

Types of Iowa Post Secondary Institutions

Regent Universities: Iowa has three Regent Universities, each with a slightly different focus. All three universities offer a wide range of reasonably-priced high quality programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. These universities will be able to offer the widest range of majors in the state.

Independent Liberal Arts Colleges and Universities: Iowa's selection of independent colleges and universities offers students a small classroom environment and individual attention.

The primary focus of Iowa's 30 independent institutions is undergraduate education. Each institution offers diverse campus life, innovative programs, and excellent preparation for careers or graduate school.

Area Community Colleges: Iowa has a nationally-recognized system of two-year public college which can help your child prepare for employment in a wide range of careers. Each of Iowa's 15 comprehensive community colleges services a multi-county area. Typically, Iowa residents are eligible to attend any Iowa community college after high school. Community colleges also offer programs for dual enrollment while the student is still attending high school.

Students seeking four-year degrees can earn associate degrees in art and sciences. Associate degrees provide students with two years of credit which may be transferred to other colleges and universities. In addition, area colleges offer remedial and development assistance, as well as services for disabled and disadvantaged students.

Technical, Business, Professional, Medical and Other Schools: In addition to traditional colleges and universities, a variety of Iowa schools provide specialized training for numerous careers.