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# OVERVIEW

# Accreditation, Authorization, Affiliations, and Memberships

The College was chartered by the State of New Hampshire on November 14, 1962, under the provisions of Chapter 292 R.S.A. In 1965, the State Legislature granted the College statutory authority to grant baccalaureate degrees.



Franklin Pierce University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education, Inc. (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.), a non-governmental, nationally recognized organization whose affiliated institutions include elementary schools through collegiate institutions offering post-graduate instruction. Accreditation of an institution by NECHE indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality periodically applied through a peer group review process. An accredited school or college is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation. Accreditation by NECHE is not partial; it applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of the quality of every course or program offered or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to the students who attend the institution.

Inquiries regarding the status of an institution's accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. Individuals may also contact the New England Commission of Higher Education, 3 Burlington Woods Drive, Suite 100, Burlington,

M.A. 01803, (781) 425-7785, (855)886-3272, Fax: (781) 425-1001.

The University is approved by the New Hampshire Department of Education, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Department of Justice, and the U.S. Department of Education.

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) granted accreditation to Franklin Pierce University's Master of Physical Therapy Program on April 24, 2002, with permission to advance the curriculum to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program as soon as all state and regional college accrediting agencies approved the move. This accreditation occurred in April 2005. In 2010, CAPTE approved the expansion to Arizona.

Both programs are accredited through 2026. Inquiries regarding the status of an institution's accreditation by CAPTE should be directed to CAPTE 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria Virginia 22305-3085; telephone 703-7063245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. Information about CAPTE accreditation can be found at <https://www.franklinpierce.edu/about/facts/accreditation.html>.

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Accreditation Review Commission on Education  
for the Physician Assistant, Inc.

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Franklin Pierce University Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Franklin Pierce University. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards. Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be September 2027. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.

The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the Franklin Pierce University Master of Physician Assistant Studies Hybrid Program sponsored by Franklin Pierce University. Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding Accreditation Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students. Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class. The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at <https://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-franklin-pierce-university/>.

The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the Franklin Pierce University Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) Hybrid Program -- Round Rock, TX Campus sponsored by Franklin Pierce University.

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The RN to BSN program at Franklin Pierce University at the Manchester Campus located in Manchester, NH, is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326  
Phone: (404) 975-5000.

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program at Franklin Pierce University at the Manchester Campus located in Manchester, NH, is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326

Phone: (404) 975-5000.

The MSN/MBA program at Franklin Pierce University at the Manchester Campus located in Manchester, NH, is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326  
 Phone: (404) 975-5000.

The Master Entry to Practice Nursing (MEPN) program at Franklin Pierce University at the Manchester Campus located in Manchester, NH, is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326  
 Phone: (404) 975-5000.

This program is approved by the New Hampshire Board of Nursing.



The undergraduate and graduate Business programs are accredited by the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE), 11374 Strang Line Road, Lenexa, K.S., 66215, phone: (913) 631-3009.

Programmatic accreditation by the International Accreditation Council for Business Education is mission-driven and outcomes-based, and involves an independent, external evaluation of the business programs offered by an institution’s academic business unit. The effectiveness of the academic business unit is evaluated by reviewing the educational processes related to teaching and learning in the institution, and by an assessment of the outcomes of the teaching-learning process. IACBE partners with colleges, universities, and other higher education institutions to recognize business education excellence. <https://iacbe.org/accreditation/>

The University holds membership in the following organizations:

American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers	American Council of Education
American Library Association	American Nurses Association (ANA)
American Personnel and Guidance Association	ARMI   BioFabUSA ReGen Valley Tech Hub
Associate of Women’s Health, OB and Neonatal (AWHONN)	Association for Continuing Higher Education
Association for Innovation in Higher Education	Association of American Colleges and Universities
Association of College and Research Libraries	College and University Personnel Association

Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning	Council of Independent Colleges
International Philosophy of Nursing Society	Interstate Certification Compact
National Association of College Admissions Counseling	National Association of College and University Business Officers
National Association of Student Personnel Administrators	National Collegiate Athletic Association
National League for Nursing (NLN)	NERCOMP (NorthEast Regional Computing Program)
New England Consortium of Academic Coordinators of Clinical Educators	New Hampshire College and University Council
New Hampshire Nurses Association (NHNA)	Northeast 10 Conference
Oncology Nursing Society – Southern NH and National Chapters	Physician Assistant Education Association
Sigma Theta Tau	