

# College Degree Accreditation

Office of Higher Education

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

Accreditation is a legally-required process that ensures that the education provided by postsecondary institutions meets certain standards of quality. In selecting colleges, make sure to verify that the program and/or school you have chosen is accredited by legitimate organizations. The Office of Higher Education has compiled this list of websites to use in confirming accreditation..

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Office of Higher Education – database of approved postsecondary career schools and colleges in Connecticut  
[www.ctohe.org/HEWeb/programsearch.asp](http://www.ctohe.org/HEWeb/programsearch.asp)

Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium – list of accredited online courses, certificates and degrees in Connecticut  
[www.ctdlc.org](http://www.ctdlc.org)

College Navigator – explore colleges across the United States  
<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

U.S. Department of Education – information about diploma mills and accreditation  
<http://www2.ed.gov/students/prep/college/diplomamills/diploma-mills.html>

U.S. Department of Education – search for accredited institutions  
<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>

Federal Trade Commission – information about what to look for when exploring degree programs  
[www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0206-diploma-mills](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0206-diploma-mills)

State Higher Education Agencies  
[www.sheeo.org/agencies.asp](http://www.sheeo.org/agencies.asp)

Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) – list and links to accrediting organizations recognized by CHEA  
[www.chea.org/](http://www.chea.org/)

## Regional Accrediting Offices

New England Association of Schools and Colleges – [www.neasc.org](http://www.neasc.org)

Middle States Commission on Higher Education – [www.msche.org](http://www.msche.org)

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools – [www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org)

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities – [www.nwccu.org](http://www.nwccu.org)

Western Association of Schools and Colleges – [www.acswasc.org](http://www.acswasc.org)