

# ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

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The academic program at Bethel University is enriched by its membership and participation in programs of the Christian College Consortium and the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

Bethel University is registered with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to Minnesota Statutes sections 136A.61 to 136A.71. Registration is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

## Counseling

Bethel's MA in Counseling is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling Related and Educational Programs (CACREP) (<https://www.cacrep.org/>) as a clinical mental health counseling program through March, 2031, having met all CACREP standards.

## Business

Bethel's MBA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) (<https://acbsp.org/>), a leading specialized accreditation association for business education.

## Education

Bethel's graduate teacher education degree programs are accredited by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) which has approved Bethel's Graduate education programs leading to initial and add-on licenses in various K-12, 9-12, 5-8, and 5-12 content areas; initial and add-on licenses in various special education disability areas; as well as an add-on license in Teacher Coordinator of Work-based Learning.

The Minnesota Board of School Administrators has accredited Bethel University's K-12 Administrator Licenses Program leading to licenses as principals, superintendents, and directors of special education. Once the required coursework, internships, and panel review are concluded, Bethel recommends students for a K-12 administrator's license; the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board grants the license.

Bethel's Certificate in International Baccalaureate Education (CIBE) is recognized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (<http://www.ibo.org/>) (IB). Students who successfully complete the certificate are eligible for the International Baccalaureate Certificate in Teaching and Learning (IBCTL) granted directly by IB.

## Nursing

The nurse-midwifery program is accredited by Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME). [www.midwife.org/acme](http://www.midwife.org/acme) 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1230, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6374. For information about accreditation please contact ACME directly. Tel: 240-485-1802, email (<https://catalog.bethel.edumaito:acme@acnm.org>). For information about the nurse-midwifery program contact Dr. Katrina Wu.

The Master of Science program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

## Physician Assistant

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Bethel University Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Bethel University. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards.

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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 date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA is April of 2026. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy. The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website (<http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-bethel-university-mn/>).

The PA program is also listed as an approved program by the Higher Learning Commission and registered with the Minnesota Department of Education.

## **Social Work**

Bethel University's MSW program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). For more information about social work accreditation, visit the CSWE website (<https://www.cswe.org/Accreditation/>). Or contact accreditation (<https://www.cswe.org/Accreditation/Information/Contact-Accreditation/>).