

Institutional Profile for Columbia College

Background Columbia College began as Christian College in 1851. In 1970 the institution adopted the current name. In addition to Columbia College, the institution is also known as Columbia College of Missouri. Upon establishment the institution had an agreement with the Disciples of Christ church. The association with Disciples of Christ church continues to this day with the church giving student scholarships.

Institutional Control Private, not-for-profit institution.

Institutional Accreditation The institution is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The accreditor originally granted status in January 1918. More recently accreditation was reaffirmed in 2013. The standard HLC accreditation extends for a decade. A comprehensive evaluation will occur in March 2023. The next reaffirmation of accreditation is to be decided in April 2023.

In February 2016, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Board of Commissioners granted programmatic accreditation for the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Nursing.

Participation in NC-SARA Columbia College has been a State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Partner since February 2015.

Participation in Student Financial Aid Students attending the institution are eligible to receive Title IV Federal Student Aid. The institution does not currently participate in Indiana state financial aid. The institution does participate in financial aid in other states where they currently have a physical presence. For instance, Columbia College participates in six Missouri state student financial aid programs. The institution also has agreements with the State of Florida for two student financial aid programs.

Campuses The HLC accredits the main Columbia College at Columbia, Missouri. In addition, HLC accredits additional locations in Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Washington under the main campus.

The institution has been approved to offer education at military installations since 1973. Currently the institution offers programs at 20 military installations (airfields, arsenals, forts, and posts) in the US and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Enrollment The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) lists a total enrollment of 8,347 students in the fall of 2020 at Columbia College at Columbia, Missouri. NCES lists the Columbia, Missouri institution as the parent to 41 related institutions.

Programs The institution offers programs at the certificate, associate's, baccalaureate, and master's levels. Programs offered at various campuses range from a Certificate in Certified Medical Assistant, Certificate in Management, Certificate in Digital Marketing, Certificate in Crime Scene Investigation, Associate of Science (A.S.) in Business Administration, A.S. in Computer Information Systems, A.S. in Pre-Nursing Science, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Accounting, B.S. in Finance, B.S. in Organizational Leadership, Master of Arts (M.A.) in Teaching, to a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.).

Financial Responsibility Composite Score (FRCS) In Fiscal Year (FY) ending June 30, 2021, the institution had an unpublished FRCS of 3.0.