology—Storm Lake

712-732-6570 | faustinstitute.com

Faust Institute of Cosmetology—Spirit Lake

712-336-3518 | faustinstitute.com

Iowa School of Beauty—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

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY SCHOOLS

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

UnityPoint Health—Des Moines School of Radiologic Technology

515-241-6212 | unitypoint.org/desmoines/radtech

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

Boston University

617-353-2300 | bu.edu

California State University, Northridge

818-677-1200 | csun.edu

Concordia University Irvine

800-229-1200 | cui.edu

DeVry University

866-338-7934 | devry.edu

Little Priest Tribal College

402-878-2355 | littlepriest.edu

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

800-944-6287 | mbts.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

Ross College

866-815-5578

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

Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine

869-465-4161 | veterinary.rossu.edu

San Joaquin Valley College

866-544-7898 | sjvc.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

Walden University

866-492-5336 | waldenu.edu

Western Illinois University

309-298-1414 | wiu.edu

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