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// Be sure to communicate with admissions counselors and ask questions. There are no dumb questions! //

Julie De Jardin, sophomore at Emmaus Bible College

welcome!

Welcome to “Your Course to College,” your official state resource for everything you need to know about the college application and financial aid processes, federal and state financial aid programs, colleges and universities in Iowa and selecting a major and future career, as well as tips to help make the transition to college easy.

Visit Iowa College Aid’s website at IowaCollegeAid.gov or call **877-272-4456** with any college questions.

START WITH A PLAN

Planning your future can seem intimidating at first, but keep in mind that every journey—even yours—begins with a plan. While you don’t have to know exactly what you want to do after graduation, having a general career path in mind can help you find the right college fit and potential major. Start by asking yourself some questions: What classes do you find the most interesting? What activities do you enjoy? Where do you like to spend your time? By identifying the activities, places and people that make you happy, you will develop an idea about the type of work that best suits you.



4 REASONS TO GO TO COLLEGE

1. OPPORTUNITY

The more education you have, the more likely you are to land a job that enables you to live comfortably. The majority of Iowa’s fastest-growing and highest-paying jobs require education beyond high school.

2. OPTIONS

A college education not only broadens your knowledge, it also increases your ability to solve problems, think critically, clearly communicate thoughts both verbally and in writing and manage multiple projects. These are all things that employers rank as highly important.

3. INCOME

College graduates earn more money. Average lifetime earnings of a person with a four-year degree has been estimated at \$2.8 million, 84 percent more than the lifetime earnings of a person with only a high school diploma.*

4. SECURITY

College graduates outperform their peers with less education on virtually every measure of economic well-being and career attainment. They are more likely to have full-time jobs and are significantly less likely to be unemployed.

*Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.

WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS?

- ✔ Meet new people from different backgrounds and cultures
- ✔ Discover your passion
- ✔ Try new things
- ✔ Learn new skills
- ✔ Build your confidence
- ✔ Get involved in new clubs and activities
- ✔ Make your own decisions
- ✔ Learn more about yourself
- ✔ Challenge yourself and prove you can succeed
- ✔ Start a tradition
- ✔ Make your family proud



LIVING THE COLLEGE LIFE

Who better to give advice to a future college student than current college students? Look throughout this guide for high school, college and career advice from current students at Iowa's colleges and universities!

MEET ZOEY

STUDENT: Zoey, a junior at Iowa State University

HOMETOWN: Des Moines, Iowa

CHOOSING A COLLEGE: Zoey looked for a program that interested her as well as a campus where she felt at home.

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE: She is highly involved in multiple organizations, giving her the opportunity to meet students and faculty outside the classroom.

CHALLENGES: Throughout Zoey's freshman year, she worked on her confidence. Zoey pushed herself outside her comfort zone to interact with others, allowing her to pursue her passions as an individual. Rather than avoid places where she wouldn't know people, Zoey joined clubs and attended events. This opened the door to meeting new people with similar interests and helped Zoey realize that she could accomplish things on her own.

ZOEY'S ADVICE: College is a time for new experiences. Don't limit yourself to what you've always done and are comfortable with. Take the classes that interest you, meet new people and try new things. You are all going through something new together, and there is a lot to be learned!

FOUR-YEAR CHECKLIST

Follow these tips to make sure your high school years set you on the path to college!

FRESHMAN YEAR

- **Meet your counselor.** He or she is there to help you succeed in high school and set you up for success after graduation! Set up a meeting to talk about your plans for high school and the future.
- **Get involved.** Many admissions officers look for well-rounded students who participate in school activities and are involved in their communities throughout their high school career.
- **Set up a college savings account,** if you don't already have one, or continue to add to an existing account. College Savings Iowa is sponsored by the State of Iowa and can be started with as little as \$25. Find more information at www.collegesavingsiowa.com.
- **Choose the right class schedule.** Find out about college entrance requirements for the schools in which you are interested.
- **Find out about Advanced Placement (AP) and other honors-level courses.** If your high school does not offer AP courses directly, it may provide online access to courses through the Iowa Online Academy.
- **Fill your summer with volunteer activities and work opportunities** that can give you a better idea of what type of career you would like to pursue.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- **Keep those grades up.** It's important to stay focused on your schoolwork. After all, colleges will look at more than your grades during your junior and senior years.
- **If you plan to take the SAT, take the PSAT in October.** It's good practice for taking the PSAT in your junior year, when the scores will count toward National Merit Scholar consideration.
- **Investigate concurrent enrollment options for your junior and senior years.** Concurrent enrollment, sometimes called dual enrollment, enables students to take college-credit courses while still in high school.
- **Research financial aid options and begin searching for scholarships.** Make a list of those that you think you would be eligible for, including deadlines.



JUNIOR YEAR

- **Now is the time to really focus on your career and college research.** Determine which colleges offer programs that interest you.
- **Take the PSAT in the fall of your junior year** to be considered for a National Merit Scholarship. Plus, it's good practice for the SAT!
- **Attend college fairs and go on college visits.** Call ahead to schedule appointments with financial aid and admissions offices.
- **Take the SAT or ACT in the spring** and have the official scores sent to the schools that interest you. Download a free ACT preparation booklet from www.act.org. Find free official test prep for the SAT through the College Board and Khan Academy at www.khanacademy.org/sat.
- **Ask for letters of recommendation.** Identify teachers, counselors, employers or other adults who can attest to your academic achievement and abilities and ask that they write letters of recommendation for scholarship applications or admissions applications, if needed.

SENIOR YEAR

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



MONEY SAVING TIP

Missing a scholarship deadline will result in missing an opportunity for FREE MONEY!

4 WAYS TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL

Your high school may participate in concurrent enrollment, advanced placement (AP), postsecondary enrollment or career academy opportunities which, in most cases, allow you to earn both high school and college credit. These programs are typically offered at no cost to students (with a few exceptions). Talk to your counselor or AP coordinator to learn more.

1. CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

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

2. ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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

3. POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT

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

4. CAREER ACADEMY

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



RECOMMENDED COLLEGE PREP COURSES

While it's tempting to take only those classes needed to graduate, a strong academic foundation improves your odds of getting into, and succeeding at, your top college. This means you should take challenging courses and maintain good grades. Although academic requirements differ from college to college, the recommended classes below are typical requirements for admission to most four-year colleges and universities:

ENGLISH, LANGUAGE ARTS, 4 YEARS

College requires a lot of reading, interpretation and the ability to communicate your thoughts effectively, both verbally and in writing. Prepare by taking courses in reading, composition, interpretation of literature and speaking.

MATH, 3 YEARS

Two years of algebra and one year of geometry are recommended, but entrance into specific program majors may require additional coursework such as trigonometry, calculus and/or statistics.

SCIENCE, 3 YEARS

Biology, chemistry and physics are good college prep courses. Classes in physical or environmental science may also count toward the three-year recommendation. Some colleges may require or highly recommend a class with laboratory experience.

SOCIAL STUDIES, GEOGRAPHY, SOCIAL SCIENCE, 3 YEARS

Social studies, world history and U.S. history classes help you gain an understanding of the world. Additional courses in economics, geography, government, sociology, psychology or anthropology can also count toward the three-year recommendation.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE, 2-3 YEARS

Two years of a single foreign language is recommended, although some program majors may require three years in a single language or two years each in two different languages.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Elective courses allow you to explore your interests. Taking challenging programs offered at your school will help you stand out in the college application process. Classes may include computer programming, accounting, agriculture, journalism, marketing, graphic design and art-related courses in addition to others.

CAREER OUTLOOK

FINDING THE CAREER THAT BEST FITS YOU

After you have thought about the subjects and activities that interest you most, research possible careers that will put those interests to use.

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF

College and career planning websites are great resources to help you find and learn about career possibilities that match your interests and abilities.

RESEARCH CAREERS

There are hundreds of career options that match each type of skill area, and most involve more than one skill. The following resources can help you learn more about the different careers and the skills required as well as which fields are the fastest growing and offer competitive salaries.

www.IowaJobs.org—Iowa Workforce Development statewide job system

www.BLS.gov/ooh—Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.BLS.gov/careeroutlook—Bureau of Labor Statistics Career Outlook

GET EXPERIENCE

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



// In college, you're forced to be fairly independent in your studies. I have had to be much more diligent when it comes to avoiding procrastination and getting my work completed on time and not over-committing myself. //

Anne Boldt, senior at
Grinnell College

SET YOURSELF APART EARN YOUR NCRC



It's no secret that today's job market is very competitive for new high school and college graduates. You can set yourself apart from the crowd by earning a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).

The NCRC is a nationally recognized credential that certifies essential skills, verifies your work readiness skill level to potential employers and demonstrates your commitment to success. An NCRC is a great complement to your high school diploma. Your diploma is a credential of academic preparation; the NCRC is a credential of skill application.

The NCRC is offered to all Iowa students at no cost! Ask your counselor about earning your NCRC and learn more about certification at www.SkilledIowa.org.

WHAT'S YOUR **MAJOR?**

If you are not sure what to major in, you are not alone. Many college students change their major at least once during their time in college. You are more likely to select a major that is the right fit if your decision is based on the planning you have already started for your future career and the experiences you have had up to this point.

YOUR INTERESTS

Think about the types of things you enjoy. Do you prefer working alone or in groups? Do you like working with data, or would you rather work directly with people? Start exploring by taking classes related to your interests.

YOUR ABILITIES

What high school courses are your best subjects? What are your strengths and weaknesses? Do you see a pattern?

YOUR WORK VALUES

What is important to you? Examples of work values include helping others, contributing to your community, being creative, solving problems, doing work that yields results, making a difference, leading others, having a structured day and being recognized for your work.



“College is hard, but definitely worth all of the stress!”

Amanda Bertolozzi,
senior at St. Ambrose University

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN CHOOSING A MAJOR

1. WHY DO I WANT THIS MAJOR?

Are you really interested and excited about the subject matter, or are you choosing something based on what your friends or family want you to do?

2. WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT THIS MAJOR?

Some majors sound more interesting before you start taking courses in them and vice versa. Look at the requirements and course descriptions before you decide.

3. WHICH COLLEGES ARE STRONG IN THIS MAJOR?

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

4. WHAT IS THE CAREER OUTLOOK FOR THIS MAJOR?

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

5. WILL I LIKE THIS MAJOR?

Do you have the skills and abilities for the classes required? Don't commit to a major without talking to someone to find out what it is really like. Talk to college students, people working in the field and college professors.



CHOOSING A COLLEGE

Choosing a college is an extremely personal decision. A good starting point is to identify colleges that offer programs and majors related to your career interests.

COMPILE A LIST OF POSSIBLE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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

RESEARCH COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ON YOUR LIST

Gather information about each college by talking to your school counselor, attending college fairs and visiting college websites. Many colleges offer virtual campus tours, which give you a look at schools from your computer.

SCHEDULE CAMPUS VISITS

Visiting several colleges is important because it will help you determine which college fits you best, both socially and academically. If possible, try to visit when classes are in session. Prepare specific questions to ask at each college. Make a list of college characteristics that are important to you and check off items offered by each college. The tips in the box below provide a starting point to help you make the most of your campus visits. Don't forget to contact an admissions representative to schedule your visits!

APPLY TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT MAKE THE CUT

The research you have done and the college visits you have made will help you determine which colleges you are interested in attending. Make sure you know the application requirements and deadlines for each college before you apply. Some colleges may require essays, personal interviews or letters of recommendation. Knowing what is expected ensures you have plenty of time to prepare. Make sure you apply to at least one college where you are confident you will be accepted, but don't sell yourself short either!

HOW TO ROCK COLLEGE VISITS

- Some colleges may be too far for an initial visit. Start by taking virtual campus tours. Check the college's website or look into online sites such as eCampusTours and **campustours.com**.
- Take a campus tour, check out different housing options and tour the surrounding area.
- Schedule a visit with the financial aid office to discuss costs and financing options.
- Get a feel for college life by eating in a campus cafeteria and staying overnight in campus housing.
- Sit in on a class that interests you.
- Talk to a professor in your intended field of study or major.
- Ask current students about campus life and what they do on the weekends.
- Read the campus newspaper.
- Visit with advisors and members of activities and clubs that interest you.
- Document each visit, including any feelings you have during the visit, to help you find the right fit.

FACTORS IN CHOOSING A COLLEGE:

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

TYPES OF COLLEGES

As you start your college search, you will find there are many different options—colleges, universities, community colleges, private colleges, public colleges, proprietary colleges as well as career, vocational and technical schools. Here’s a rundown of what makes each unique:

4-YEAR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Iowa has three public universities—the University of Iowa, Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa. These universities offer bachelor’s degree programs as well as advanced degree programs, including master’s, doctoral and professional degree programs. As state institutions, they receive funding from the state of Iowa to reduce tuition costs for in-state students.

PRIVATE 4-YEAR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Iowa has a variety of private, non-profit colleges and universities that offer bachelor’s degree programs, and many also offer advanced degrees. Private colleges and universities are often smaller in size and offer lower student-to-faculty ratios than public universities. While they do not receive direct state support, many have their own endowments that enable them to offer institutional grants and scholarships, in addition to federal and state financial aid programs, to help offset higher published tuition costs.

PROPRIETARY COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Proprietary colleges and universities are privately owned and operated to generate a profit. These educational businesses often offer technical and pre-professional programs, but may also offer associate, bachelor’s and master’s degree programs.

2-YEAR PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Iowa has 15 community college districts throughout the state. Community colleges offer associate degree (two-year) programs as well as diplomas and certificates for graduates of vocational programs of less than two years. Tuition and fees are typically lower and admissions requirements less stringent than for many four-year colleges and universities. Many students choose to start at a community college and later transfer to a four-year college or university.

CAREER, VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

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

DISTANCE & FLEXIBLE LEARNING

If the traditional classroom experience is not feasible or practical for your situation, look into the many distance education and flexible learning opportunities available!

- ✔ **Online Programs**
Certificate, degree or degree completion programs that can be completed entirely online.
- ✔ **Online Courses**
Individual classes offered entirely online.
- ✔ **Evening Courses**
Individual classes with a start time of 5 p.m. or later.
- ✔ **Weekend Courses**
Individual classes offered on Saturday and/or Sunday.
- ✔ **Accelerated Programs**
Certificate, degree or degree-completion programs that can be completed at a student-determined pace or a shortened amount of time compared to traditional programs. May also contain an online component.
- ✔ **Hybrid Programs**
Certificate, degree or degree-completion programs that contain any combination of online courses, evening courses, weekend courses, classroom courses and other flexible learning options.



IOWA COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

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

TYPES OF TRAINING & DEGREES

There are many different training and education choices beyond high school. The type of education or training you need will depend on your career choice. See the descriptions and examples below to help you decide which program is right for you.

APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is a training program that combines classroom studies with on-the-job training supervised by a trade professional. You earn wages while you learn a skilled profession in a specific field. It can take several years to become fully trained in the occupation you choose. Examples of careers requiring an apprenticeship include electrician, plumber and carpenter.

CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS

Certificate and diploma programs focus on particular skills needed 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. Examples of possible careers requiring a certificate or diploma include paralegal, cosmetologist, welder, chef, certified nursing assistant and radiological technician.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

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

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

A bachelor's degree, or undergraduate degree, typically takes at least four years to complete at any four-year college or university. Careers that require a bachelor's degree include teacher, engineer, accountant, dietitian and social worker.

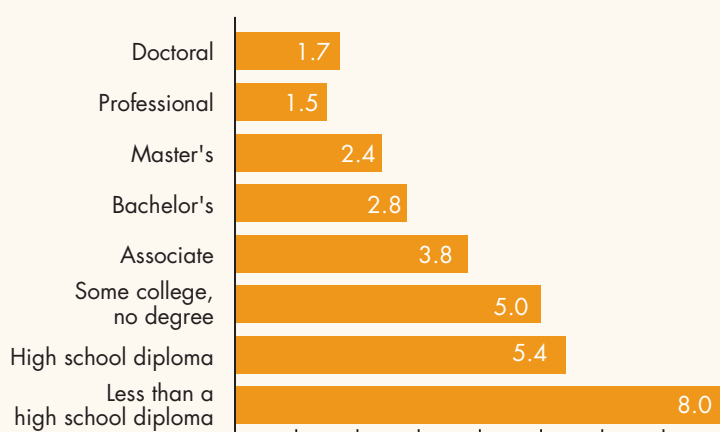
ADVANCED DEGREE

After obtaining a bachelor's degree, you may choose to pursue an advanced degree such as a master's, doctoral or professional degree. The time it takes to complete an advanced degree can be several years, depending on the type of degree. Examples of professions that require an advanced degree include dentist, lawyer, veterinarian, pharmacist, psychologist, college professor and medical doctor.

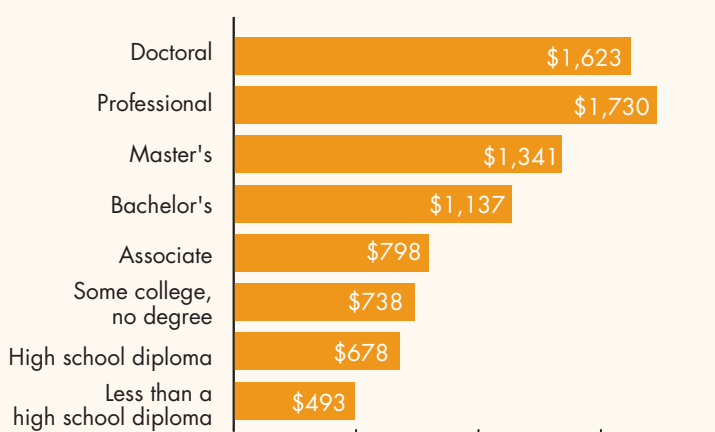
HIGHER EDUCATION PAYS

The more education you attain, the more likely you will find employment opportunities with higher earning potential.

U.S. Unemployment Rate in 2015



U.S. Median Weekly Earnings 2015



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey. Data are 2015 annual averages for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are full-time wage and salary workers.

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

After narrowing down your list of colleges, you need to apply for admission. Getting the college application process started is easier with a little planning and preparation.

START EARLY

Start your applications early. Most students do the majority of their application work during the fall of their senior year. Deadlines for most colleges are between January 1 and February 15 but can be earlier if you are applying 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 will need to have a Regent Admissions Index (RAI) of at least 245 and have taken the minimum number of required high school courses to qualify for automatic admission.

The RAI is a combination of your ACT or SAT test score, high school rank, high school cumulative GPA and the number of completed high school core courses. An alternative formula is available for students whose high schools do not provide class rank. If your RAI falls short, you may still be offered admission after the university conducts an individual review of your application. You can calculate your RAI at www.regents.iowa.gov/RAI/.

SUBMIT ALL REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION

Make sure that you submit all requested documentation when completing your college applications. Requested documents typically include:

- Application fee or waiver
- Letters of recommendation
- Official ACT and/or SAT scores
- Official high school transcript
- Official college transcripts for dual credit courses (if applicable)
- AP exam scores (if applicable)

TAKE YOUR TIME ON ESSAYS

Some colleges or universities require you to write a personal essay as part of their application process. These essays can be on a variety of topics, but all provide an opportunity for you to tell the admissions committee about who you are as a person. Be honest, be concise and write thoughtfully from the heart. This is your opportunity to distinguish yourself from the crowd of applicants!

5 FIVE MISTAKES TO AVOID ON COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

1. FAILING TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

When completing online applications, don't assume that it was successfully submitted. You should receive a confirmation or response that it was received by the school.

2. NOT PROOFREADING

For something as important as your college application, make sure to spell check and proofread for grammatical errors. Nothing is worse than misspelling the name of the school or your intended major!

3. FOCUSING ON QUANTITY VS. QUALITY

Admissions officers want to know where your passions lie and your level of commitment. This is more likely to be evident through consistent involvement in a few activities or volunteer opportunities than a large number that appear your senior year.

4. REPEATING YOURSELF

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

5. BEING UNTRUTHFUL

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



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS **PROCESS**

GATHER NECESSARY INFORMATION AND COMPLETE THE COLLEGE'S APPLICATION

Items needed:

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

REQUEST YOUR OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

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

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

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

TO WHICH TYPE OF COLLEGE ARE YOU APPLYING?

4-YEAR COLLEGE

SUBMIT YOUR ACT AND/OR SAT SCORES

Most four-year colleges will require your official ACT or SAT test results.

SUBMIT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Well-written letters can highlight your unique and impressive characteristics. Request letters from teachers and counselors who know you and your abilities well.

SUBMIT ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (if applicable)

Some colleges may have additional requirements for specific programs such as a portfolio of work for art/design/architecture programs.

WRITE APPLICATION ESSAY (if required)

If your college requires an essay, they may provide you with a specific topic. Think of ways to make yours stand out from the crowd.

SUBMIT THE APPLICATION & CONFIRM RECEIPT BY THE COLLEGE

SCHEDULE & GO TO INTERVIEW (if required)

FINISHED! Watch for an admissions decision!

2-YEAR COLLEGE

SUBMIT THE APPLICATION & CONFIRM RECEIPT BY THE COLLEGE

ALMOST FINISHED!

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



EARLY DECISION AGREEMENT

Some colleges offer early decision. To be considered, you must submit an agreement where you make a commitment to attend and agree to withdraw any other college applications if offered admission.

FACTORS IN THE **ADMISSIONS DECISION**

COLLEGE PREP GRADES ARE #1

While many factors influence college admissions decisions, colleges consistently list grades achieved in college prep classes as the most important. Each college will have its own evaluation system and criteria they hope to find in candidates.

Other factors considered include:

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

Make sure to highlight your skills, strengths and experience in a manner that demonstrates your ability to succeed at each specific college and how you will contribute to the campus.

TONE DOWN THE TWEETS

You may be surprised to learn that many college admissions officers and potential employers check social media sites of potential students and job applicants before extending offers. In fact, in a recent Kaplan Test Prep Survey, **one out of three college admissions officers visited an applicant's social media page** to find out more. The bottom line: What you post online likely won't get you into college, but it just might keep you out.

Negative social media posts commonly found include:

- Photos depicting inappropriate behavior
- Poor communication skills
- Bad-mouthing other schools
- Discriminatory comments related to race, gender, religion or other topics
- Lying about activities or other accomplishments

When it comes to social media, when in doubt, leave it out.

ACT OR SAT: WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES?

While the ACT and SAT are both standardized college admissions tests accepted by most colleges and universities, there are differences. Check to see if the colleges you are interested in attending prefer one test over the other. If either test is accepted, keep in mind the following differences when determining which test is best suited to your skills and strengths.

- The ACT has four sections: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. The SAT has three sections: Evidence-based Reading, Mathematics and Writing. While the SAT does not have a stand-alone science section, science-related questions are included throughout its three sections.
- The writing section is no longer a requirement on the SAT. The writing section has always been optional with the ACT.
- While both the ACT and SAT primarily are multiple-choice tests (except for the writing section), the SAT has a math section that requires students to produce their own answers.
- Total testing time (including the optional essay) is 3 hours, 40 minutes for the ACT and 3 hours, 50 minutes for the SAT.



FRESHMAN 15

We're not talking about weight. This "Freshman 15" list contains 15 college must-have items that you don't want to leave home without!

1. FAN

Not all dorm rooms are air-conditioned. Even if yours comes with an AC unit, it doesn't mean you and your roommate will agree on the temperature or that it'll work fast enough after those hot days and trips to the gym.

2. ROBE & FLIP-FLOPS

You may not use a robe at home but, unless you are an exhibitionist, it will come in handy when dashing from your room to a shared bathroom to take a shower. Flip-flops are a must if you don't want to walk barefoot down the hall or stand in a shower that has been used by the masses.

3. POWER STRIPS AND ADAPTERS

There are never enough outlets for all your necessities (computer, TV, cell, iPod...). The adapters will come in handy if your room doesn't have three-pronged outlets.

4. SHOWER CADDY

If you have to share a bathroom, a shower caddy makes it much easier to haul your shampoo, conditioner, soap, shaving supplies, toothbrush and all other essentials back and forth.

5. UMBRELLA

If you go to college in Iowa, you will need one unless you want to drip dry while sitting in class.

6. SNOW BOOTS

Frostbite is not fun. Snow boots are not optional.

7. TOOL KIT

A tool kit is extremely useful when putting together boxed furniture or fixing minor problems in your room.

8. DRY ERASE BOARD

Hang one on your door for your roommates and hallmates to leave messages when you are out.

9. TRAVEL MUG/WATER BOTTLE

Face it now: College students are broke. You can save money and the environment by carrying your own water or coffee.

10. LAMP

You'll appreciate the extra light when having late night cram sessions or when an overcrowded room forces you to get ready at your desk.

11. DOOR STOP

These are great when you need to prop your door open when moving, for ventilation or to get to know other students in the hall. Who is brave enough to knock on a closed door just to say "Hello"?

12. SEWING KIT

Mom is not going to be there to sew a button on your shirt.

13. HEALTH INSURANCE CARD & FIRST AID KIT

Headaches and college students go together like macaroni and cheese. Having aspirin and other pain relievers will make your life easier along with other common first aid items like bandages and disinfectant. If you get sick, you will need to take yourself to the doctor and you will need your health insurance card.

14. DRYING RACK

When it comes to paying to dry your clothes or getting a Mountain Dew, the Mountain Dew will win every time.

15. FEBREZE

Tiny room, mounds of dirty clothes, bed sheets that haven't been washed in weeks—yes, Febreze is necessary.



MAKING A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

4 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

1. MANAGING TIME

In college, your days are not as routine and predictable as they were in high school. You may be in class just a few hours a day. Some new college students struggle with making the best use of their newfound freedom. You will be expected to make your own schedule as well as keep up with all of your classes, activities and work.

2. ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

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

3. RESPONSIBILITY

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

4. RELATIONSHIPS

You had years to get to know and get comfortable with your family and high school friends. It's all new in college. You will eat and sleep there, spend your free time there, live with new roommates and even do your laundry there. Keep in mind that it is an adjustment for all new college students and recognize that relationships can take time to develop.

“Getting involved in multiple extra-curricular activities has not only built my leadership skills, but also a group of lifelong friends!”

Julie De Jardin,
sophomore at Emmaus Bible College

5 REASONS TO GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS

Much of your college career will happen outside the classroom. Although your studies should be your top priority, getting involved on campus is a great way to ease the transition into college and build your resume! The rewards you can gain from getting involved in part-time jobs, volunteer work, campus organizations and industry-related groups will follow you well beyond college graduation!

1. MEET NEW PEOPLE!

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

2. REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Career-related organizations offer an excellent opportunity to build leadership, communication and teamwork skills, all of which look great to future employers. Part-time jobs are also great real-world experience builders. Working while in college demonstrates time management and can be great for networking! After all, there is some truth in the saying “It's not what you know, but who you know.”

3. VOLUNTEER

What better way to explore a potential career field and do something good for others than volunteering? Check out www.VolunteerIowa.org to find organizations seeking volunteers.

4. BUILD A CONNECTION WITH YOUR SCHOOL

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

5. FIND YOUR BALANCE

The key to successful campus involvement is finding balance between your school work and activities!

ADJUSTING TO COLLEGE LIFE

No matter how prepared you think you are for college, you are probably still nervous about the unknown. To get an idea of what a typical college day looks like, check out the “day in the life” of these Iowa college students!

MEET AMANDA

STUDENT: Amanda, a senior at St. Ambrose University

HOMETOWN: Prophetstown, Illinois

CHOOSING A COLLEGE: Amanda chose a college where she could be on her own, but still close to home. Also, coming from a small high school, she knew it would be an easier transition to attend a small college.

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE: Amanda served as St. Ambrose University’s Social Media Chairman and writes for the university newspaper and online chapter, helping her both academically and socially. As a strategic communications major, she’s not only boosting her resume but also strengthening her writing skills. As a bonus, Amanda’s experiences have allowed her to make new friends.

CHALLENGES: Before going to college, Amanda was anxious about every aspect of college from the possibility of being homesick to losing touch with high school friends to not being able to “juggle” college life. Then she realized that almost everyone feels the same way. Amanda found herself surrounded with new friends who served as a great support group. She also made sure to meet with teachers outside class if she needed help.

AMANDA’S ADVICE: Don’t be afraid to step outside your comfort zone. Attend campus activities and events and join the clubs that interest you. But remember, school should come first!

MEET CHRIS

STUDENT: Chris, a sophomore at Iowa Lakes Community College

HOMETOWN: Fairmont, Minnesota

CHOOSING A COLLEGE: Chris chose a college that was close to home, so that he could drive back and forth.

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE: Chris utilized the TRiO-SSS (Student Support Services) at Iowa Lakes Community College to achieve academic success.

CHALLENGES: In addition to Chris’s commitment to his coursework, he manages to work full time and spend time with friends. This balance requires improved time-management skills and responsibility.

CHRIS’S ADVICE: You will go from having to be in school all day, every day to having the freedom to set your own schedule. If your college offers a program to help students with the transition from high school to college, take advantage of it.



MONEY SAVING TIP

Living at home can save a student thousands in room and board expenses.

MEET OLIVIA

STUDENT: Olivia, a junior at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) and transfer from Ellsworth Community College

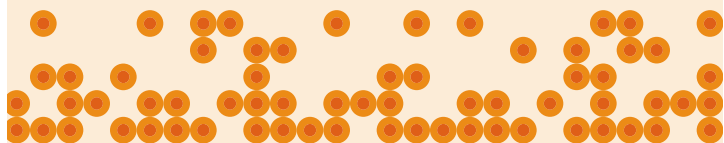
HIGH SCHOOL: Aplington-Parkersburg High School

CHOOSING A COLLEGE: Olivia chose to begin her college experience at a community college because she knew her classes would be small and she would receive one-on-one attention with staff and faculty, similar to high school.

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE: Olivia has been heavily involved on both college campuses. Her experiences have helped her grow as a person outside the classroom, developing her leadership, time-management and networking skills and making great friends along the way.

CHALLENGES: As a transfer student, Olivia had to establish herself at a brand new college twice. She overcame this obstacle by using the confidence she gained the first time around at Ellsworth Community College and jumped right in at UNI. She got involved right away and reached out for help when needed.

OLIVIA'S ADVICE: The transition to college can be scary, but don't be afraid to ask for help. There will be people around you who want to help you succeed.



MYTH:

My financial aid goes with me wherever I go.



It depends on what kind of financial aid you have. If financial aid plays a role in your ability to transfer, talk with your transfer specialist at your new school to find out about any unique scholarships for which you may qualify.

TRUTH:

GET TO KNOW YOUR ADVISOR

One of the most essential resources during college is your academic advisor. Academic advisors can help you stay on track for graduation. While their main task is assisting students in registering for classes, they can provide a vast wealth of knowledge regarding classes, graduation requirements, internship opportunities, job hunting and industry contacts. Check out these tips to get the most from your appointments.

SCHEDULE IN ADVANCE

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

DON'T BE A STRANGER

Let your advisor get to know you so he or she can take your interests into account when making suggestions. Some topics to cover during your meetings include insight into different professors, scheduling suggestions and goal planning. Your advisor is also a great contact for finding internships or jobs and writing letters of recommendation.

BE PREPARED

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

SHARE YOUR CONCERNS

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

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Sometimes your first college choice isn't the right fit, or you may have started your education at a two-year college with intentions to continue your education at a four-year school. Every year, many students transfer for a variety of reasons, so you can rest assured that you are not alone. The trick to a successful transfer is to begin planning as soon as possible. Below are some tips to help you make a smooth transition:

KEEP YOUR GRADES UP

Even if you are not planning to finish a degree at your current college, you should continue to go to class and turn in assignments. The college or university you transfer to will want to see your most recent transcripts and may have a grade requirement for all college-level courses attempted. Even if you received good grades in high school or were previously admitted to your new college, low grades could ruin your plans to transfer.

SELECTING A NEW COLLEGE

You will need to decide where to transfer. Be sure to determine what factors contributed to your decision to leave your current college. Take these factors into consideration when selecting a new college.

GO ON A CAMPUS VISIT

The experiences you have had on your current college campus may help you identify the benefits you want and need from a new college experience.

TALK TO ADVISORS

It is a good idea to work with advisors at both your old and new campuses to be sure everything is lined up. Ask the advisors if your classes will transfer. To make certain, you can request that your prospective college review your transcripts before you apply for admission. Advisors can also help you with questions about articulation agreements, admission partnership programs and cross-enrollment options.

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

WWW.TRANSFERINIOWA.ORG

This website resource 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.

APPLY FOR ADMISSION

You should check the admission requirements at the college to which you intend to transfer, even if you were previously accepted. If you want to transfer course credits from your prior college, you will need to send your most recent transcript to the new college. Some colleges will want a copy of your prior college course work regardless of whether you transfer any credits or not. Be sure to ask your admissions officer about placement exams, registering for classes and signing up for orientation.

SECURE YOUR HOUSING

Whether you plan to live on campus or in an apartment, you will need to get the process rolling as soon as possible so that you have a place to live when your classes begin.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Unfortunately, you cannot simply transfer your current financial aid to your new college. You will need to add your new college to your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to receive a new financial aid package. You also should notify your current financial aid office of your plans to transfer. Some types of financial aid cannot be awarded by the new college until the old college has canceled your aid.

In addition, you should contact current scholarship donors to see if your scholarship can be transferred to your new college, as well as seek new scholarship opportunities. If you plan to borrow to pay your expenses, when you transfer to the new college you may need to complete new loan applications. Contact your new school to discuss their process and ask if they need your financial aid transcript from your current college.



SERVICES FOR STUDENTS **WITH DISABILITIES**

Many students with disabilities graduate from high school and successfully continue their education at career and technical colleges as well as two-year and four-year colleges and universities. If you are a student with a disability, knowing your rights and responsibilities, as well as the responsibilities that colleges and universities have toward you, will help when requesting the support you need to learn and work successfully.

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO MAKE THE TRANSITION TO COLLEGE EASIER:

1. Know your diagnosis, if you have one, and be comfortable talking about your disability.
2. Attend and participate in your annual Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings. Know your annual goals.
3. Take college tours early. Interview the college for “fit” by preparing a list of questions to ask ahead of time.
4. Identify the person or office at the college responsible for providing services to students with disabilities and schedule an appointment to discuss your potential need for services and support. Academic accommodations may include note takers, extended time for tests, readers and/or scribes, books in alternative formats, computer-assisted technology, interpreter services and/or accessible classrooms.
5. Bring documentation (written information) that describes how your disability impacts your living, learning and working. Examples of documentation include the SAR (Support for Accommodation Request) form, the most recent copy of your 504 plan, a recent copy of your IEP, a statement from a treating physician, a psychological evaluation and/or paperwork from Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Service (IVRS).
6. Complete your college applications* early.
7. Meet with a campus advisor to help you set up a realistic course schedule.
8. If needed, enroll in preparatory courses in subjects where you have skill deficits before you begin your degree requirements.
9. Take responsibility for your learning. Increase your independence by discussing your progress with your professors and keeping track of assignments, due dates and appointments.

More information on services for students with disabilities is available in the “For Students” section of the Iowa College Aid website: **IowaCollegeAid.gov**.



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

Data Source: Coon, H. (2009), “Making Transition to College Easier: Student Information.”

In Des Moines Area: Community College Disability Services Office. Jennifer Argo, Disability Services Coordinator, DMACC. Sharon Bittner, Program Development/Academic Support Director, DMACC.



FIVE STUDY ABROAD TIPS

Studying in another country can help you gain a new perspective on your major and career. It also shows future employers that you are self-motivated, independent, willing to embrace challenges and able to cope with diverse people and situations. Keep in mind these tips:

1. PLAN AHEAD

Apply for your passport months ahead of time. Passports can take up to six weeks to process. In addition, some countries require a visa if you are staying for a longer period of time.

2. MAKE SURE CREDITS TRANSFER

Talk with your advisor to make sure the credits you take while studying abroad will transfer to your college.

3. GET YOUR IMMUNIZATIONS

It is your responsibility to obtain any vaccinations and/or medical tests before you travel abroad. Make sure to communicate closely with your study abroad coordinators so you don't miss anything.

4 RESEARCH COMMUNICATION OPTIONS

While mobile service providers offer international plans, they can be pricey. If an international plan does not fit in your budget, consider alternatives such as purchasing Skype Mobile Minutes, which allow you to call family and friends through an internet connection.

5. TALK TO YOUR BANK

Let your bank know you will be traveling abroad so they don't suspect fraudulent activity on your account. Also, find out which banks you will be able to use while you are away and if any additional charges will apply.

FINDING FUNDS TO PAY FOR **YOUR EDUCATION**

Paying for college does not have to be financially overwhelming. There are many different ways for families to pay for a college education, and the financial aid process is not as complicated as most people think. In fact, most students attending Iowa colleges and universities receive some form of financial assistance. After you have submitted your college applications, make sure to complete these four financial aid tasks to be considered for the most financial aid:

1. SUBMIT THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

To qualify for most financial aid programs, you must complete and submit a FAFSA. The fastest and most accurate way to apply is online at **www.fafsa.gov**. The FAFSA will gather information about your finances, your family's finances and your college plans.

Changes to the FAFSA Process

The following changes to the FAFSA filing process aim to make the process easier for all applicants:

- Submit the FAFSA earlier
- Use prior-prior year income and tax information

Beginning with the 2017-18 FAFSA, students can complete the FAFSA as early as October 1 rather than January 1, using prior-prior year tax information. For example, the 2017-18 FAFSA will use 2015 tax information.

These changes will make the FAFSA easier to submit due to readily available tax return data. They also will allow more time to explore and understand financial aid options and to apply for state and school financial aid.

2. SUBMIT THE IOWA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

The Iowa Financial Aid Application allows you to apply for multiple state-administered aid programs with one application. It can be accessed by clicking the application button at **IowaCollegeAid.gov**.

3. DECIDE ON A COLLEGE & ACCEPT AID

All colleges that you list on your FAFSA will send you a financial aid award letter if you are offered admission. The award letters may be electronic or paper and will describe the financial aid package each college can offer you.

When comparing aid packages from more than one college, consider how much assistance is from scholarships and grants (which do not have to be repaid) and how much is from loan support (which must be repaid).

To accept the financial aid package offered by a college or university, follow all instructions. This may involve entering aid amounts you intend to accept in an online form or signing and returning a paper award letter by a specified deadline. Don't miss deadlines for accepting aid or the funds could be given to other students. Talk to the financial aid office at the college or university if there is an unusual circumstance that delays your response.

To officially accept a college admissions offer and reserve your place in the entering class of new students, make sure to submit your deposit by the college's reply date. May 1 is the decision reply date for most colleges.

4. SEEK & APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Reputable education organizations will NOT charge fees for scholarship searches. The following are a few such sites:

- **www.scholarshipamerica.org**
- **www.fastweb.com**
- **www.collegegreenlight.com**
- **https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org**
- **www.careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/**
- **www.chegg.com**

More information on state scholarships and grants is available on page 27.

NEVER PAY TO FILE THE FAFSA

There are no fees to complete or file the FAFSA. If you have questions, get free help by calling Iowa College Aid at 877-272-4456, the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) at 877-272-4692 or the financial aid office at any college or university.

FAFSA FILING DEADLINES

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

FILING THE FAFSA

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

PARENTAL INFORMATION

The need to include parental financial information on the FAFSA will be determined by whether you are a dependent or independent student. You are considered to be an independent student and do not need to provide parental information if you are any of the following:

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

If you do not meet any of the independent student criteria, parental information must be provided on the FAFSA. If you feel you have special circumstances that inhibit your ability to provide parental information on the FAFSA, such as the inability to locate your parents, your parents are incarcerated, you left home due to an abusive situation or your parents refuse to provide their information and refuse to provide you with any financial support, you should contact the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.

WHERE TO GET YOUR FAFSA

The quickest way to file the FAFSA is online at www.fafsa.gov. This web-based form includes online assistance and prompts to reduce applicant error. Processing is quicker if you electronically sign the FAFSA with your FSA ID, which consists of a user name and password.

Paper forms for mailing can be obtained by calling 1-800-4-FEDAID (800-433-3243) or by visiting www.fafsa.gov/options.htm.

IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL

This tool allows you to prefill the answers to some of the FAFSA questions by transferring the data directly from the IRS website. Not only can this save you time, it reduces input errors.

FAFSA DEADLINES

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

July 1 is the application deadline for many grants and scholarships funded by the state of Iowa, but several have March 1 priority deadlines. Page 27 provides a chart of application deadlines for all programs administered by Iowa College Aid. In addition, most college and university financial aid offices have priority deadlines as early as February or March. Some aid is limited and might not be available if you miss the priority deadlines.

FAFSA FILING TIPS

- Gather the following information for you and your parents:
 - Driver's license number
 - Social Security Number
 - Federal Income Tax Returns, W-2 Forms and other records of money earned (Note: You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool)
 - Records of untaxed income
 - Current bank statements
 - Current business and farm records, as well as other savings and investments
 - Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Enter your name as it appears on your Social Security Card.
- If eligible, 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 for enrollment. This ensures that your information is 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 out the confirmation page after submitting, which displays the exact date and time the form was received.

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER THE FAFSA

YOUR STUDENT AID REPORT

After you submit your completed FAFSA, the U.S. Department of Education will process the data and compile your Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR will be sent to you and the colleges you selected when you filed your FAFSA. If you provided an email address, you will receive an email with instructions on how to access an online copy of your SAR; otherwise it will be mailed to you. Typically, you will be able to access your SAR within three to five days if you filed your FAFSA electronically (SAR results will take approximately three weeks if you filed a paper FAFSA). The SAR contains your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as well as initial information about your Pell Grant eligibility. Colleges and universities use your EFC to determine your eligibility for federal grants, loans, work-study and other financial aid programs.

YOUR EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

Variables that determine your EFC include income and net worth for you and your parents, family size, age of older parent, state and federal taxes and number of family members attending college. Your EFC may change from year to year as your family size, number of students in college or income changes.

FINANCIAL NEED VS. COLLEGE COSTS

Each college or university listed on your FAFSA, and to which you are accepted, will determine your financial need at their respective institution and present you with an award letter describing the aid they can offer you. Each college will first determine whether you have financial need. Your Financial Need is equal to the Cost of Attendance (COA) minus your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

COST OF ATTENDANCE

(depends on the college)

- YOUR EFC

(stays the same regardless of your college)

= YOUR FINANCIAL NEED

Your EFC will remain the same in a given year (unless an unusual family situation arises) regardless of which college or university you attend. The amount of financial aid you may receive cannot exceed the total cost of attendance at each college or university. However, your financial need will fluctuate depending on the cost of attendance at the college or university that you attend.

COMPARING AWARD LETTERS

Each award letter will include federal, state and college-specific financial aid programs offered to you by the school. It is likely that your award letter will include one or more types of loans for you to consider.

When comparing award letters, consider how much aid is from scholarships and grants (which do not have to be repaid) and how much is from loan support (which must be repaid with interest). Keep in mind that you do not have to accept nor borrow the full amount of loans offered to you.

SAMPLE EFC CALCULATION FOR A DEPENDENT STUDENT:*

Parents' combined income	\$60,000
Student's income.....	\$5,000
Parents' assets	\$10,000
Student's assets.....	\$1,000
Age of older parent	50
Family size (parents & children).....	4
Number in college	1
Expected Family Contribution per year (EFC)	\$4,311

*This illustrates an approximation of the Federal EFC figure that is calculated when you file a FAFSA. The results are likely to be within \$500 of the correct results for typical students.

WWW.FAFSA4CASTER.ED.GOV

FAFSA4caster will help you get an early start on the financial aid process by:

- Providing you an unofficial estimate of your EFC.
- Giving you an experience similar to the FAFSA on the Web.
- Allowing you to transfer your data to FAFSA on the Web.
- Increasing your knowledge about the financial aid process.

5 TYPES OF COLLEGE COSTS

The annual cost to attend college (Cost of Attendance) depends on which college you decide to attend. That amount is made up of five different types of costs:

1. TUITION & FEES

The cost for classes, instruction and use of certain facilities at a particular college. Below are the average costs for 2016-17 by type of college:

\$5,153 Iowa Community Colleges

\$8,368 State Universities in Iowa

\$16,235 For-Profit Private Colleges in Iowa

\$28,723 Private Non-Profit Colleges & Universities in Iowa

Go to the Directory of Iowa Colleges & Universities on page 34 to find 2016-17 tuition and fees for individual colleges and universities.

2. ROOM & BOARD

The cost of a place to live and the meals you eat for the school year. An example is your residence hall or apartment and meal plan or food you purchase yourself.

\$6,268 Iowa Community Colleges

\$9,031 4-Year Public & Private

3. BOOKS & SUPPLIES

The cost of such items as books, course materials, office and art supplies. The cost depends on the type and number of classes that you take.

\$1,344 Iowa Community Colleges

\$948 4-Year Public & Private

4. PERSONAL EXPENSES

The cost for things such as laundry, clothing, personal items, eating out, recreation and cell phone bills.

\$1,699 Iowa Community Colleges

\$1,771 4-Year Public & Private

5. TRANSPORTATION

The cost for getting back and forth to campus. These costs vary depending on whether you commute to class each day and how far you travel at the beginning and end of the school year.

\$1,748 Iowa Community Colleges

\$469 4-Year Public & Private

CASH IN ON FREE MONEY

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

The state of Iowa provides funding for several grant programs to help families with higher education costs. Students who receive Iowa-funded grants and scholarships must be Iowa residents, attend an eligible Iowa college or university and meet other criteria specific to each program. Scholarships and grants do not have to be repaid and can significantly reduce college expenses. The chart below provides an overview of the application requirements for each scholarship and grant administered by Iowa College Aid. For specific eligibility criteria, go to IowaCollegeAid.gov.

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID

The Eligibility Wizard in the Iowa Financial Aid Application will allow you to receive estimated information on your eligibility for state financial aid programs by answering less than 10 questions! Access the Iowa Financial Aid Application online at IowaCollegeAid.gov.



Program	Type of Iowa College Student Must Attend	Start of Application	FAFSA Required	Iowa Financial Aid Application Required	Priority Application Deadline	Final Application Deadline	Maximum Award
Iowa Tuition Grant	Private	October 1	Yes	No	None	July 1	\$6,000
Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant	Community College	October 1	Yes	No	None	July 1	\$1,200
Kibbie Grant (Iowa Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant)	Community College	October 1	Yes	No	None	July 1	\$2,375 (½ the average tuition and fees at Iowa community colleges)
All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship	Any eligible college/university	October 1	Yes	Yes	March 1	July 1	\$7,885 for one year, or up to \$3,943 per year for two years
All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant	Any eligible college/university	October 1	Yes	Yes	March 1	July 1	\$8,815
Education Training Voucher	Any eligible college/university	October 1	Yes	Yes	March 1	July 1	\$5,000
Governor Terry E. Branstad State Fair Scholarship	Any eligible college/university	October 1	Yes	Yes	None	March 1	\$5,000
Iowa National Guard	Any eligible college/university	October 1	No	Yes	None	July 1 (Anticipated fall deadline)	\$6,658 (the average resident tuition rate at state universities)
Iowa Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant*	Licensed barber or cosmetology school	October 1	Yes	No	None	July 1	\$1,200
Robert D. Blue Scholarship	Any eligible college/university	October 1	Yes	No	None	May 1	\$500-\$1,000

*Each eligible college or university is given an allocation with which it awards funds to students in priority order. If eligible, you will be awarded these funds by your college financial aid office.

FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Work:** Have your parents ask their employers if they offer college scholarships to children of employees. Many do, especially large companies.
- **School Networks:** Many high schools offer scholarship opportunities for their graduating students. Also check with the area alumni association of the college you will be attending to see if it offers scholarships.
- **Community Organizations:** Many community organizations sponsor local scholarships that are open to students who live in the area. Check your city's website or call your local community center for lists of organizations in your area.
- **Religious Organizations:** Find out if your place of worship offers any scholarship opportunities. If it doesn't directly, it may partner with other organizations to award scholarships.
- **Field of Study:** Your college may offer scholarships specific to your intended major. Contact your program department at your college or university.

5 WAYS TO SAVE ON COLLEGE COSTS

1. DON'T FALL VICTIM TO "SENIORITIS"

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

2. PLAN AHEAD TO AVOID CHANGING MAJORS

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

3. CONSIDER SUMMER COURSES

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

4. TAKE A PART-TIME JOB

Working during college can help reduce the amount you have to borrow in addition to providing valuable job experience.

5. RENT YOUR TEXTBOOKS

Many colleges allow you to rent textbooks instead of buying them, saving you hundreds of dollars. Online sites, such as **chegg.com**, **eFollett.com**, **textbooks.com**, **neebo.com** and **bookrenter.com** also allow students to rent or purchase textbooks at reduced amounts.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The college or university you have chosen may provide scholarships or financial awards from its own institutional funds. Often, institutional scholarships are given to recipients who meet specific eligibility requirements related to particular areas of study, academic achievements, outstanding talent, leadership, athletic ability or other criteria. Contact the financial aid office at the college or university you have selected and inquire about institutional programs available through the college as well as through other on-campus organizations.

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available from a variety of sources including businesses, foundations, religious organizations, community groups and fraternal organizations. High school counselors are excellent resources for scholarship information, as are libraries and college and university financial aid administrators.

Web searches also allow students and families to explore a broader pool of scholarship possibilities. Reputable education organizations will NOT charge fees for the scholarship searches they offer. Be wary of questionable claims and avoid fee-for-service offers.



“You’re going to get frustrated; buckle up and commit!”

Taylor Smith, sophomore
at Iowa Lakes Community College

FEDERAL GRANTS

Federal grants are awarded to both Iowa resident and non-resident students. Eligible students can receive these federal grants for attendance at any postsecondary education institution participating in the program. **Complete and submit a FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov as soon as possible after October 1 to apply for federal financial aid programs.**

Pell Grants

Pell Grants are funded by the federal government to assist the neediest undergraduate students. For many students, Pell Grants provide a financial aid foundation to which aid from other federal and non-federal sources is added. The maximum grant award is \$5,815 for the 2016-17 award year. Data from your FAFSA determines Pell Grant eligibility.

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG) are based on financial need as determined by the results of the FAFSA. Pell-eligible students with exceptional financial need are given priority. Eligible recipients may receive between \$100 and \$4,000 per year depending on when they apply, financial need, the funding at the college or university and the policies at the college or university's financial aid office. Not all colleges and universities participate in the SEOG program.

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grants (TEACH Grants)

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant program was created to help all levels of collegiate students enrolled in teaching preparation programs pay for their college education. In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, recipients must agree to serve as full-time teachers in designated high-need fields in public or private non-profit elementary or secondary schools that serve low-income students.

These grants are available to eligible undergraduate, post-baccalaureate and graduate students for a maximum amount of \$4,000 per year. The award amount is reduced for students enrolled on a part-time basis. Students must meet academic standards (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on one or more portions of a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25). More information on TEACH Grants, including high-need areas and eligible low-income schools, is available in the Student Resources section of IowaCollegeAid.gov.

WORK-STUDY AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

You may decide to pay for some of your college expenses by taking a part-time job. The extra income may reduce the amount you need to borrow in student loans. Part-time jobs can include work-study and jobs on and off campus. Work-study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need. If you are eligible for work-study, your college or university will include it as an option for you to consider in your financial aid award letter. Students not eligible for work-study can still seek part-time work to assist with their college expenses. When searching for a part-time job, keep in mind the following:

- While working teaches financial responsibility and self-discipline, it's important that it doesn't conflict with your primary objective: completing your college education.
- Do not work so many hours that you jeopardize the amount of time you have to study or attend class. Typically, part-time employment will not affect grades if you work 20 hours or less each week.
- Don't discount a part-time job opportunity that is outside your field of study. You can still gain real-life, marketable experiences. Collaborating with colleagues, answering to a boss and meeting deadlines will benefit you no matter your career path.

// Study and work hard. Just because you don't excel at something doesn't mean you will fail. Ask for help! //

Leticia Paulsen,
freshman at Iowa Lakes
Community College

TEACH GRANTS TEACHING REQUIREMENTS

If you do not fulfill the required teaching service, your TEACH Grants will become unsubsidized Direct Stafford loans that must be repaid to the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, you will be charged interest starting from the first disbursement date of each grant.

KNOW BEFORE YOU OWE

STUDENT LOANS

If you still need money to cover educational expenses after you have exhausted other aid and employment opportunities, student loans are a good option. Just remember, student loan money is for financing your education, not your lifestyle. Student loans are real money that must be repaid with interest. Borrow only what you need.

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOANS

Stafford loans are federal loans provided by the U.S. Department of Education. The financial aid office at your college or university has processes in place to make it efficient for you to complete a student loan application and receive funds that are applied directly to your student account. You must file a FAFSA to receive a Stafford loan. Repayment doesn't begin until six months after you graduate, withdraw or drop below half-time enrollment status. There are two types of Stafford loans:

Subsidized Stafford Loans

These loans are for students who demonstrate financial need (as determined through the FAFSA process). Students do not pay interest on the loan while enrolled in school at least half-time, during the six-month grace period and for periods of deferment.

Unsubsidized Stafford Loans

Students do not have to demonstrate financial need to qualify for these loans. Students are responsible for paying interest charged throughout the entire life of the loan, even while in school. Interest may be added to the loan (capitalized) if students choose not to make interest payments while in school.

Interest Rates

Stafford loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2013, have interest rates based on the 10-Year Treasury bill and, once calculated, remain fixed for the life of the loan. Rates differ based on loan type, when the loan is first disbursed and whether the loan is for an undergraduate or graduate student.

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN INTEREST RATES

Loans first disbursed:	Undergraduate Subsidized Stafford	Undergraduate Unsubsidized Stafford	Graduate/Professional Unsubsidized Stafford
On or after 7/1/2016	3.76% fixed	3.76% fixed	5.31% fixed

Fees

Stafford loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2015, have a 1.068% origination fee that is deducted from each loan disbursement. The fee decreases slightly to 1.069% for loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2016.

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN LIMITS

Borrower's Academic Level	Annual Amount for a Dependent Student	Annual Amount for an Independent Student ¹
First year, undergraduate	\$5,500 (subsidized limit is \$3,500)	\$9,500
Second year, undergraduate	\$6,500 (subsidized limit is \$4,500)	\$10,500
Third year and beyond, undergraduate	\$7,500 (subsidized limit is \$5,500)	\$12,500
Graduate/Professional program student ²		\$20,500
	Aggregate	Aggregate
Undergraduate	\$31,000 (subsidized limit is \$23,000)	\$57,500
Graduate/Professional program student ²		\$138,500

¹ See page 24 for a definition of independent student.

² The Budget Control Act of 2011 eliminated the interest subsidy on Stafford loans to graduate and professional students, effective for new loans made on or after July 1, 2012. Graduate and professional students may still borrow up to \$20,500 annually in Stafford loans, but the borrower must pay all interest that accrues on the loans.

FEDERAL PLUS LOAN SUMMARY

PLUS LOANS

PLUS loans are available to parents of dependent undergraduate students and students in graduate/professional programs to pay for educational expenses. They are federally insured and offer attractive deferment and forbearance options. Typically, they are used to pay unmet educational expenses. They may also be used as an alternative to private student loans.

Who May Borrow

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

PLUS borrowers are subject to credit checks. A PLUS applicant with adverse credit may qualify by attaining a creditworthy endorser. If a parent borrower of a PLUS loan is denied, the dependent undergraduate for whom the loan was applied for is eligible for additional federal Unsubsidized Stafford loan amounts.

Interest Rate

Interest rates on federal PLUS loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2013, are based on the 10-Year Treasury bill, but once calculated, remain fixed for the life of the loan. The rate for PLUS loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2016, but before July 1, 2016, is 6.31%.

Fees

Federal PLUS loans first disbursed on or after October 1, 2015, have a 4.272% origination fee that is deducted from each disbursement. The fee increases slightly to 4.276% for loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2016.

Disbursement

Apply at least six to eight weeks before you need the money. Loan proceeds will be sent directly to the college or university. Expect a portion of your loan to be disbursed each academic term.

Loan Limits

There is no annual or aggregate limit. A borrower may request an amount equal to the cost of attendance, minus any financial aid the student receives.

Repayment

Repayment begins after the loan funds are fully disbursed. Parent borrowers of PLUS loans may request postponement of repayment while the student for whom the loan was borrowed is enrolled at least half time and for six months

thereafter. In-school deferment is available to postpone payment for borrowers who are graduate/professional students enrolled at least half time and for six months thereafter. PLUS loan borrowers have up to 10 years to repay the loan, with a minimum monthly payment of \$50 per month. A variety of repayment plans are available to eligible borrowers, which may reduce payment amounts. Extended repayment terms may be granted to borrowers with larger loan balances.

Did You Know?

Many parents use PLUS loans instead of private loans to pay unmet educational expenses. Students whose parents take responsibility for financing a portion of their college education are better prepared for loan repayment upon graduation. Many experts recommend that student loan payments not exceed 8% of the expected income for a student's intended profession. Students who borrow \$29,456, the average student loan debt for students graduating from a four-year Iowa college or university, would need to earn over \$50,000 upon graduation to stay within this recommendation on a standard 10-year repayment plan.

PRIVATE LOANS

Private loans are an option when additional funding is needed to bridge the gap between the cost of attendance and other sources of financial aid. You should only use private loans as a last resort after all other scholarships, grants and federal loan options are exhausted and if your parents do not utilize a federal PLUS loan.

Discuss the federal PLUS loan with your parents before making the decision to borrow a private loan. PLUS loans are generally less expensive and reduce the amount of debt you will have at the time of graduation. If one of your parents is denied a PLUS loan due to adverse credit, you may become eligible for increased unsubsidized Stafford loan limits.

Private loans are not federally insured, are not eligible for federal loan forgiveness programs and are often more costly than federal loans. Lenders that make private loans are often more selective about who may receive loans, and in most cases, require students to pass a credit check and have a co-signer. There are many types of private loans, all with unique fees and interest rates. If you need to borrow private loans or have questions about them, contact your college's financial aid office.

// Getting involved on campus has allowed me to meet more people and gain a variety of experiences. //

Annie Wanninger,
sophomore at
Emmaus Bible College



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION **TAX BENEFITS**

Your family may be able to benefit from higher education tax credits and deductions available to individuals and families who have paid eligible higher education-related expenses during the tax year. More information about these tax benefits is available at IowaCollegeAid.gov or by accessing the IRS Publication 970 at www.irs.gov. Be sure to consult a professional tax advisor if you have questions about your eligibility.

- **STUDENT LOAN INTEREST DEDUCTION**

Eligible borrowers may deduct interest paid on student loans (up to a maximum of \$2,500 each year) to reduce the amount of taxable income.

- **AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT**

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

- **LIFETIME LEARNING TAX CREDIT**

Eligible taxpayers may claim a credit of up to \$2,000 per tax return for all years of postsecondary education and for courses to acquire or improve job skills to reduce the amount of income tax owed.

- **TUITION & FEES DEDUCTION**

Eligible taxpayers may deduct up to \$4,000 paid for tuition and fees each year for each eligible student.

LOAN FORGIVENESS & CANCELLATION

Loan forgiveness and cancellation programs exist at the federal, state and private levels. They are intended to recruit college graduates into high-need professions by offering loan forgiveness or cancellation to reduce student loan debt.

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

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

**The annual award cannot exceed the average resident tuition rate established for students attending Iowa's Regent Universities for the first year following the recipient's graduation

DIRECTORY OF IOWA COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

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CHECK OUT THE IOWA COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY SNAPSHOTS

Access information for degree-granting colleges and universities based in Iowa, including public and private two-year and four-year institutions, from the Higher Education Data Center section of Iowa College Aid's website, IowaCollegeAid.gov.

IOWA'S REGENT UNIVERSITIES

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

CONNECT

Website: www.iastate.edu

Admissions:

admissions.iastate.edu

Financial Aid:

financialaid@iastate.edu

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment:

36,001 total enrollment;
30,034 undergraduate;
5,096 graduate;

730 veterinary medicine

Tuition & Fees: \$7,969

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,356

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$995

FAFSA Code: 001869

ACT Code: 1320

SAT Code: 6306

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: A Regent Admission Index (RAI) score of at least 245. www.regents.iowa.gov/RAI/

Types of Programs: Liberal

Arts and General, Teacher

Preparation, Pre-Professional

Preparation, Professional,

Master's, Specialist's, Doctoral

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

107 Calvin Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242

CONNECT

Website: www.uiowa.edu

Admissions:

admissions@uiowa.edu

Financial Aid:

financial-aid@uiowa.edu

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment:

23,357 undergraduate; 5,688
graduate; 1,799 professional

Tuition & Fees: \$8,325

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$10,108

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$950

FAFSA Code: 001892

ACT Code: 1356

SAT Code: 6681

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: As soon as possible

after October 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: See website: <http://admissions.uiowa.edu/academics/first-year-admission>.

Types of Programs: Liberal

Arts & Sciences, Engineering,

Business, Nursing, Pharmacy,

Teacher Preparation, Public

Health and Professional

Iowa State University is one of the nation's leading land-grant universities serving the people of Iowa, the nation and the world through its integrated programs of instruction, research, extension and professional service.

Ranked as one of the nation's top 50 public universities, Iowa State provides undergraduate programs across a broad range of disciplines. In its dedication to excellence in teaching, Iowa State strives to instill in its students the knowledge and skills essential for their individual development and their useful contribution to society.

A common goal of Iowa State's undergraduate education is to assure that all students, regardless of disciplinary major, acquire literacy in science and technology; an understanding of the intellectual, historical and artistic foundation of our culture; and a sensitivity to other cultures and international concerns.

The University of Iowa offers all of the opportunities and resources of a large research university, while putting a strong emphasis on the undergraduate student experience. As the first public university to enroll men and women on an equal basis, Iowa is proud of its history in providing a world-class education to students from all backgrounds.

Today, the University of Iowa offers nationally-ranked academic programs, strong pre-professional programs in the health sciences and law and access to world-renowned faculty. With an emphasis on small class sizes, students interact with faculty both inside and outside the classroom. Located in one of the top college towns in America, Iowa's campus is undergoing a historic physical makeover with construction underway on a new residence hall, school of music, school of art and art history and Hancher Auditorium, Iowa's world-renowned performing arts venue.



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

1227 West 27th Street, Cedar Falls, IA 50614

CONNECT

Website: www.uni.edu

Admissions:

admissions@uni.edu

Financial Aid: fin-aid@uni.edu

FAFSA Code: 001890

ACT Code: 1322

SAT Code: 6307

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: January 15

Minimum Admission

Requirements: See website at www.uni.edu/admissions

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

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 11,981

Tuition & Fees: \$8,059

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,629

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$900

As the most affordable public university in the state, the University of Northern Iowa continues to deliver a big education, including a wide range of majors, engaging classes, undergraduate research opportunities and Division I sports. Students can choose from 90+ majors in business, education, social and behavioral sciences (i.e., criminology and psychology), and humanities, arts and sciences (computer science and theatre, for example). UNI's small classes—taught by faculty, not teaching assistants—give students opportunities to find mentors, work one-on-one and learn alongside caring faculty on challenging research projects.

Located in the picturesque college town of Cedar Falls, UNI is just a few hours' drive to Des Moines, Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Louis. Our close proximity to major metropolitan areas broadens students' opportunities for internships, student teaching and field experiences. In addition, our ever-expanding campus resources and academic distinctions mean UNI graduates are well prepared for their next step, whether that is in a career or graduate school.

UNI students also have access to one of America's best college dining services, outstanding health and wellness facilities, a 100,000-square-foot performing arts complex, recording studios, venues for playing and watching sports and lots more.

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



“Enjoy every minute of everything you do! College is a different experience and a fun one to say the least. Do not be afraid to step out of your shell and meet new people who can become your best friends!”

Hannah Godlewski, senior at
St. Ambrose University



IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

3303 Rebecca Street, Sioux City, IA 51104

CONNECT

Website: www.briarcliff.edu
Admissions: 800-662-3303
Financial Aid: 800-662-3303

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,149
Tuition & Fees: \$28,788
On-Campus Room & Board: \$8,348
Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,253

FAFSA Code: 001846

ACT Code: 1276

SAT Code: 6046

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 15

Minimum Admission

Requirements: 2.0 GPA; 18 ACT score

Types of Programs:

Bachelor Degrees: Liberal Arts and Sciences, Pre-professional preparation; Graduate Degrees: Management, Behavior Analysis, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Kinesiology and Human Performance

At Briar Cliff University, getting an education is about more than choosing a major, it's about chasing your dream. With over 30 undergraduate degrees, or the option to create a multidisciplinary degree that combines two or three areas of study, every student gets a personalized experience. Plus, small class sizes mean your professors know you as an individual. That's why Briar Cliff alumni are successful adults that continue to experience outstanding job placement.

Rooted in a Catholic Franciscan heritage, Briar Cliff University puts a focus on faith, service, caring and openness to all. From the moment you arrive on our safe and scenic, hilltop campus in Sioux City, IA, you will appreciate our exceptionally welcoming community. Be part of a tradition of academic excellence. Visit Briar Cliff University to find your home away from home.



BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY

610 W. Fourth Street, Storm Lake, IA 50588

CONNECT

Website: www.bvu.edu
Admissions: 800-383-9600
Financial Aid: 800-383-2821

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,322
Tuition & Fees: \$32,210
On-Campus Room & Board: \$9,304
Est. Books & Supplies: \$999

FAFSA Code: 001847

ACT Code: 1278

SAT Code: 6047

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: June 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: 3.0 GPA; 20 ACT score

Types of Programs:

Communication & Arts, Business, Education & Exercise Science, Science and Social Science, Philosophy & Religion.

Buena Vista University's picturesque campus is nestled on the shore of Storm Lake, IA, adding to the amenities and recreation opportunities available in this medium-sized northwest Iowa town. BVU boasts a 98 percent 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 preprofessional programs, BVU provides a wide array of academic options which blend the 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 socio-economic levels.



CENTRAL COLLEGE

812 University Street, Pella, IA 50219

CONNECT

Website: www.central.edu
Admissions: Sue Cerwinski,
641-628-7616
Financial Aid: Wayne Dille,
641-628-5336

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,400
Tuition & Fees: \$34,612
On-Campus Room & Board: \$9,980
Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,114

FAFSA Code: 001850
ACT Code: 1284
SAT Code: 6097
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: January 15
Minimum Admission Requirements: 3.0 GPA, 20 ACT and top 50% of graduating class; individual students not meeting the minimum requirements will be given further review.
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, Pre-Professional, Engineering, Teacher Education

Central College, founded in 1853, is located in Pella, IA, a thriving community just 40 minutes from Des Moines. Central is dedicated to student success, and 93 percent of students are placed within a year of graduation. Additionally, 92 percent of students who graduate do so in four years. And with 99 percent of students receiving financial aid, Central is an affordable choice. Central offers numerous academic and interest-based scholarships and awards for new students.

Central's 73 academic programs are taught by expert faculty and include the college's newest major, engineering. Academic coursework integrates real-world experience. Students are encouraged to pursue service learning and internships, and 76 percent of Central students complete internships before graduation. Central students also develop a global perspective. A longtime leader in study abroad, Central operates programs around the world. All majors offer the flexibility to study abroad and still graduate in four years or less.

At Central, undergraduates can become a part of campus life by joining one or more of the 100 student organizations. Central's A.N. Kuyper Athletics Complex is one of the top collegiate facilities in the region, and more than 40 percent of all undergraduates participate in Central's nationally competitive NCAA Division III program.

The connections formed at Central last a lifetime. From friends and classmates to the faculty and alumni who can provide job recommendations and contacts, students form a community of supporters and a strong foundation for the future. Whether their goals include conducting research alongside professors, studying to become an athletic trainer or starting a business through the entrepreneurship program, Central gives students the edge they'll need to be successful.

CLARKE UNIVERSITY

1550 Clarke Drive, Dubuque, IA 52001

CONNECT

Website: www.clarke.edu
Admissions: 800-383-2345
or admissions@clarke.edu
Financial Aid: 800-383-2345
or financialaid@clarke.edu

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,075
Tuition & Fees: \$30,900
On-Campus Room & Board: \$9,200
Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,200

FAFSA Code: 001852
ACT Code: 1290
SAT Code: 6099
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 15
Minimum Admission Requirements: 2.5 GPA; competitive ACT or SAT score
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, 3+3 Physical Therapy, Nursing, Fine Arts, Education, Sport Management, Food Science and Environmental Studies

Clarke University aims to bring out the absolute best in you. Here you will find an air of positivity and encouragement coupled with the connections needed to make you a more dynamic and fully realized you. Clarke does more than train you for a job – we prepare you for your career.

Our lively, 55-acre campus is a blend of historic buildings and modern facilities perched along bluffs near the Mississippi River.

Clarke boasts more than 40 undergraduate programs, five graduate programs, two doctorate programs and 30 student-run clubs and organizations. Our University provides many scholarship opportunities including athletic talent awards and fine art talent awards.

Our campus also supports 18 varsity sports competing in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), including men's and women's lacrosse. The University is thrilled to announce (drumroll, please) FOOTBALL will be added to the roster in 2018. Go Crusaders!



IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

COE COLLEGE

1220 First Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

CONNECT

Website: www.coe.edu

Admissions: 877-225-5263

Financial Aid: 319-399-8540

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,400

Tuition & Fees: \$41,000

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,820

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,000

FAFSA Code: 001854

ACT Code: 1294

SAT Code: 6101

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

20 ACT, 3.0 GPA

Types of Programs:

Liberal Arts, Sciences

& General, Business

Administration & Economics,

Fine Arts, Teacher Education,

Pre-Professional, Writing

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

In recent years, Coe students have interned at places like the Chicago Board of Trade, Mayo Clinic, GreatAmerica Leasing, 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 Department of Business and Economics' 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 written communication skills needed to be successful after graduation.

CORNELL COLLEGE

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

CONNECT

Website:

www.cornellcollege.edu

Admissions:

800-747-1112

Financial Aid:

877-579-4049

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,000

Tuition & Fees: \$38,475

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,700

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,188

FAFSA Code: 001856

ACT Code: 1296

SAT Code: 6119

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: Admissions

committee recommends a

secondary education program

that includes: 4 years of English,

3 or more years of mathematics,

3 or more years of science, 2 or

more years of foreign language,

3 or more years of social studies

Types of Programs:

Liberal Arts, Pre-Professional,

Teacher Education

Cornell College, a highly selective liberal arts college in Mount Vernon, IA, is recognized as one of the colleges in "Colleges That Change Lives." The academic immersion of its "One Course At A Time" curriculum allows students to focus on a single academic subject per 18-day block. Since there is never more than one course to focus on, faculty can take classes on field trips for a day or an entire block. With a student body from 45 states and 18 foreign countries, and renowned visiting speakers, faculty and entertainers, Cornell offers the world from its hilltop campus.



DIVINE WORD COLLEGE

102 Jacoby Drive, SW, P.O. Box 380, Epworth, IA 52045

CONNECT

Website: www.dwci.edu
Admissions: 800-553-3321
Financial Aid:
563-876-3057 ext. 220

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 150
Tuition & Fees: \$12,600
On-Campus Room & Board: \$3,500
Est. Books & Supplies: \$500

FAFSA Code: 001858
ACT Code: 1286
SAT Code: 6174
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1
Minimum Admission Requirements:
HS diploma or equivalent
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts & General

Divine Word College, a Roman Catholic seminary in the tradition of the Society of the Divine Word, educates men and women for missionary service as priests, Brothers, Sisters and laypersons. For this purpose, we offer an education that combines spiritual formation, a liberal arts curriculum, language learning and mission preparation within an environment that teaches and honors the rich cultural diversity of the world. This spiritual, academic, and experiential preparation serves the particular learning needs of our students, promotes their development as whole and responsible persons, and fosters a lifelong commitment to serving God's people.

DORDT COLLEGE

498 Fourth Avenue, NE, Sioux Center, IA 51250

CONNECT

Website: www.dordt.edu
Admissions: 712-722-6083
Financial Aid: 712-722-6087

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,450
Tuition & Fees: \$29,130
On-Campus Room & Board: \$8,730
Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,120

FAFSA Code: 001859
ACT Code: 1301
SAT Code: 6171
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1
Minimum Admission Requirements: HS diploma or equivalent, ACT test
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, General, Teacher Education, BSN, BSW, BSE

Dordt College is a comprehensive Christian college in Sioux Center, Iowa. With an impressive 14:1 student-to-faculty ratio, Dordt professors get to know students by name and care about their individual successes.

Named a "College of Distinction," Dordt College is highlighted on well-respected "best colleges" lists, including *U.S. News & World Report*, *Princeton Review*, *Washington Monthly*, *Money Magazine*, and *Forbes.com*. Dordt College is a friendly and vibrant community, and most students live on campus.

A Dordt education is affordable, with 98 percent of students receiving financial aid. An average financial aid award for incoming students is \$23,765. On average students graduate with less debt than many private colleges and all of Iowa's public universities, and 99.6 percent of graduates were employed within six months of graduation.



IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

2507 University Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50311

CONNECT

Website: www.drake.edu

Admissions: 800-44-DRAKE

Financial Aid: 800-44-DRAKE

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 3,300
undergraduate, 1,500 graduate

Undergraduate Tuition & Fees: \$35,206

On-Campus Room & Board: \$9,850

Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,100

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

FAFSA Code: 001860

ACT Code: 1302

SAT Code: 6169

Minimum Admission Requirements: HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:
Undergraduate Programs:

Liberal Arts and Sciences, Fine Arts, Business, Journalism, Education and Health Sciences

Graduate Programs: Law, Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy, Athletic Training, Business, Public Administration, Education and Communication.

Drake University is a private, master's university in Des Moines, the state's center for business, publishing, government and culture.

Drake offers a mix of liberal arts and professional preparation with more than 70 undergraduate majors across its colleges and schools: Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Administration, Education, Journalism and Mass Communication and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, as well as joint degree programs with the Law School.

More than 98 percent of Drake graduates find professional employment or enter graduate school within six months of earning their degrees.

EMMAUS BIBLE COLLEGE

2570 Asbury Road, Dubuque, IA 52001

CONNECT

Website: www.emmaus.edu

Admissions: 563-588-8000

Financial Aid:
800-397-2425, ext. 1309

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 255 **Tuition & Fees:** \$16,580

On-Campus Room & Board: \$7,100

Est. Books & Supplies: \$600

FAFSA Code: 016487

ACT Code: 1311

SAT Code: 1215

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission Requirements: HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs: Biblical Studies, Business, Computer Studies, Counseling, Elementary and Secondary Education, ESL Education, Intercultural Studies, Mathematics, Nursing, Pre-Professional Health Sciences, Camping Ministries and Youth Ministries.

Founded in 1941, Emmaus Bible College educates and equips learners to impact the world for Christ through faithful and effective service in their ministries professions, and communities. This is accomplished through rigorous programs of study that challenge students to learn God's truth and live it out authentically. Every academic program at Emmaus includes a strong component of Biblical studies as well as opportunities to serve others both on- and off-campus. Most Emmaus students combine their Bible/theology program with a second major chosen from a variety of professional and ministry programs.

At Emmaus, students can expect to gain an exceptional education, join an inviting student community, discover endless opportunities to get involved and learn more about God's Word. Through the people and programs at Emmaus, God is at work—changing lives, shaping character and helping students find true and lasting purpose.

Feel free to stop by and visit the campus to see if Emmaus may be the place for you. Or send an e-mail to our admissions department, admissions@emmaus.edu.

EMMAUS



FAITH BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

1900 NW Fourth Street, Ankeny, IA 50023

CONNECT

Website: www.faith.edu
Admissions: 888-FAITH-4-U
Financial Aid: 888-FAITH-4-U

FAFSA Code: 007121

ACT Code: 1315
SAT Code: 6214
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 15

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 237
Tuition & Fees: \$16,766
On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,800
Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,253

Minimum Admission Requirements: HS diploma or equivalent
Types of Programs: Terminal Occupational below the BA, Professional

Faith Baptist Bible College exists to prepare students for life and ministry. Whether a student is looking to go into "full time" ministry as a pastor or missionary or simply looking to gain a better understanding of God's Word to better prepare for life, Faith excels at preparing students for both. On the undergraduate level, programs are offered in Biblical Studies, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Pastoral, Assistant Pastoral, Administrative Assistant and Music ministries. Emphases in counseling and youth ministries are also available. The graduate program offers three Master of Arts degrees and the Master of Divinity Degree. Each program 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 opportunities for involvement. Students participate in several varsity sports as well as intramural competition. Many Faith students are also given opportunities to travel throughout the United States and abroad on ministry and missions teams.



GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

1 University Place, Lamoni, IA 50140

CONNECT

Website: www.graceland.edu
Admissions: 866-GRACELAND
Financial Aid: 866-GRACELAND

FAFSA Code: 001866

ACT Code: 1314
SAT Code: 6249
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,956
Tuition & Fees: \$27,010
On-Campus Room & Board: \$8,280
Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,190

Minimum Admission Requirements: H.S. grad.; upper half of class; 2.5 GPA; min. score of ACT 21/SAT 960. (Applicants who do not meet 2 of the 3 criteria may be considered individually.)
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, Business, Elementary Education, Nursing and more

At Graceland University, our passion is your success. Since 1895 Graceland University has challenged students to embrace learning as a lifestyle. Our students are empowered to pursue diverse academic, social, religious and personal interests within the context of a liberal arts tradition.

The University's proud heritage began on "the Hill," our Lamoni campus in southern Iowa. Graceland's reach now includes an urban campus in Independence, Missouri; additional regional locations; and numerous around-the-world online programs. Graceland students hail from more than 46 states and 26 countries. We bring the world to Graceland, and our students take the campus to the world by traveling on exciting internship opportunities. Students choose from more than 50 academic majors and programs, including master's programs and a doctorate program. We offer 22 varsity teams, a variety of performing arts ensembles and over 40 clubs and organizations. Graceland students excel in athletics, Enactus competitions for young entrepreneurs, theatre, visual arts, computer science, robotics and music regionally, nationally and internationally.



IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

1200 Grandview Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50316

CONNECT

Website: www.grandview.edu

Admissions:

admissions@grandview.edu

Financial Aid:

800-444-6083 ext. 2820

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,100

Tuition & Fees: \$25,474

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,172

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$880

FAFSA Code: 001867

ACT Code: 1316

SAT Code: 6251

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

Moderately selective

Types of Programs:

40 majors including: Education, Nursing, Business, Art & Design, Biology, Pre-Professional

GRINNELL COLLEGE

1103 Park Street, Grinnell, IA 50112-1690

CONNECT

Website: www.grinnell.edu

Admissions:

admission@grinnell.edu

Financial Aid:

finaid@grinnell.edu

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,660

Tuition & Fees: \$48,758

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$11,408

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$900

FAFSA Code: 001868

ACT Code: 1318

SAT Code: 6252

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: February 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: Very Selective

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts & Sciences

Grand View is a private liberal arts university founded in 1896. We offer 40 majors, including evening/weekend programs and four master's programs. For more than two decades, nearly 100 percent of our graduates have been placed within six months of graduation. At Grand View, we'll personally guide you to a quality education that's affordable – in fact, at a cost comparable to or less than the published prices of state schools. GV COMPLETE, a program tailored to your personal circumstances, will help you plan and finance your entire, four-year degree before you even start classes, reduce your costs, and help you graduate on time. You won't find this level of personal attention to both finances and academic success anywhere else. Innovation at Grand View doesn't stop there. Our new core curriculum will transform you into a thinker who can find and interpret information, come to conclusions, and communicate those verbally and in writing. You'll be able to solve problems in and outside of the workplace, and in your personal life as an informed citizen who connects with community needs. You'll become aware of yourself and be able to relate to and understand our diverse and changing world. You'll be equipped to engage with the tasks of life and empowered to pursue your goals.

Established in 1846, Grinnell College is a world-renowned liberal arts college of 1,600 students. Grinnell's academic atmosphere is challenging but extremely collaborative. The College imposes no standard core curriculum, and each student works closely with a faculty adviser to develop a curriculum tailored to the student's own academic and professional goals.

Students come to Grinnell from around the globe: eight percent are from Iowa, another 15 percent come from as many as 50 countries and 25 percent are U.S. students of color. All are warmly welcomed at Grinnell, where student life is further enhanced by the College's state-of-the-art, sophisticated facilities and annual cultural offerings, which include 100-plus lectures, 70-plus concerts and dozens of plays and performances. Grinnell's unparalleled resources, rigorous academics and inclusive community result in Grinnell students being some of the most highly satisfied with their college choice.



INSTE BIBLE COLLEGE

2302 SW Third Street, Ankeny, IA 50023

CONNECT

Website: www.inste.edu
Admissions: 515-289-9200
Financial Aid: 515-289-9200

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,236
Tuition & Fees: \$1,593
On-Campus Room & Board: N/A
Est. Books & Supplies: \$350

FAFSA Code: N/A
ACT Code: N/A
SAT Code: N/A
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:
Minimum Admission Requirements: 2.0 GPA, general education courses completed at a duly accredited university or college
Types of Programs: Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees in Bible and Theology

What makes Inste Bible College unique? First of all, it is both portable and affordable. No matter the size of the church, Inste is a fit. All that is needed to get started is a mature, dedicated leader called to make disciples, whom Inste trains through a short leader-training program right where he or she is. Inste supplies the materials - books and tests included - a support system, plus records and recognition for the courses studied.

Inste is affordable. A person can graduate with a BA in Bible and Theology for less than it would cost for one semester at a traditional Bible College. Furthermore, Inste comes to the local church, so Bible college training is available to all.

Secondly, Inste's methodology sets it apart. Most formal educational systems today are based on the Greek didactic model revolving around a lecture. Inste's model is based on relationships, a Hebrew model that incorporates learning into the life rhythm of the learner and the church.

Thirdly, Inste is not just church-housed, it is church-based. Our mission statement is clear: Inste Bible College exists to make disciples and develop leaders for the fulfillment of the Great Commission through excellent and affordable distance education.



IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

601 North Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

CONNECT

Website: www.iwc.edu
Admissions: 319-385-6239
Financial Aid: 319-385-6242 or 800-582-2383

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 500
Tuition & Fees: \$27,286
On-Campus Room & Board: \$9,576
Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,188

FAFSA Code: 001871
ACT Code: 1324
SAT Code: 6308
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1
Minimum Admission Requirements: 2.0 GPA, 17 ACT
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, General and Teacher Preparation and Nursing

Iowa Wesleyan College, established in 1842, is one of the oldest private, coeducational colleges west of the Mississippi River. The mission of Iowa Wesleyan College is to prepare students to succeed in a changing global environment. Iowa Wesleyan is a four-year liberal arts college providing quality individualized learning experiences that combine the development of the intellect with adaptive life skills. The College is affiliated with the United Methodist Church with which it shares a commitment to spiritual values, social justice and human welfare.



IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

LORAS COLLEGE

1450 Alta Vista, Dubuque, IA 52001

CONNECT

Website: www.loras.edu

Admissions: 563-588-7236

or 800-245-6727

Financial Aid: 563-588-7136

or 800-245-6727

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,569

Tuition & Fees: \$31,525

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,700

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,100

FAFSA Code: 001873

ACT Code: 1328

SAT Code: 6370

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 15

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

Recommended minimum 2.5

GPA and 20 ACT score

Types of Programs: Liberal

Arts and General, Teacher

Preparation, Pre-Professional

Programs

Established in 1839, the Loras College campus is nestled high atop the majestic bluffs of the Mississippi River in Dubuque, Iowa, and overlooks the states of Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. With an enrollment of just under 1,600, Loras is small enough to be personal, yet large enough to provide students a well-rounded academic and co-curricular experience. Relating the rich liberal arts tradition to a changing world, Loras strives to develop active learners, reflective thinkers, ethical decision makers and responsible contributors in their diverse professional, social and religious roles.

Loras has over 175 years of educational history and embraces its heritage and traditions, while continually evaluating its offerings to reflect current and future student and workplace needs. Loras offers distinctive educational programs, from Modes of Inquiry, designed to help first year students transition into liberal arts learning to January term courses, offering an intensive, accelerated three week term featuring a variety of courses, across the disciplines, which emphasize experiential learning. Numerous Loras programs compete against schools like Harvard, Drake and large public universities and are consistently ranked nationally – Sport Management, Media Studies, Mediation, Dance Marathon, Men's and Women's Soccer, and other athletic programs, just to mention a few. The educational and personal experiences in and outside of the classroom make Loras a destination for nearly 1,600 students.

Signature programs such as media studies, business analytics, STEM Education and kinesiology/masters of athletic training, differentiate Loras College and allow students to access 21st century work skills at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

LUTHER COLLEGE

700 College Drive, Decorah, IA 52101

CONNECT

Website: www.luther.edu

Admissions: 563-387-1430

or 800-458-8437

Financial Aid: 563-387-1018

or 800-458-8437

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,337

Tuition & Fees: \$40,040

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$8,500

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,040

FAFSA Code: 001874

ACT Code: 1330

SAT Code: 6375

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: February 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

Admission is selective

Types of Programs:

Liberal Arts

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. Ninety-three percent of Luther's 177 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 65 countries. Co-curricular activities include 14 music ensembles and 19 intercollegiate sports, and nearly 75 percent of students study away prior to graduation. The scenic Decorah campus, with exceptional facilities and vistas of the Oneota Valley and the Upper Iowa River, rivals any in the region.



MAHARISHI UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT

1000 N. Fourth Street, Fairfield, IA 52557

CONNECT

Website: www.mum.edu

Admissions: 641-472-1110
or 800-369-6480

Financial Aid: 641-472-7000
or 800-369-6480

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,300

Tuition & Fees: \$26,530

On-Campus Room & Board: \$7,400

Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,200

FAFSA Code: 011113

ACT Code: 1317

SAT Code: 4497

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

Art, Business, Computer Science, Education, English, Mathematics, Media and Communications, Physiology and Health, Sustainable Living. Distance Education Master's Degrees, Master's in Film, Master's in Sustainable Living

Maharishi University of Management (MUM) offers Consciousness-Based education to enable students to discover the field of pure consciousness within themselves as the source of all knowledge.

Other features of MUM include:

- The Transcendental Meditation course to develop the student's inner potential. Extensive published research has found that this technique boosts learning ability and creativity, improves brain functioning and reduces stress.
- Block system: one course at a time to learn more... without the stress.
- Sustainability: B.S. in Sustainable Living and MBA in Sustainable Business.
- Natural health program for all students.
- Organic vegetarian meals served fresh daily.
- Active learning – bringing knowledge to life.
- Visitors Weekends are held each month throughout the year.



MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE

1501 Morningside Avenue, Sioux City, IA 51106

CONNECT

Website:

www.morningside.edu

Admissions: 712-274-5111
or 800-831-0806

Financial Aid: 712-274-5159

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,824

Tuition & Fees: \$29,094

On-Campus Room & Board: \$9,190

Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,253

FAFSA Code: 001879

ACT Code: 1338

SAT Code: 6415

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: December 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: 20 ACT or SAT 1410; Top 50% of class or 2.5 GPA

Types of Programs:

Liberal Arts, General, Teacher Preparation & Professional

The Morningside College experience cultivates a passion for lifelong learning and a dedication to ethical leadership and civic responsibility. Morningside College offers a total experience. Students develop various dimensions of themselves through the liberal arts core curriculum, a complete range of majors, internships, independent study and career and graduate school advising services.

Within six months of graduation, more than 98 percent of graduates are employed or admitted to graduate school.



IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY

1330 Elmhurst Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-4797

CONNECT

Website: www.mtmercy.edu

Admissions: 319-368-6460
or 800-248-4504

Financial Aid: 319-368-6467
or 800-248-4504 ext. 6467

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,877

Tuition & Fees: \$29,696

**On-Campus Room &
Board:** \$8,900

**Est. Books &
Supplies:** \$1,200

FAFSA Code: 001880

ACT Code: 1340

SAT Code: 6417

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: 20 ACT, 2.75

GPA, Upper 50% of Class

Types of Programs: Liberal
Arts and Professional Programs

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

101 Seventh Street SW, Orange City, IA 51041

CONNECT

Website: www.nwciowa.edu

Admissions: 800-747-4757

Financial Aid: 712-707-7165

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,210

Tuition & Fees: \$29,300

**On-Campus Room &
Board:** \$8,900

**Est. Books &
Supplies:** \$1,300

FAFSA Code: 001883

ACT Code: 1346

SAT Code: 6490

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: HS diploma
or equivalent

Types of Programs: Liberal
Arts and Sciences, General,
Teacher Preparation, and
Pre-Professional, Master's
degree in education

Be valued.

Mount Mercy offers baccalaureate and graduate education to nearly 1,900 enrolled students, uniquely blending liberal arts learning with professional career development and a strong commitment to serving the common good. Undergraduates can choose from over 45 majors and minors and strong programs in biology, business, criminal justice, education, English, psychology and nursing. Dedicated faculty members inspire students to lead and serve. The University offers an array of scholarships and financial aid for all incoming first-year and transfer students, including the Catherine McAuley free tuition scholarship to qualifying Iowa high school graduates whose family income is \$45,000 or less annually.

Northwestern College is a Christian academic community that both challenges and supports students as it develops their minds and empowers their faith. Opportunities for meaningful involvement and service enlarge students' worldviews and prepare them for fulfilling careers and faithful lives as thinking Christians.

The academic program includes more than 80 programs and numerous opportunities for off-campus study. Northwestern students are taught by award-winning faculty with doctorates from such institutions as Notre Dame, Duke, UCLA and Yale. Many construction projects have taken place in the past decade on Northwestern's campus, including the student center, facilities for the arts and athletics, student housing and a \$14-million learning commons.



SHILOH UNIVERSITY

100 Shiloh Drive, Kalona, IA 52247

CONNECT

Website:

www.shilohuniversity.edu

Admissions: 319-656-2447,

admissions@shilohuniversity.edu

Financial Aid: 319-656-2447

FAFSA Code: N/A

ACT Code: 7093

SAT Code: 7362

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing:

Minimum Admission Requirements:

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts and Biblical Studies

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 50

Tuition & Fees: \$4,500

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,000

Shiloh University is an accredited University and Seminary offering programs 100 percent online. At just \$150.00 per credit for Undergraduate students, it is the University's mission to provide students with access to affordable Christian education while minimizing the need for student debt. The University's quality programs of study not only challenge students to grow academically, but they prepare students for a fruitful Christian life.

All programs are taught 100 percent online, allowing students in any location to pursue a life-changing Christian education while remaining active in their communities.

Undergraduate program offerings include an Associate of Arts degree and three BA degrees in Biblical and Pastoral Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, and New Testament Studies. The University also offers MA degrees in Theological and Pastoral Studies, a Master of Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry.

SIMPSON COLLEGE

701 North C Street, Indianola, IA 50125

CONNECT

Website: www.simpson.edu

Admissions: 515-961-1624 or 800-362-2454 ext. 1624

Financial Aid: 515-961-1630 or 800-362-2454 ext. 1630

FAFSA Code: 001887

ACT Code: 1354

SAT Code: 6650

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: February 1

Minimum Admission Requirements: HS diploma or equivalent; Admissions

Committee evaluates high school transcript reflecting a strong college prep curriculum, ACT/SAT scores, and class rank, as well as recommendation(s)

Types of Programs:

Liberal Arts and General, Teacher Preparation

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment:

1,629 undergraduate

Tuition & Fees: \$35,876

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,963

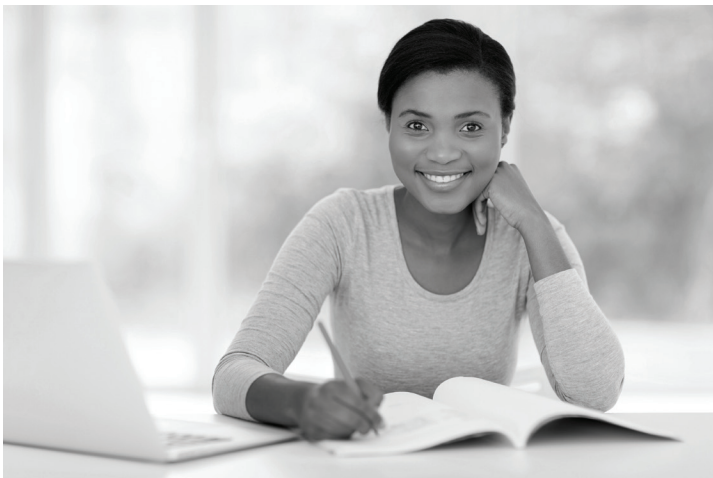
Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,253

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 18 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.



IOWA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY

518 W. Locust Street, Davenport, IA 52803-2898

CONNECT

Website: www.sau.edu

Admissions: 563-333-6300
or 800-383-2627

Financial Aid: 563-333-5775

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 3,300

Tuition & Fees: \$28,870

On-Campus Room & Board: \$9,000 (varies)

Est. Books & Supplies: \$1200

FAFSA Code: 001889

ACT Code: 1352

SAT Code: 6617

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 15

Minimum Admission

Requirements: 2.5 GPA, 20 ACT or 950 SAT

Types of Programs:

Engineering, Nursing, Teacher Education, Physician Assistant, Engineering, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Pre-Law, Graphic Design, Speech-Language Pathology, Business and Healthcare Sales

Rated among the top universities in the region by two national ranking publications, St. Ambrose University is a coeducational, liberal arts university affiliated with the Diocese of Davenport. Students received more than \$48 million in financial aid last year and the new BEE Finished in Four Years Plan guarantees timely degree completion. Maintaining an 10-to-1 student-to-faculty ratio, St. Ambrose offers professional and liberal arts undergraduate majors, master's and doctoral programs. No classes are taught by graduate assistants.

In addition to strong academics and a growing study-abroad program, students enjoy a dynamic campus that features some of the nicest residence halls in the Midwest, a wide range of varsity and intramural sports, more than 80 student clubs and organizations — and a reputation for amazing personal attention. A new Wellness and Recreation Center is scheduled to open fall, 2017.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE

2000 University Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52001

CONNECT

Website: www.dbq.edu

Admissions: 800-722-5583

Financial Aid: 563-589-3690

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,200

Tuition & Fees: \$28,700

On-Campus Room & Board: \$9,124

Est. Books & Supplies: \$950

FAFSA Code: 001891

ACT Code: 1358

SAT Code: 6869

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: ACT or SAT required; GPA considered

Types of Programs:

Accounting; Aviation; Biology; Business; Computer Graphics & Interactive Media; Health, Wellness & Sport; Nursing; Philosophy; Psychology; Religious Studies; Sociology; Speech Communication

The University of Dubuque is a private, coeducational professional University with a focus in the liberal arts. Our commitment to nurturing the mind, body, and spirit, as well as encouraging students to explore their fullest potential, is part of a rich Christian heritage that dates back to the University's founding in 1852.

UD's welcoming interfaith community comprises one of the most diverse campuses in the Midwest consisting of students from 35 states and 20 countries. Over the last 15 years, the University has invested over \$200 million in renovations and new construction to academic buildings and residence halls. The University awards more than \$15 million in student scholarships annually. Students are academically focused, technologically motivated, and professionally prepared to meet 21st century needs. Opportunities are experienced through nationally recognized programs in Aviation, Business, Computer Graphics/Interactive Media, Education, Environmental Science, Nursing, and a new Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.



UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

P.O. Box 1859, Fayette, IA 52142-1857

CONNECT

Website: www.uiu.edu
Admissions: 563-425-4150 ext. [1+1]
Financial Aid: 563-425-5234
Integrated Enrollment Center: 800-553-4150

FAFSA Code: 001893
ACT Code: 1360
SAT Code: 6885
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1
Minimum Admission Requirements: 2.0 GPA, 17 ACT

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 5,200 graduate and undergraduate
Tuition & Fees: \$28,140
On-Campus Room & Board: \$8,124
Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,560

Types of Programs: Business, Liberal Arts, Science, Teacher Preparation, Athletic Trainer Education, RN-BSN. U.S. and Asia locations, and online and self-paced degree programs

Founded in 1857, Upper Iowa University is a private, not-for-profit university providing undergraduate and graduate degree programs to more than 6,200 students—nationally and internationally—at its Fayette campus and learning centers worldwide. 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 www.uiu.edu.

WARTBURG COLLEGE

100 Wartburg Blvd., P.O. Box 1003, Waverly, IA 50677-0903

CONNECT

Website: www.wartburg.edu
Admissions: 319-352-8264 or 800-772-2085
Financial Aid: 319-352-8262 or 800-772-2085

FAFSA Code: 001896
ACT Code: 1364
SAT Code: 6926
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: February 1 (Prospective Students) March 1 (Current Students)

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,537
Tuition & Fees: \$38,380
On-Campus Room & Board: \$9,460
Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,110

Minimum Admission Requirements: 19 ACT, top half of class
Types of Programs: Liberal Arts and General, Teacher Preparation

Wartburg is a private, Lutheran, liberal arts college with an enrollment of 1,537 students, including 132 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, 93 percent of Wartburg graduates complete their degrees within four years, and 98 percent are placed in jobs or graduate schools within six months of graduation.



WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY

201 Trueblood Avenue, Oskaloosa, IA 52577

CONNECT

Website: www.wmpenn.edu

Admissions: 641-673-1012

Financial Aid: 641-673-1040

FAFSA Code: 001900

ACT Code: 1372

SAT Code: 6943

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: 2.0 GPA, ACT 18, HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs: Liberal Arts, Nursing, Pre-Professional, Teacher Preparation

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,921

Tuition & Fees: \$24,510

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,667

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,206

William Penn University offers a quality liberal arts education that is firmly rooted in leadership development. Professors who care about your personal goals, combined with opportunities for campus and community involvement, build an educational foundation that will prepare you for success!

Founded by Quaker pioneers, William Penn University embraces traditional values of integrity, simplicity, compassion, ethical practice, acceptance, tolerance and service. It is also one of the most diverse campuses in Iowa, with students from 42 states and 20 countries.



“ Be prepared to learn and be challenged; this is how you will get the most out of your college experience. ”

Sheila Kerman,
sophomore at
Emmaus Bible College





KAPLAN UNIVERSITY

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

CONNECT

Website: kaplanuniversity.edu

Campuses: Des Moines, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Mason City

Admissions:

Varies by campus

Financial Aid:

Varies by campus

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,875

Tuition & Fees: \$15,352

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board: \$4,920

Est. Books & Supplies:

The University provides course material as needed for most undergraduate programs.

Students in some undergraduate nursing programs and all master's degree programs must purchase their own course materials.

FAFSA Code:

Varies by campus

ACT Code: 5184

SAT Code: N/A

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: June 30

Minimum Admission Requirements:

HS Diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs:

Accounting, Business, Communication, Corrections, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Crime Scene Technician, Cybersecurity, Education, Health Information, Health Sciences, Health & Wellness, Human Services, Information Technology, Fire Science, Fire and Emergency Management, Legal Studies, Medical Assisting, Medical Office Management, Nursing (A.D.N., B.S.N., M.S.N), Psychology, Public Safety and Security

Kaplan University is an institution of higher learning dedicated to providing innovative undergraduate, graduate and continuing professional education. Our programs foster student learning with opportunities to launch, enhance or change careers in a global society. The University is committed to general education, a student-centered service and support approach, and applied scholarship in a practical environment.

Kaplan University's online presence is at kaplanuniversity.edu

HAMILTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

1011 East 53rd Street, Davenport, IA 52807

CONNECT

Website:

www.hamiltontechcollege.edu

Admissions:

563-386-3570 ext. 20

Financial Aid: 563-386-3570

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 221

Tuition & Fees

Medical Assisting and Medical/Insurance Coding Specialist: \$14,500 (4 terms/10 weeks each).

Electronics: \$7000/semester (6 semesters for an AS degree and 8 semesters for a BS degree)

Est. Books &

Supplies: Included in tuition

Since 1969 Hamilton Technical College has emphasized real-world training to help students realize their full potential through motivation and encouragement. Hamilton Tech has two schools: the School of Technology (including Electronics Engineering Technology AS and BS degree programs) and the School of Allied Health (including Medical Assisting Technology and Medical/Insurance Coding Specialist Diploma Programs). Please contact us to learn more about these rewarding career fields.



WALDORF UNIVERSITY

106 South Sixth Street, Forest City, IA 50436

CONNECT

Website: www.waldorf.edu

Admissions: 800-292-1903

Financial Aid: 800-292-1903

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,118

Tuition & Fees: \$21,260

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,246

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,395

FAFSA Code: 001895

ACT Code: 1362

SAT Code: 6925

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: 2.0 GPA, 18

ACT, 860 SAT

Types of Programs: Biology,

Business, Communications,

Creative Writing, Criminal

Justice, Education, English,

Foundations of Education,

History, Humanities, Music,

Organizational Leadership,

Psychology, Sports Management,

Theatre Arts, Wellness

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

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

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

Performing Arts and Music are also sources of pride at Waldorf. You won't have to wait until your junior or senior year to partake in our extensive offerings within these fields.

Waldorf is the perfect place to become an integral part of a welcoming University community.



“ Don't select a school because your high school friends are going there; pick a college that you absolutely love! ”

Alissa Wong, junior at
Clarke University

IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Eastern Iowa Community Colleges, 1000 Lincoln Blvd., Clinton, IA 52732

CONNECT

Website: www.eicc.edu
Admissions: 563-244-7007
or 800-637-0559
Financial Aid Officer:
563-244-7070

FAFSA Code: 001853
ACT Code: 1292
SAT Code: 6100
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1
Minimum Admission Requirements:
Open Admission
Types of Programs: College Transfer Arts & Sciences, Career/Technical

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,600
Tuition & Fees:
Full Time: \$4,470
Per Credit Hour: \$149
Est. Off-Campus Room & Board: \$7,434
Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,600

Clinton Community College is part of the Eastern Iowa Community College District, which also includes Scott and Muscatine Community Colleges. The district offers more than 30 career education programs and an equal number of college transfer concentrations. The colleges received the maximum accreditation from the North Central Association and work closely with Iowa's Regent institutions to ensure transferability of credits. Technology programs are kept up-to-date due to a strong relationship with the business community.

DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2006 South Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny, IA 50023

CONNECT

Website: www.dmacc.edu
Admissions:
800-362-2127 ext. 7337
Financial Aid:
800-362-2127 option 3

FAFSA Code: 004589
ACT Code: 1279, 1272, 1274, 1277, 1281
SAT Code: 6177, 6044
Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: April 1
Minimum Admission Requirements: Ability to benefit from attendance
Types of Programs: Terminal Occupational below the BA, two years creditable toward a BA

AT A GLANCE

Campuses: Ames, Ankeny, Boone, Carroll, Newton, Urban (Des Moines) and West (West Des Moines)
Learning Centers: Ames, Perry, Southridge Center (Des Moines), Transportation Institute (Des Moines)
Enrollment: 36,938
Tuition & Fees:
Full Time: \$4,410
Per Credit Hour: \$147
Est. Off-Campus Room & Board: \$6,656 (9-month)
Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,470 (9-month)

Whether you're interested in starting a four-year education through DMACC's University-College Transfer Program (UCT@DMACC), pursuing a rewarding career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) or you want one of our many in-demand career and technical degrees, DMACC offers 153 programs and short-term certificates that help qualify you for Central Iowa's many job opportunities. Maybe that's another reason that DMACC was voted by *CityView* readers as the "Best Place to Continue Your Education."

Whatever career path you choose, DMACC will make sure you are well prepared and ready to enter the job market. DMACC continues to implement a college-wide program called the Completion Agenda. It's designed to help students identify career paths and then provide academic support and student service resources to help them achieve their academic goal.

For more information, contact us 24 hours a day at www.dmacc.edu.



ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Iowa Valley Community College District, 1100 College Avenue, Iowa Falls, IA 50126

CONNECT

Website:

www.ellsworthcollege.com

Admissions: 800-322-9235

Financial Aid: 800-322-9235

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 832

Tuition & Fees:

Full Time: \$4,416

Per Credit Hour: \$184

On-Campus Room & Board:

\$5,264

Est. Books & Supplies:

\$800

FAFSA Code: 001862

ACT Code: 1306

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: June 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs: Arts & Sciences, Vocational, Career

Option, two years creditable toward a BA

Ellsworth Community College (ECC), operated by Iowa Valley Community College District, offers more than 50 career-oriented degree programs that combine classroom training with on-the-job experience to prepare graduates for employment. ECC also offers a fully transferrable Associate in Arts degree on campus and online, the more affordable way for students to earn freshman and sophomore credits toward a baccalaureate degree.

ECC's most popular vocational-technical programs are Agricultural Science, Animal Science, Business Administration, Conservation Technology, Criminal Justice, Equine Science, Farm Management, Marketing, Medical Assistant, Medical Office Practitioner, Merchandising & Retail Management, Mobile Service Technician, Nursing (Associate Degree/RN and Practical/LPN), Precision Agriculture and Swine Management.

As you consider Ellsworth, keep in mind this important fact: According to CNNMoney.com, Ellsworth Community College has the 19th highest student success rate (defined as graduation rate plus transfer rate) in the entire country. ECC has one of the lowest graduate student debt loads of any college in Iowa, public or private, thanks to its generous scholarship and financial aid packages. And the college is ranked #4 of Iowa's best online schools by accreditedschoolsonline.org.

For more information or to take a "virtual tour" of our beautiful campus, visit www.EllsworthCollege.com



HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1501 E. Orange Road, Waterloo, IA 50701

CONNECT

Website:

www.hawkeyecollege.edu

Admissions: 319-296-4000

or 800-670-4769

Financial Aid: 319-296-4020

or 800-670-4769 ext. 4020

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 5,371

Full Time Tuition & Fees:

Full Time: \$4,718

Per Credit Hour: \$169

Est. Off-Campus Housing

Cost: \$5,880

Est. Books & Supplies:

\$1,254

FAFSA Code: 004595

ACT Code: 1309

SAT Code: 6288

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission Requirements: High school diploma, GED or equivalent or assessment

Types of Programs: Terminal

Occupational below the BA and college transfer

Hawkeye Community College offers more than 50 programs. Hawkeye has earned a reputation for small, hands-on classes, utilizing cutting-edge technology. Academic programs are offered in health, business, agriculture and natural resources, engineering technology, power technology, arts and human studies.

Hawkeye's two-year transfer program allows 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 the number one source of new students to the University of Northern Iowa.

Hawkeye has added competitive athletics to their roster. RedTail athletes can participate in Sports Shooting, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Track and Field, and Track and Field. Golf and Bowling are coming in 2018 and 2019.

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 needed training services, including customized programs.



IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

525 Grandview Avenue, Ottumwa, IA 52501

CONNECT

Website: www.indianhills.edu

Other Campus: Centerville

Admissions: 641-683-5153

or 800-726-2585, ext. 5153

Financial Aid: 641-683-5262

or 800-726-2585, ext. 5262

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 4,773

Tuition & Fees:

Full Time: \$5,280

Per Credit Hour: \$165

Est. On-Campus Room &

Board: \$4,980

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,300

FAFSA Code: 008298

ACT Code: 1282, 1269

SAT Code: 6083, 6312

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

High school diploma, High

School Equivalency Diploma

or Assessment

Types of Programs:

Vocational-Technical, Arts &

Sciences College Transfer

IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

One Triton Circle, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

CONNECT

Website:

www.iowacentral.edu

Other Campuses: Storm Lake

and Webster City

Admissions:

800-362-2793 ext. 1008

Financial Aid: 800-362-2793

FAFSA Code: 004597

ACT Code: 1304, 1312

SAT Code: 6217, 6932

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

Open Admission

Types of Programs:

Vocational-Technical, Arts &

Sciences College Transfer

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 5,700

Tuition & Fees:

Full Time: \$4,890

Per Credit Hour: \$163

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,350

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,188

Indian Hills Community College offers nationally-recognized, state-of-the-art advanced technology programs, a strong two-year academic transfer/arts and sciences curriculum, outstanding health sciences programs and a fun environment, all on three beautiful campuses in Ottumwa and Centerville.

Check out Laser/Electro-Optics, Renewable Energy Technology, Digital Forensics, Sustainable Agriculture/Entrepreneurship or any of the other technical programs offered at IHCC. The college also has professional-level instruction in Aviation Pilot Training and Aviation Maintenance Technology. Five health sciences programs are offered totally online.

Student activities abound, including wide-ranging campus activities, music and drama presentations, nationally-competitive intercollegiate athletics and intramural sports. Setting Indian Hills apart is its unique campus schedule, a four-day academic week with classes held Monday through Thursday. Add that to the four terms per year and you have maximum flexibility to begin or continue your education at Indian Hills.

Iowa Central Community College is committed to preparing students for the responsibilities of tomorrow by focusing on academics, personal and professional growth and relating well to people. Our vision is to increase the pool of well-rounded citizens who are fully prepared to meet their professional commitments, enrich their lives through service and improve the quality of life for themselves. We offer growth opportunities that will enable students to make their mark on the world. Combining a challenging and rewarding academic environment within a positive and compassionate atmosphere provides an advantage that is unique to Iowa Central.



IOWA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

19 S. Seventh Street, Estherville, IA 51334

CONNECT

Website: www.iowalakes.edu

Campuses: Algona, Emmetsburg, Estherville, Spencer and Spirit Lake

Admissions:

800-242-5108 ext. 5254

Financial Aid: 712-362-7917

FAFSA Code: 001864

ACT Code: 1308, 1310

SAT Code: 6195, 6196

Priority Deadline for Scholarships: July 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent
Types of Programs: Arts & Sciences, Career Technical Education, Career Option, two years credit toward a BA

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 3,061

Tuition & Fees:

Full Time: \$5,996

Per Credit Hour: \$170

Est. On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,030

Est. Off-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,038

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,254

The picturesque Iowa Great Lakes Region provides the setting for Iowa Lakes Community College. The College is located in the heart of the northwest quadrant of the state of Iowa.

Iowa Lakes has developed a unique and respected role as a comprehensive community college. A quality, affordable education is provided to the residents of northwest Iowa and southwest Minnesota as well as nationally and internationally. A brand new interactive distance learning system at all campuses helps facilitate educational access for rural residents. In addition to "traditional" learning opportunities, diversified offerings of hybrid and online courses as well as continuing education courses enable full and part-time students to upgrade skills and raise their standard of living through daytime, evening and weekend courses. The College is dedicated to serving the changing educational needs of the communities and students of the region. Students are also encouraged to participate in any of a wide variety of clubs, activities and athletics which meet their needs and help expand their employment – and transfer – opportunities.

IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2700 College Road, Box 4C, Council Bluffs, IA 51502

CONNECT

Website: www.iwcc.edu

Admissions: 712-325-3277, admissions@iwcc.edu

Financial Aid: 712-325-3277, financialaid@iwcc.edu

FAFSA Code: 004598

ACT Code: 1288, 1327

SAT Code: 6098, 6302

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission Requirements:

HS diploma or equivalent
Types of Programs: Terminal Occupational below the BA, two years creditable toward a BA

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 7,200

Tuition & Fees:

Full Time: \$4,576

Per Credit Hour: \$149

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,620

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,040

Situated on 250 wooded acres in southwest Iowa, Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) offers high school students throughout the area quality educational opportunities at an affordable price. IWCC offers more than 90 college programs of study to meet the needs of each individual. Students will find a safe and vibrant campus atmosphere and instructors who truly care about helping their students succeed.

Students can focus on a career in one of our challenging associate degree programs, or work toward a bachelor's degree with confidence knowing that their credits will easily transfer to top four-year universities in the area. IWCC's technical programs offer state-of-the-art technology and hands-on experience, one of the many reasons why IWCC graduates are well respected and considered among the best in the work force.



IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

CONNECT

Website: www.kirkwood.edu

Admissions: 800-332-2055
or 319-398-5517

Financial Aid: 319-398-7600
or 877-386-9101

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 21,000

Tuition:

Full Time: \$4,620

Per Credit Hour: \$154

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board: \$5,670

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$2,500

FAFSA Code: 004076

ACT Code: 1275

SAT Code: 6027

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: Ability to benefit from attendance

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

With global vision and innovative curriculum, Kirkwood is redefining the role of the community college. From a first-in-the-nation hotel that serves as an experiential learning laboratory to simple services that help our students do better in class and get better jobs when they graduate, Kirkwood sets the scholastic bar.

Whatever you're interested in studying, Kirkwood has a program for you. Go for two years and transfer to a four-year college or graduate and start your career – the choice is yours. See all of our programs at www.kirkwood.edu/programs.

When you get to our 885-acre campus, you'll find state-of-the-art facilities no other college has. But it's our student services that truly set us apart. Regardless if you're the valedictorian or you need a little academic help, Kirkwood is there for you with a range of services and programs. We'll take you to the next step with honors programs, study abroad, tutoring, student organizations, academic advising and career services.

And what's the best part about being a Kirkwood student? At Kirkwood, you really can start here and go anywhere!



MARSHALLTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Iowa Valley Community College District, 3700 South Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158

CONNECT

Website: mcc.iavalley.edu

Admissions: 866-622-4748

Financial Aid: 866-622-4748

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,900

Tuition & Fees:

Full Time: \$4,536

Per Credit Hour: \$158

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,958

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,100

FAFSA Code: 001875

ACT Code: 1332

SAT Code: 6394

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: HS diploma or equivalent

Types of Programs: Arts and Sciences, Vocational, Career Option, two years creditable toward a BA

Marshalltown Community College (MCC), operated by Iowa Valley Community College District, offers more than 50 career-oriented degree programs that provide the knowledge and hands-on training needed to enter the workplace. MCC also offers a fully transferrable Associate in Arts degree on campus and online, the more affordable way for students to earn freshman and sophomore credits toward a baccalaureate degree. Specific vocational-technical programs are Accounting, Broadcast Technology, Automotive Technology, Business Administration, Child Development, Computer Applications, Computer Network Management, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Dental Assisting, Electro-Mechanical Systems Tech, Electrical Maintenance Mechanic, Gunsmith Technology, Industrial Maintenance Technology, Machine Trades/Tool and Die, Marketing, Medical Assisting, Medical Office Practitioner, Microsoft Office Specialist, Natural Gas Tech, Nursing (Associate Degree), Nursing (Practical), Paralegal, Powerline Tech, Sustainable and Entrepreneurial Agriculture, Utility Tech and Welding.

For more information or to take a "virtual tour" of our campus, visit us online at www.MarshalltownCommunityCollege.com



MUSCATINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Eastern Iowa Community Colleges, 152 Colorado Street, Muscatine, IA 52761

CONNECT

Website: www.eicc.edu

Admissions: 563-288-6007
or 888-336-3907

Financial Aid: 563-288-6060

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,300

Tuition & Fees:

Full Time: \$4,470

Per Credit Hour: \$149

Est. Off-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,434

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,600

FAFSA Code: 001882

ACT Code: 1344

SAT Code: 6422

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

Open Admission

Types of Programs: College

Transfer Arts and Sciences;

Career/Technical

NORTH IOWA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

500 College Drive, Mason City, IA 50401

CONNECT

Website: www.niacc.edu

Admissions: 641-422-4245
or 888-466-4222

Financial Aid:

641-422-4222 ext 4168

or 888-466-4222

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,947

Tuition & Fees:

Full Time: \$5,003

Per Credit Hour: \$167

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,718

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$970

FAFSA Code: 001877

ACT Code: 1336

SAT Code: 6400

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: HS diploma

or equivalent

Types of Programs: Transfer,

Career, Career Option,

Continuing Education

Muscatine Community College is part of the Eastern Iowa Community College District, which also includes Clinton and Scott Community Colleges. The district offers more than 30 career education programs and an equal number of college transfer concentrations. The colleges received the maximum accreditation from the North Central Association and work closely with Iowa's Regent institutions to ensure transferability of credits. Technology programs are kept up-to-date due to a strong relationship with the business community.

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) has served the North Iowa region for over 95 years. The main campus is located in Mason City, a growing community located between Minneapolis and Des Moines. NIACC's countryside campus features modern instructional and recreational facilities, including brand-new lake-side housing. 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.



IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

CONNECT

Website: www.nicc.edu

Admissions:

Peosta Area:
800-728-7367, ext. 221
Calmar Area:
800-728-2256, ext. 376

Financial Aid:

Peosta Area:
800-728-7367, ext. 220
Calmar Area:
800-728-2256, ext. 230

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,909 Calmar
3,955 Peosta

Tuition & Fees:

Full Time: \$5,370
Per Credit Hour: \$179

Est. Off-Campus Room &

Board: \$5,735

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,400

FAFSA Codes:

004587 Calmar;
012634 Peosta
ACT Code: 1265, 1365
SAT Code: 6754

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: High School
Diploma or High School
Equivalency Diploma

Types of Programs:

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

NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

603 West Park Street, Sheldon, IA 51201

CONNECT

Website: www.nwicc.edu

Admissions: 800-352-4907

Financial Aid: 800-352-4907
or 712-324-5061

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,598

Tuition & Fees:

Full Time: \$5,760
Per Credit Hour: \$157

Est. Off-Campus Room &

Board: \$6,858

Est. On-Campus Room &

Board: \$5,832

Est. Books &

Supplies: 9-month - \$1,312

FAFSA Code: 004600

ACT Code: 1375

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: HS diploma
or equivalent

Types of Programs:

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

We all start somewhere ... get your start at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC). With an average class size of 16, more than 80 programs of study that lead to in-demand careers and instructors who want students to succeed, it is no wonder more than 6,800 students choose to enroll at the College each year. Just as importantly, employers demand our graduates, more than 95 percent of NICC alumni are either employed or continuing their education six months after graduation - which speaks volumes about the success of our students and the quality of a Northeast Iowa Community College education.

It's your Future. Take the Lead.

www.facebook.com/neiowacc www.twitter.com/NEiowaCC

NCC offers two smart options: Technical Programs or Transfer Courses.

Ability & Talent: In the Technical Programs at NCC, we talk a lot about skills and hands-on learning. If you choose to be in one of our technical programs, you'll learn that your success is all about the hands-on skills you get while you're here. You'll work on equipment in labs that are state-of-the-art. You'll be guided by instructors who have been out there in the real world. They'll teach you what you need to know.

If you are interested in a technical career you'll find it at NCC. We'll prepare you for the workforce. You'll graduate with solid skills and abilities that will land you a job with the confidence to make good decisions with your career. Many of NCC technical programs transfer to four-year colleges and universities!

Start Here & Transfer: It makes sense. Start at NCC by taking the basic core courses. For two years you'll save a lot of money and stay closer to home; then you can transfer to a four-year college or university. Maybe you want to be a human resource manager, teacher or accountant. It's all within your reach when you choose NCC. NCC has many transfer agreements, so you can transfer to a four-year college or university. To find out more call 800-352-4907, email studentservices@nwicc.edu or visit our website at www.nwicc.edu.

At NCC There's a Place For You!



SCOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Eastern Iowa Community Colleges, 500 Belmont Road,
Bettendorf, IA 52722

CONNECT

Website: www.eicc.edu

Admissions: 563-441-4007

Financial Aid: 563-441-4040

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 5,439

Tuition & Fees:

Full Time: \$4,470

Per Credit Hour: \$149

Est. Off-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,434

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,600

FAFSA Code: 004074

ACT Code: 1307

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

Open Admission

Types of Programs: College

Transfer Arts and Sciences;

Career/Technical

Scott Community College is part of the Eastern Iowa Community College District, which also includes Clinton and Muscatine Community Colleges. The district offers more than 30 career education programs and an equal number of college transfer concentrations. The colleges received the maximum accreditation from the North Central Association and work closely with Iowa's Regent institutions to ensure transferability of credits. Technology programs are kept up-to-date due to a strong relationship with the business community.

SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1500 W. Agency Road, P.O. Box 180,
West Burlington, IA 52655-0180

CONNECT

Website: www.scciowa.edu

Other campus: Keokuk

Admissions: 866-SCC-IOWA

West Burlington: ext. 5010

Keokuk: ext. 1928

Financial Aid:

866-722-4692 ext. 5014

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,750

Tuition & Fees:

Full Time: \$5,220

Per Credit Hour: \$174

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,400

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,254

FAFSA Code: 004603

ACT Code: 1280, 1326

SAT Code: 6340, 6048

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: Ability to benefit from attendance

Types of Programs: Terminal

Occupational below the BA,

two years creditable toward a

BA

It is the mission of Southeastern Community College (SCC) 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 Fort Madison and Mt. Pleasant centers. 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.



IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1501 W. Townline Street, Creston, IA 50801

CONNECT

Website: www.swcciaowa.edu
Admissions: 641-782-1421
Financial Aid: 641-782-7081
or 800-247-4023

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,200
Tuition & Fees:
Full Time: \$5,100
Per Credit Hour: \$170
On-Campus Room & Board: \$6,450
Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,188

FAFSA Code: 001857

ACT Code: 1298

SAT Code: 6122

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: Ability to benefit from attendance, HS Diploma, HiSED

Types of Programs: two years creditable toward a BA, Adult and Continuing Education, Career and Technical Education

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

Southwestern Community College has center locations in Red Oak and Osceola. The College offers online learning opportunities for students as well.

WESTERN IOWA TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

4647 Stone Avenue, Box 5199, Sioux City, IA 51106-5199

CONNECT

Website: www.witcc.edu
Admissions: 712-274-6403
or 800-352-4649
Financial Aid Office:
712-274-6402

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 6,403
Tuition & Fees:
Full Time: \$5,130
Per Credit Hour: \$143
On-Campus Room & Board: \$5,355
Est. Books & Supplies: \$1,224

FAFSA Code: 004590

ACT Code: 1369

SAT Code: 6950

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 14

Minimum Admission

Requirements: HS Diploma, HiSED or ability to benefit
Types of Programs: Terminal Technical and Arts & Sciences below the BA

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.



IOWA'S NURSING & HEALTH CARE PROFESSION COLLEGES

ALLEN COLLEGE

1825 Logan Avenue, Waterloo, IA 50703

CONNECT

Website:

www.allencollege.edu

Admissions: 319-226-2001

Financial Aid: 319-226-2091

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 615

Tuition & Fees: \$17,769

On-Campus Room &

Board: \$7,281

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,200

FAFSA Code: 030691

ACT Code: 1285

SAT Code: N/A

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: May 1

Minimum Undergraduate Admission Requirements:

Vary by program. Please visit website: www.AllenCollege.edu

Types of Programs:

Associate of Science in Radiography (ASR), Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Science (Public Health, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Medical Laboratory Science, and Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Dental Hygiene Completion), and a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Master of Science in Nursing (Nurse Practitioner tracks in: Acute Care, Psychiatric Mental Health, Family, Adult, and Gerontological, as well as Nurse Educator Community/Public Health Nursing and Nursing Leadership), Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Doctor of Education-Health Professions (Ed.D.)

Allen College is a quality, private, multipurpose college for Allied Health, Nursing and Radiography. As a specialized institution, Allen College does not offer the required general education courses. Students attend an accredited college of choice prior to attending Allen for this component. Allen College has partnerships with Central College, Hawkeye Community College, Loras College, Simpson College, University of Northern Iowa and Wartburg College providing smooth transitions.

With a tradition of more than 75 years of excellence in healthcare education, Allen College is an excellent collegiate choice. It is located on a beautiful campus in Waterloo, Iowa. The metropolitan area combines the diversity of a large city with the friendliness of a small town.

DES MOINES UNIVERSITY

3200 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312

CONNECT

Website: www.dmu.edu

Admissions: 515-271-7497

Financial Aid: 515-271-1470

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 1,600

Tuition:

Osteopathic Medicine - \$47,000

Podiatric Medicine - \$33,202

Physician Assistant - \$32,446

Physical Therapy - \$23,938

Post Professional DPT -

\$540 per credit hour (alumni)

\$596 per credit hour (non-alumni)

MPH and MHA -

\$598 per credit hour

MSA and MBS -

\$600 per credit hour

Est. Off-Campus Room &

Board: \$21,003

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$3,139

FAFSA Code: 015616

ACT Code: 1329

SAT Code: N/A

Minimum Admission Requirements: Varies

Types of Programs: D.O., D.P.M., D.P.T., Postprofessional D.P.T., M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies, M.P.H., M.H.A., M.S. in Anatomy and M.S. in Biomedical Sciences

Founded in 1898, Des Moines University comprises three colleges offering nine graduate degrees. A health sciences university since adding the colleges of health sciences and podiatric medicine in 1981, the programs share a collective strength - a collaborative campus community where students and faculty come together in the pursuit of knowledge.

Des Moines University offers degree programs in medicine and the health sciences - nothing else. We share a singular mission to improve lives in our global community by educating diverse groups of highly competent and compassionate health professionals.



MERCY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

928 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309-1239

CONNECT

Website: www.mchs.edu

Admissions: 515-643-6715

Financial Aid: 515-643-6715

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 800

Tuition & Fees:

Full time \$8,460 per semester

Part time \$586/credit

Fees vary by program, please see mchs.edu/tuition for complete details.

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board: \$5,430

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,528

FAFSA Code: 006273

ACT Code: 1347

SAT Code: 2803

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: July 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

www.mchs.edu/requirements

Types of Programs: Nursing

(AS & BS), Physical Therapist

Assistant (AS), Radiologic

Technology (AS), Surgical

Technology (Cert/AS), Cardiac

and Abdominal Sonography

(AS), Medical Laboratory Science

(Cert), Health Care Administration

(BS), Health Science (BS),

Medical Assisting (Cert/AS), and

Emergency Medical Services -

Paramedic (Cert/AS)

Mercy College of Health Sciences is on the forefront of health science education; it's our focus and what we do. Our students major in subjects that lead to high demand careers in healthcare. While you're here studying, you'll be challenged to get involved and make a difference on campus and throughout the community. Health science majors make a difference in lives every day – while in school and once they translate their major into a career of service.

In fact, as healthcare undergoes dramatic change, the demand for the skills you acquire at Mercy College will only grow.

As a Catholic educational institution, we want to help you discover the gifts God has given you and help you prepare for a career of service to others. There are endless possibilities in healthcare to use your gifts and we'll not only prepare you for licensure or certification in your eventual career field, but help to transform your gifts to bring relief and healing to some and comfort and spiritual support to others. Mercy College can help you to get started.

PALMER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

1000 Brady Street, Davenport, IA 52803 / Port Orange, Florida / San Jose, California

CONNECT

Website: www.palmer.edu

Admissions:

800-722-3648, ext. 1

Financial Aid:

800-722-3648, ext. 2

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 2,050

Tuition & Fees: A.A.S.C.T.

Program: \$8,919; D.C.

Program: \$33,939

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board: \$9,476

Est. Books & Supplies:

A.A.S.C.T. Program: \$2,145;

D.C. Program: \$1,665

FAFSA Code: 012300

ACT Code: 1349

SAT Code: 6593

Priority Deadline for Aid

Filing: April 30

Minimum Admission

Requirements:

www.palmer.edu/admissions/prerequisites/

Palmer College of Chiropractic is The Trusted Leader in Chiropractic Education®. A.A.S.C.T. – Our associate's degree in Chiropractic Technology (CT) is a perfect fit for anyone wanting a rewarding health-care career in just 16 months. The CT program includes coursework, a front office rotation through the Palmer clinics and a 120-hour comprehensive unpaid externship at a local chiropractic clinic. Graduates have business skills including scheduling, billing, keeping financial and patient records, insurance coding/filing, OSHA regulations and marketing, as well as clinical skills such as taking patient histories and doing exams, taking X-rays, providing physiotherapy and patient/public education. Financial aid is available and placement assistance is provided. BS – Palmer's Bachelor of Science in General Science completion degree program allows you to graduate with both your BS and Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) degree. Thirty credits from the DC program also go toward your BS degree, saving you a year of time, effort and money! You can complete your BS degree while in the DC program, or join us earlier to complete some of your DC prerequisite studies at Palmer.



ST. LUKE'S COLLEGE

2720 Stone Park Blvd, Sioux City, IA 51104

CONNECT

Website:

www.stlukescollege.edu

Admissions: 712-279-3149

or 800-352-4660, ext. 3158

Financial Aid: 712-279-3149

or 800-352-4660, ext. 3377

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment: 245

Tuition & Fees: \$19,960

Est. Off-Campus Room & Board: \$8,180

Est. Books &

Supplies: \$1,253

FAFSA Code: 007291

ACT Code: 1377, 1355

SAT Code: 3625

Priority Deadline for Aid Filing: March 1

Minimum Admission

Requirements: HS GPA of 2.5 or GED and ACT of 19; or college GPA of 2.3 on transferable credit

Types of Programs: Health Science, Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Care and Clinical Lab Sciences

St. Luke's College has a 113-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.



“ Getting involved helped me connect to the university and has made my college experience amazing! ”

Olivia Ballhagen,
junior at University
of Northern Iowa;
transferred from Ellsworth
Community College



BEAUTY, BARBER & MASSAGE THERAPY COLLEGES

American College of Hairstyling

Phone: 515-244-0971

Website: www.americancollegeofhair.com

American Hair Academy

Phone: 319-372-6248

Website: www.americanhairacademy.com

Aveda Institute

Phone: 515-224-5244

Website: www.avedainstitutedesmoines.com

Bio-Chi Institute of Massage Therapy

Phone: 712-252-1157

Website: www.bci-ed.com

Capri College - Cedar Rapids

Phone: 800-397-0612

Website: www.capricollege.com

Capri College - Davenport

Phone: 800-728-1336

Website: www.capricollege.com

Capri College - Dubuque

Phone: 800-728-0712

Website: www.capricollege.com

Capri College - Waterloo

Phone: 319-234-2600

Website: www.capricollege.com

College of Hair Design

Phone: 319-232-9995

Website: www.chd.net

Carlson College of Massage Therapy

Phone: 319-462-3402

Website: www.carlsoncollege.com

E Q School of Hair Design

Phone: 712-328-2613

Website: www.eqschool.net

Faust Institute of Cosmetology - Storm Lake

Phone: 712-732-6570

Website: www.faustinstitute.com

Faust Institute of Cosmetology - Spirit Lake

Phone: 712-336-3518

Website: www.faustinstitute.com

Iowa School of Beauty - Ankeny

Phone: 515-965-3991

Website: www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com

Iowa School of Beauty - Marshalltown

Phone: 641-752-4223

Website: www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com

Iowa School of Beauty - Ottumwa

Phone: 641-684-6504

Website: www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com

Iowa School of Beauty - Sioux City

Phone: 712-274-9733

Website: www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com

Iowa School of Beauty - Urbandale

Phone: 515-278-9939

Website: www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com

LaJames International College - Cedar Falls

Phone: 888-880-2106

Website: www.ljic.edu

LaJames International College - Davenport

Phone: 888-880-2106

Website: www.ljic.edu

LaJames International College - Fort Dodge

Phone: 888-880-2106

Website: www.ljic.edu

LaJames International College - Iowa City

Phone: 888-808-2106

Website: www.ljic.edu

LaJames International College - Johnston

Phone: 515-278-2208

Website: www.ljic.edu

LaJames College - Mason City

Phone: 641-424-2161

Website: www.lajames.com

PCI Academy

Phone: 515-956-3781

Website: www.pci.academy.com

The Nail Tech Institute of Iowa

Phone: 515-265-6844

Le Mars Beauty College

Phone: 712-546-4195

Website: www.lemarsbeautycollege.com

The Salon Professional Academy

Phone: 888-248-2958

Website: www.thesalonprofessionalacademy.com

Total Look School of Cosmetology

Phone: 563-547-3624

Website: www.totallookschool.com

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY SCHOOLS

Covenant Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology

Phone: 319-272-7296
Website: www.wheatoniowa.org

Iowa Methodist Medical Center Schools

General Phone: 515-241-6883
Website: www.iowahealth.org

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

Phone: 319-369-7097
Website: www.stlukescr.org

Mercy Medical Center - Sioux City

Phone: 712-279-2371
Website: www.mercysiouxcity.com/medical-laboratory-science-program

St. Luke's Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology Program - Cedar Rapids

Phone: 319-369-7309
Website: www.stlukescr.org



OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS REGISTERED IN IOWA

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

Ashford University

400 North Bluff Blvd., Clinton, IA
Phone: 563-242-4023
Website: www.ashford.edu

Bellevue University

4647 Stone Ave., Sioux City, IA
Phone: 800-756-7920
Website: www.bellevue.edu

Brown-Mackie College Quad Cities

Phone: 888-420-1652
Website: www.brownmackie.edu/locations/quad-cities/

Chamberlain College of Nursing

Phone: 877-751-5783
Website: www.chamberlain.edu

Columbia Southern University

Phone: 800-977-8449
Website: www.columbiasouthern.edu

Concordia University Irvine

Phone: 800-229-1200
Website: www.cui.edu

DeVry University

Phone: 866-338-7934
Website: www.devry.edu

Eastern Kentucky University

Phone: 859-622-1000
Website: www.eku.edu

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Phone: 386-226-6000
Website: worldwide.erau.edu

George Washington University

Phone: 202-994-1000
Website: www.gwu.edu

Georgetown University

Phone: 877-910-4692
Website: www.georgetown.edu

Grand Canyon University

Phone: 602-639-7500
Website: www.gcu.edu

ITT Educational Services

1860 NW 118th Street, Suite 110
Clive, IA 50325
Phone: 877-327-5500
Website: www.itt-tech.edu

Kendall College

Phone: 888-905-3632
Website: www.kendall.edu

Little Priest Tribal College

600 4th St., Suite 229, Sioux City, IA
Phone: 402-878-2355
Website: www.littlepriest.edu

Luther Rice University

Phone: 800-442-1577
Website: www.lutherrice.edu

Mount Carmel College of Nursing

Phone: 800-556-6942
Website: www.mccn.edu

Nebraska Wesleyan University

Phone: 800-541-3818
Website: www.nebrwesleyan.edu

Northcentral University

Phone: 866-766-0331
Website: www.ncu.edu

Nova Southeastern University

Phone: 800-541-6682
Website: www.nova.edu

Pennsylvania State University (The)

Phone: 800-865-3290
Website: www.worldcampus.psu.edu

Post University

Phone: 800-660-6615
Website: www.post.edu

Prince Institute SE

Phone: 630-532-5387
Website: www.princeinstitute.edu

Simmons College

Phone: 617-521-2000
Website: www.simmons.edu

South University

Phone: 888-444-3404
Website: www.southuniversity.edu

Southwest Minnesota State University

Phone: 800-642-0684
Website: smsu.edu

Trident University International

Phone: 866-670-9056
Website: www.trident.edu

Ultimate Medical Academy

Phone: 888-205-2510
Website: www.ultimatemedical.edu

University of Maryland University College

Phone: 800-888-8682
Website: www.umuc.edu/

University of Southern California

Phone: 213-740-2311
Website: www.usc.edu

University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

Phone: 920-465-2000
Website: www.uwgb.edu

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Phone: 414-229-1122
Website: www.uwvm.edu

University of Wisconsin – Platteville

Phone: 800-362-5460
Website: www.uwplatt.edu

University of Wisconsin – Stout

Phone: 715-232-1122
Website: www.uwstout.edu

Vatterott College

7000 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321
Phone: 515-309-9000
Website: www.vatterott.edu

Viterbo University Iowa Center

Phone: 888-235-2200
Website: viterbo.edu

Walden University

Phone: 866-492-5336
Website: www.waldenu.edu

Western Governors University

Phone: 866-225-5948
Website: www.wgu.edu

Western Illinois University

Phone: 309-298-1414
Website: www.wiu.edu





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