

## Salt Lake County Tuition Reimbursement Program Accreditation Information

[Salt Lake County Policy 6-300](#) passed on October 23, 2012 states that in order to qualify for Tuition Reimbursement employees must be enrolled in an educational institution accredited by one of the National or Regional Accreditation Councils recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Listed in the chart below you will find a list of the National and Regional Accrediting Agencies.

To determine if the institution you wish to attend is accredited by one of these approved agencies go to <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx> and enter the name of your school in the database search field.

Please note that accreditation does not provide automatic acceptance by an institution of credit earned at another institution, therefore you should take additional measures to determine whether or not your educational goals will be met through attendance at a particular institution.

### National and Regional Accrediting Agencies

The regional and national accrediting agencies listed below are recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as reliable authorities concerning the quality of education or training offered by the institutions of higher education or higher education programs they accredit.

The dates specified for each entry are the date of initial listing as a recognized agency, the date of the Secretary's most recent grant of renewed recognition, and the date of the agency's next scheduled review for renewal of recognition by the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. (Note: S = Spring meeting and F = Fall meeting and C=Compliance Report.)

#### **Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges**

1967/2011/S2016

Scope of recognition: the accreditation of private, postsecondary, nondegree-granting institutions and degree-granting institutions in the United States, including those granting associate, baccalaureate and master's degrees, that are predominantly organized to educate students for occupational, trade and technical careers, and including institutions that offer programs via distance education.

#### **Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training**

1978/2008/S2013

Scope of recognition: Scope of recognition: the accreditation throughout the United States of institutions of higher education that offer continuing education and vocational programs that confer certificates or occupational associate degrees, including those programs offered via distance education.

#### **Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools**

1956/2011/S2013-C

Scope of recognition: the accreditation of private postsecondary institutions offering certificates or diplomas, and postsecondary institutions offering associate, bachelor's, or master's degrees in programs designed to educate students for professional, technical, or occupational careers, including those that offer those programs via distance education

**Council on Occupational Education**

1969/2011/S2013-C

Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy Status") throughout the United States of postsecondary occupational education institutions offering non-degree and applied associate degree programs in specific career and technical education fields, including institutions that offer programs via distance education

**Distance Education and Training Council, Accrediting Commission**

1959/2012/F2012-C

Scope of recognition: the accreditation of postsecondary institutions in the United States that offer degree programs primarily by distance education up through professional doctoral degrees, and are specifically certified by the agency as accredited for Title IV purposes; and for the accreditation of postsecondary institutions in the United States not participating in Title IV that offer programs primarily by distance education or correspondence education up through professional doctoral degrees.

**Middle States Commission on Higher Education**

1952/2007/F2012

Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy status") of institutions of higher education in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, including distance education programs offered at those institutions.

**Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools**

2004/2012/S2014-C

Scope of recognition: the accreditation of institutions with postsecondary, non-degree granting career and technology programs in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands including those that offer all or part of their educational programs via distance education modalities.

**New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education**

1952/2008/S2013

Scope of recognition: the accreditation and pre-accreditation ("Candidacy status") of institutions of higher education in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont that award associate's, bachelor's, master's, and/or doctoral degrees, including the accreditation of programs offered via distance education within these institutions. This recognition extends to the Board of Trustees of the Association jointly with the Commission for decisions involving pre-accreditation, initial accreditation, and adverse actions.

**New York State Board of Regents, and the Commissioner of Education**

1952/2007/F2012

Scope of recognition: the accreditation of those degree-granting institutions of higher education in New York, including distance education offered by those institutions, that designate the agency as their sole or primary nationally recognized accrediting agency for purposes of establishing eligibility to participate in HEA programs.

**North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, The Higher Learning Commission**

1952/2008/F2012-C

Scope of recognition: the accreditation and pre-accreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of degree-granting institutions of higher education in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, including tribal institutions, and the accreditation of programs offered via distance education within these institutions. This recognition extends to the Institutional Actions Committee jointly with the Board of Trustees of the Commission for decisions on cases for continued accreditation or reaffirmation and continued candidacy. This recognition also extends to the Review Committee of the Accreditation Review Council, jointly with the Board of Trustees of the Commission, for decisions on cases for continued accreditation or candidacy and for initial candidacy or initial accreditation when there is a consensus decision by the Review Committee.

**North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, Board of Trustees**

1974/2011/F2013-C

Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy status") of schools offering non-degree, postsecondary education in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and in the Navajo Nation. The scope of the Department's recognition does not extend to any institution or program accredited or preaccredited for the first time on or after March 15, 2012. The limitation shall continue unless set aside in a subsequent final decision of the Department in recognition proceedings.

**Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities**

1952/2008/S2013

Scope of recognition: the accreditation and pre-accreditation ("Candidacy status") of postsecondary degree-granting educational institutions in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington, including the accreditation of programs offered via distance education within these institutions.

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges**

1952/2012/S2014-C

Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of degree-granting institutions of higher education in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, including the accreditation of programs offered via distance and correspondence education within these institutions. This recognition extends to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees and the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly on cases of initial candidacy or initial accreditation and for continued accreditation or candidacy.

**Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, Accreditation Commission**

1991/2011/S2013-C

Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate" status) of Christian postsecondary institutions in the United States that offer certificates, diplomas, and associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degrees, including institutions that offer distance education.

**Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges**

1952/2008/F2013

Scope of recognition: the accreditation and pre-accreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of two-year, associate degree-granting institutions located in California, Hawaii, the United States territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, including the accreditation of such programs offered via distance education at these colleges.

**Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities**

1952/2007/F2012

Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of senior colleges and universities in California, Hawaii, the United States territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, including distance education programs offered at those institutions.