

Accreditation

Villanova University

Villanova University is an accredited institution and a member of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE or the Commission) www.msche.org. Villanova University's accreditation status is Accreditation Reaffirmed. The Commission's most recent action on the institution's accreditation status on March 10, 2022, was to reaffirm accreditation. MSCHE is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education to conduct accreditation and pre-accreditation (candidate status) activities for institutions of higher education including distance, correspondence education, and direct assessment programs offered at those institutions. The Commission's geographic area of accrediting activities is throughout the United States.

- Villanova University's next Self Study Evaluation will take place in 2028-2029.
- For more information about accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education:
<http://www.msche.org/>
- To view Villanova University's statement of accreditation status:
<https://www.msche.org/institution/0573/>

Villanova University – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry

The undergraduate Biochemistry program is accredited by the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB).

- Re-accreditation granted in December 2019
- The undergraduate Biochemistry program will be reviewed again in 2026.
- For more information about accreditation by the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology:
<https://www.asbmb.org/education/accreditation>
- For more information on the Biochemistry program: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/liberal-arts-sciences/programs/biochemistry.html>

Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry

The undergraduate Chemistry program is approved by the American Chemical Society (ACS).

- Last re-approved in 2022
- The undergraduate Chemistry program will be reviewed again in 2027.
- For more information about accreditation by the American Chemical Society:
<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/policies/acs-approval-program.html>
- For more information on the undergraduate Chemistry program: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/liberal-arts-sciences/programs/chemistry/undergraduate-program.html>

Department of Theology and Religious Studies

The Villanova University Department of Theology and Religious Studies is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of The Association of Theological Schools (www.ats.edu) and is approved to offer the following degrees: Master of Arts Ministry and Theology, Master of Arts in Theology, Master of Theological Studies, PhD in Theology. These degrees have been granted approval for the Department to offer distance (online) education at the following level: Comprehensive (Half or More of a Degree)

- Initial accreditation granted summer 2022
- The Department of Theology and Religious Studies will be reviewed in spring 2029
- For more information about accreditation by the Commission on Accrediting of The Association of Theological Schools: <https://www.ats.edu/Accreditation>
- For more information about the Department of Theology and Religion Studies: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/liberal-arts-sciences/programs/theology.html>

Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program

The MPA Program is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

- Accreditation last re-approved in 2016.
- The MPA Program will be reviewed again in 2024.
- For more information about accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA): <https://www.naspaa.org/accreditation>
- For more information on the MPA Program: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/liberal-arts-sciences/programs/public-administration/graduate-programs/masters.html>

Master of Science Degree in Counseling – Clinical Mental Health Program

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

- Accreditation granted in August 2015.
- The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program will be reviewed again in 2032.

For more information about accreditation by the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP): <http://www.cacrep.org/>

- For more information on the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/liberal-arts-sciences/programs/education-counseling/graduate-programs/ms-counseling/clinical-mental-health.html>

Master of Science Degree in Counseling – School Counseling

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

- Accreditation granted in August 2015.
- The School Counseling Program will be reviewed again in 2032.
- For more information about accreditation by the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP): <http://www.cacrep.org/>
- For more information on the School Counseling Program: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/liberal-arts-sciences/programs/education-counseling/graduate-programs/ms-counseling/school-counseling.html>

Villanova University – College of Engineering

The undergraduate programs of Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering (all of the undergraduate engineering programs at Villanova) are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the ABET Inc.: <http://www.abet.org/>

- For more information on the College of Engineering's undergraduate programs, please follow this link: <https://www1.villanova.edu/content/university/engineering/academic-programs/undergraduate.html>

Villanova University – M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing

The M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing is approved by the State Board of Nursing of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Upon completion of the undergraduate program, graduates are eligible to take the licensing examination (NCLEX) for professional registered nurses. This license is transferable within the United States nationally by state.

- The submission of an annual report is required and is filed accordingly. Visits can be scheduled at the discretion of the Board of Nursing and not on any regular basis. Villanova University currently has no visits scheduled.
- For more information about accreditation by the State Board of Nursing of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: <http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Board-Approved-Nursing-Education-Programs.aspx#.VzJKfYLD9Ie>

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the Master of Science in Nursing, the Master of Science in Nursing, Post Master's Advanced Practice RN Certificate, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees at Villanova University College of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

- Last re-accredited in 2019 for a 10-year period and is effective through 2029.
- For more information about accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education: <https://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE>

The Nurse Anesthetist program is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs, a specialized accrediting body recognized by both the USDE and The Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

- Last re-accredited in November 2021 for a 10-year period and is effective through 2031.
- For more information about accreditation by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs: <https://www.aana.com/about-us/aana-affiliates/coa>

The Continuing Education Program is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), Commission on Accreditation.

- Last accredited in 2021, for a full 4-year period. ANCC accreditation is effective through 2025.
- The next evaluation will occur in the fall of 2024.
- For more information about accreditation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, Commission on Accreditation: <https://www.nursingworld.org/organizational-programs/accreditation/>

Villanova School of Business

The Villanova School of Business (VSB) offers seven undergraduate majors, including the fields of accounting, economics, and business administration; and seven graduate programs including five specialized master programs as well as an MBA and an Executive MBA. All programs administered by VSB are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The undergraduate degree program in Accountancy has earned the supplemental Accounting accreditation, extended by the AACSB:

- Accreditation last maintained in 2022.
- The Accountancy program will be reviewed again in 2026-2027.

All undergraduate and graduate degrees offered by VSB are accredited together by the AACSB:

- Accreditation last maintained in 2022.
- The undergraduate and graduate programs will be reviewed again in 2026-2027.

For more information about accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business:

<http://www.aacsb.edu/accreditation/>

For more information on the Villanova School of Business:

<http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/business/about.html>

Villanova College of Professional Studies

The Paralegal Professional Certificate Program is approved by the American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Paralegals.

- Last re-approved in 2021
- For more information about accreditation through the American Bar Association:
<https://www.americanbar.org/groups/paralegals/>
- For more information about this program:
<https://www1.villanova.edu/university/professional-studies/academics/professional-education/paralegal-certificate.html>

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

The Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association, section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar.

- Accreditation last re-approved in 2019.
- For ABA required disclosures: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/law/about/aba-required-disclosures.html>
- For more information about accreditation through the American Bar Association:
https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/accreditation/

The Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law is a member of the Association for American Law Schools (AALS)

- Last reviewed in 2018
- For more information about AALS: <https://www.aals.org/>
- For more information on the Charles Widger School of Law: <http://www.law.villanova.edu/>