Accreditation

Villanova University

Villanova University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, (267-284-5000). The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

- Accreditation last re-affirmed on November 17, 2016 through the Periodic Review Report.
- Villanova University’s next Self Study Evaluation will take place in 2020-2021.
- For more information about accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, follow this link: [http://www.msche.org/](http://www.msche.org/)
- To view Villanova University’s statement of accreditation status, follow this link: [https://www.msche.org/institution/0573/](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, follow this link: [https://www.asbmb.org/education/accreditation](https://www.asbmb.org/education/accreditation)
- For more information on the Biochemistry program, please follow this link: [http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/artsci/biochem.html](http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/artsci/biochem.html)

Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry

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

- Last re-approved in 2016.
- The undergraduate Chemistry program will be reviewed again in 2021.
- For more information about accreditation by the American Chemical Society, follow this link: [https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/policies/acs-approval-program.html](https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/policies/acs-approval-program.html)
- For more information on the undergraduate Chemistry program, please follow this link: [https://www1.villanova.edu/university/liberal-arts-sciences/programs/chemistry/undergraduate-program.html](https://www1.villanova.edu/university/liberal-arts-sciences/programs/chemistry/undergraduate-program.html)

Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science

The undergraduate Computer Science program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC) of ABET, Inc., [http://www.abet.org/](http://www.abet.org/)

- For more information on the undergraduate Computer Science program, please follow this link: [https://www1.villanova.edu/university/liberal-arts-sciences/programs/computing-sciences/undergraduate-program.html](https://www1.villanova.edu/university/liberal-arts-sciences/programs/computing-sciences/undergraduate-program.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 2023.
- For more information about accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), follow this link: https://www.naspaa.org/accreditation
- For more information on the MPA Program, please follow this link: https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/artsci/publicadmin/programs/graduate.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 2023.
- For more information about accreditation by the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), follow this link: http://www.cacrep.org/
- For more information on the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program, please follow this link: https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/artsci/education/graduate/graduate-programs-in-counseling/mentalhealth.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 2023.
- For more information about accreditation by the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), follow this link: http://www.cacrep.org/
- For more information on the School Counseling Program, please follow this link: https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/artsci/education/graduate/graduate-programs-in-counseling/schoolcounseling.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
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, please follow this link: [http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Board-Approved-Nursing-Education-Programs.aspx#VzJKfYLD91e](http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Board-Approved-Nursing-Education-Programs.aspx#VzJKfYLD91e)

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, please follow this link: [https://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE](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 2010 for a 10-year period and is effective through 2020.
  - Due to COVID-19, the scheduled on-site October 2020 Accreditation visit was postponed until a virtual visit in March 2021. The official documentation will be available after the COA meets in October 2021. Until then all current accreditations are extended.
- For more information about accreditation by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs, please follow this link: [https://www.aana.com/about-us/aana-affiliates/coa](https://www.aana.com/about-us/aana-affiliates/coa)

The Continuing Education Program is accredited as a provider of Continuing Education in Nursing 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, please follow this link: [https://www.nursingworld.org/organizational-programs/accreditation/](https://www.nursingworld.org/organizational-programs/accreditation/)

The MacDonald Center for Obesity Prevention and Education (COPE) is a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Accredited Provider with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR), the credentialing agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

- The CDR certifies that COPE meets all the standards for accreditation as a Continuing Professional Education Accredited Provider and its accreditation is effective through September 30, 2021.
- For more information about accreditation by the Commission on Dietetic Registration, please follow this link: [http://cdrent.org/accredited-provider-information](http://cdrent.org/accredited-provider-information)

For more information on any of the College of Nursing’s re-accreditation processes, please follow this link: [http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/nursing/about/accreditation.html](http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/nursing/about/accreditation.html)
Villanova School of Business

The Villanova School of Business (VSB) offers seven undergraduate majors, including the fields of accounting, economics, and business administration; seven graduate programs; and an executive MBA program. All programs 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 2017.
- The Accountancy program will be reviewed again in 2021-2022.

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

- Accreditation last maintained in 2017.
- The undergraduate and graduate programs will be reviewed again in 2021-2022

For more information about accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, please follow this link: http://www.aacsb.edu/accreditation/

For more information on the Villanova School of Business, please follow this link: 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, please follow this link: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/paralegals/
- For more information about this program, please follow this link: 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, please follow this link: https://www1.villanova.edu/university/law/about/aba-required-disclosures.html
- For more information about accreditation through the American Bar Association, please follow this link: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/accreditation/

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

- Last reviewed in 2018
- For more information about AALS, please follow this link: https://www.aals.org/

For more information on the Charles Widger School of Law, please follow this link: http://www.law.villanova.edu/