CREIGHTON COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

College of Arts and Sciences (http://ccas.creighton.edu)

The College of Arts and Sciences is the oldest and largest of Creighton’s nine colleges and schools. The college offers more than 60 majors and minors; an 11:1 faculty-to-student ratio; and research opportunities for undergraduates in all disciplines. Creighton encourages student involvement in research through the Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (CURAS); nearly 200 undergraduate students present research at national and regional scholarly conferences annually. These efforts and others have resulted in Creighton being named among only 49 universities in the nation for undergraduate research opportunities by U.S. News & World Report — and the only Jesuit university to be recognized in 2015.

More than half of the college’s students attend graduate or professional school upon graduation, at such institutions as Harvard, Stanford, Oxford and Cambridge universities. The College of Arts and Sciences hosts a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious honor society for liberal arts and sciences graduates. Interdisciplinary programs include such areas as neuroscience, healthy lifestyle management, sustainability studies, digital humanities, health administration, and justice and peace studies. The Department of Journalism, Media and Computing prepares students for success in today’s technology-driven world by melding programs in journalism, graphic design and computing.

Heider College of Business (http://business.creighton.edu)

Established in 1920, the Heider College of Business became Creighton’s first named college in 2013, in recognition of philanthropists Charles (BSC’49) and Mary Heider. It is among only 2 percent of schools in the world accredited in both business and accounting by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. The faculty includes more chartered financial analysts than any other higher education institution in the world.

In 2015, Heider College was ranked a Top 100 business program by U.S. News & World Report at No. 93; undergraduate finance ranked 14th; and accounting ranked 19th. The college reports 99 percent of recent graduates were employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation; accounting majors have had a 100 percent placement rate for the past 10 years.

Students receive real-world experience, including investing University funds through the Portfolio Practicum class; planning the Creighton Business Symposium, the largest U.S. student-planned business event; and working with the Business Ethics Alliance, the leading nonprofit dedicated to city-level business ethics programming. Programs offering interdisciplinary opportunities include 3/3 Law (business and law degrees attained in six years); Pre-Healthcare (combines a business degree with completion of requirements for health care professional programs); Bioscience and Entrepreneurship (hands-on experience in commercializing medical innovations); and the M.D./MBA (students complete an MBA during the third year of medical school).

College of Nursing (http://www.creighton.edu/nursing)

The College of Nursing has achieved a national reputation for innovative programs that keep pace with the ever-changing field of nursing. For example, Creighton’s accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) was one of the first in the nation and Creighton was the first nursing school in Nebraska to offer a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. Creighton nursing faculty members serve on state and national nursing and health care committees and organizations.

The college offers a BSN program on two campuses, in Omaha and Hastings, Neb., and is supplemented by select online courses and tracks. The BSN program includes a traditional four-year direct-entry pathway that allows students to start their college careers as freshmen in nursing, a 12 month accelerated BSN designed for college graduates who pursue nursing as a second degree. The college also offers an on-line RN-BSN degree completion program designed for registered nurses who have graduated from an accredited associate degree or diploma program in nursing and are eligible for licensure in Nebraska. The College of Nursing also offers an innovative undergraduate certificate in Outcomes Management and Care Coordination Leadership. This 24-week on-line program is designed for practicing registered nurses. Completion of this 12 semester credit hours in this certificate program can be counted towards completion of the RN-BSN degree. The College also collaborates with Hastings College to offer a 3.5+ 1 dual degree program with Hastings College in Hastings, NE. This program is designed for students completing a Health Systems Major or other appropriate major at Hastings College Major, meets the prerequisites for the accelerated BSN and completes all accelerated nursing curriculum (ANC) requirements.

The College offers both MSN and DNP degree programs. The MSN program prepares graduates to be clinical nurse leaders, and clinical systems administrators. The DNP program prepares graduates to be nurse practitioners and clinical systems administrators. The nurse practitioner tracks include the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Acute Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Graduates who successfully complete their identified NP track meet eligibility for national certification through their appropriate national certification boards.

The College of Nursing offers Post-Graduate Certificates in the following areas: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, and Clinical Nurse Leader. Students who successfully complete the post-graduate certificate meet eligibility for national certification through their appropriate national certification boards. Creighton BSN graduates meet or exceed the national average for first-time pass rates on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) and annual pass rates on the certification examination for nurse practitioner-track graduates generally range from 90 to 100 percent for first-time test-takers.

Community involvement — at home and abroad — is at the heart of Creighton nursing. Students gain hands-on learning at free health clinics in Omaha and through global health care experiences such as those associated with the Institute for Latin American Concern in the Dominican Republic (ILAC) and China. The College of Nursing collaborates with public and parochial schools in Omaha and surrounding areas to provide state-mandated health screenings. Creighton nursing
students, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, complete preceptorships in some of the nation's largest hospitals as well as in small, rural hospitals, specialty hospitals, and urban and rural clinics.

**College of Professional Studies and Summer Sessions (http://adultdegrees.creighton.edu)**

The College of Professional Studies, established in 1983 as University College, provides on-campus and online undergraduate degrees, certificates and noncredit programs for adult learners. Students enjoy small classes that offer individual attention and the ability to forge strong relationships with fellow learners and faculty. In 2015-2016, there were more than 300 students enrolled in the College of Professional Studies. The college's online bachelor's degree completion programs are ranked No. 20 nationally by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The online Bachelor's in Leadership includes three specialization tracks: health care management, nonprofit management and human capital management; the new online Bachelor of Arts in Healthy Lifestyle Management is designed for students who wish to pursue careers in the growing field of health and wellness. The program is unique because it is rooted in interdisciplinary teaching, research and practice to care for the whole person—body, mind and spirit. The college offers 12 undergraduate certificate programs including such offerings as business administration, theology, health administration and policy, creative writing and more.

**Graduate School (http://succeed.creighton.edu)**

Creighton's first master's degree was awarded in 1893 and the first Ph.D. was conferred in 1971. Today, the Graduate School offers more than 35 master's degree programs and numerous doctoral programs and is a leader in interdisciplinary education with both on-campus and online programs. More than half of Creighton graduate students are enrolled in online programs.

In 2016, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Creighton No. 13 in Best Online Graduate Business Programs (Excludes MBA); No. 36 in Best Online Graduate Education Programs; No. 44 in Best Online MBA Programs; and No. 64 in Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs. The Doctoral Program in Interdisciplinary Leadership (Ed.D.) is the Graduate School's largest online program, this year drawing students from 45 states and 10 countries.

The Graduate School is continually adding to its academic offerings with distinctive and innovative programs in a wide variety of fields including business, leadership, conflict resolution, education, school counseling, humanities, health care, public health, ministry, theology and science; creative writing (MFA), East-West studies, medical anthropology, public health, emergency medical services (EMS), finance (MFIN) and health and wellness coaching. Creighton also offers graduate certificates in many fields as well as dual degrees in business, law, medicine, international relations, negotiation/conflict resolution, business intelligence and analytics, health care ethics, leadership and more..

**School of Dentistry (http://www.creighton.edu/dentalschool)**

The School of Dentistry has a reputation for excellence, last year receiving 2,205 applications for 85 available seats; the school's faculty members serve in leadership and advisory roles with local, regional and national organizations. Graduates become general dentists or pursue residency programs, advanced degrees and specialty training in nearly all 50 states; 20 to 25 percent of Creighton dental graduates achieve post-doctoral training. Creighton is considered to have one of the most affordable private dental schools in the United States.

Hands-on clinical experience as well as community service are hallmarks of a Creighton dental education: the dental clinic serves approximately 12,000 patients annually; students and faculty volunteer through OneWorld Community Health Center, "Give Kids a Smile," Heart Ministry Clinic, Special Olympics, outreach in the Dominican Republic and more; through "Building Healthy Futures," Creighton provides preventive oral care and education to approximately 5,000 schoolchildren.

Thirty-nine percent of students come from states without dental schools; Creighton has contracts with Idaho and Wyoming and offers Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) seats for dental students from New Mexico, North Dakota and Wyoming. Creighton has participated in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Dental Pipeline program, encouraging recruitment of Native American students.

**School of Law (http://law.creighton.edu)**

The School of Law was established in 1904. Today, the 300-plus students in the School of Law are taught by 35 full-time professors and 27 adjunct faculty members who are prosecutors, public defenders and other practicing attorneys. Last year's graduates accepted offers of employment in 19 states and two other countries.

Creighton law students have the flexibility to earn a J.D. degree in two, three or four years. Other programs include earning a J.D. plus a master's degree in negotiation and dispute resolution from Creighton’s Werner Institute in three years; the Government and Leadership (GOAL) Program, which provides a J.D. and a master’s degree in three years plus an externship in Washington, D.C.; and the joint J.D./MBA with the Heider College of Business.

Innovative educational experiences in the school include a constitutional law seminar offered every other year allowing face-to-face discussion with a U.S. Supreme Court justice; the summer program, "From Nuremberg to the Hague," featuring the study of international criminal law, war crimes and the Holocaust in Germany and The Netherlands; and an annual immersion trip to the Dominican Republic that encourages law students to reflect on life, law and poverty in a Third World nation.

The School of Law assists students interested in public-interest law by offering summer grants to first- and second-year students who accept unpaid externships with government and nonprofit law offices. Students also gain experience through the Abrahams Legal Clinic, which gives free legal services to low-income individuals, especially victims of domestic violence, and the Community Economic Development Clinic, which provides free legal services to low-income entrepreneurs.

**School of Medicine (http://medschool.creighton.edu)**

The School of Medicine was established in 1892 as the John A. Creighton Medical College. The school has a regional campus in Phoenix at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, which is the only Catholic medical school campus west of Omaha. The medical school’s primary clinical partner, CHI Health, is the largest health care network in the region and one of the top 15 health care systems in the U.S. CHI Health is affiliated
with Colorado-based Catholic Health Initiatives, one of the nation’s largest faith-based nonprofit health systems.

Creighton graduates’ medical licensing scores and pass rates consistently exceed the national average and 100 percent of Creighton medical students perform community service while in medical school. Creighton was the first Catholic university to receive the prestigious Community Service Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC); the award recognized the student-founded and run Magis Medical Clinic, which provides free health care for uninsured and underinsured people in Omaha.

Faculty members and their research are world-renowned. The medical school is an international leader in hereditary cancer and osteoporosis, with other outstanding programs including infectious disease, cardiovascular disease, nutrition/metabolism and neuroscience. A landmark study conducted at Creighton suggested that boosting vitamin D3 intake can significantly reduce the risk of breast and other cancers. Researchers in biomedical sciences, medical microbiology/immunology and pharmacology are making discoveries in atherosclerosis, bacterial resistance, cancer, hearing restoration, brain injury, bone growth/bone loss and more.

School of Pharmacy and Health Professions (http://spahp.creighton.edu)

Established in 1905 as the Creighton College of Pharmacy, the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions (SPAHP) expanded over the years to include other health professions. The school is an academic pioneer, offering: the first clinical doctorates in occupational therapy (OTD) and physical therapy (DPT) in the nation; the first Web-based distance education pharmacy program; the first distance education program in occupational therapy leading to the clinical doctorate in occupational therapy; and 40 years of emergency medical services (EMS) education. SPAHP also has innovative partnerships with the University of Alaska Anchorage (OTD and Pharm.D.) and Regis University in Denver (OTD).

SPAHP faculty are renowned: the school has one of the largest OT faculties in the nation, with 18 faculty members holding terminal degrees; for more than 25 years, faculty members in the Center for Drug Information and Evidence-Based Practice have provided evidence-based, timely and unbiased information to health care professionals (fewer than 15 percent of pharmacy schools in the U.S. offer as much drug information expertise to the professional community); and the Health Services Research Program is recognized nationally for its work in patient safety.

First-time national licensure pass rates in pharmacy, OT and PT have been nearly 100 percent the past several years and more than 75 percent of the school’s students receive one to three job offers before they graduate. They have access to an expanse of clinical training sites, with a faculty-student clinical ratio of 1:3, in every health care discipline, including pediatrics, geriatrics, mental health, acute and long-term care and more. Service to others is a hallmark of the school, with students giving nearly 10,000 hours of service per semester.