

Accreditation

Carroll College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, an institutional accreditation body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and/or the Secretary of the Department of Education. The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities is located at: 8060 165th Avenue NE, Suite 100, Redmond, Washington 98052-3981.

Carroll College is authorized to offer post-secondary degree programs in the State of Montana as required by the Montana Code Annotated and the Board of Regents Policy effective August 13, 2014. Carroll College has been approved for participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) which provides a streamlined, reciprocity based process for participating post-secondary institutions to gain approval to offer interstate distance education in SARA member states. More information about the Montana post-secondary educational institution complaint process can be found online at <https://mus.edu/MUS-Statement-of-Complaint-Process.asp>.

Professional Licensure Disclosure

Carroll College is authorized to grant educational degrees, and some of these degrees are designed or advertised to meet educational requirements to obtain a specific federal, state, or professional licensure or certification that is required for employment in an occupation. Licensure requirements may differ depending on what state or territory an individual is seeking employment. In order to inform prospective and current students on which programs meet state licensure requirements, Carroll College is required to maintain and update this Professional Licensure Disclosure.

Carroll College is committed to ensuring information about education requirements for licensure or certification are up to date. Despite our efforts, state licensing boards or certification organizations may change their requirements without notifying Carroll College. In addition, there may be further requirements such as background checks, professional exams, finger prints, years of experience, or probationary periods. If you intend on gaining professional licensure/certification in a state other than Montana, Carroll College strongly encourages you, before beginning an academic program, to contact the relevant licensing entity and obtain information regarding the specific requirements in that state. Furthermore, some states require authorization prior to a student beginning clinical or field experience. Please speak with your program director or internship/clinical/field experience coordinator if you intend to obtain that experience in a state other than Montana.

All prospective and currently enrolled students are encouraged to review the relevant professional licensure disclosure for the state they intend to live and the Carroll program they are seeking to complete. Carroll College defines prospective students as degree or credential-seeking students who have applied for admission to Carroll College, but have not yet enrolled. While our programs are designed to meet the educational requirements for licensure in Montana, the College is not the professional licensure or certification organization. State professional licensing boards make the ultimate determination, based on their regulations and requirements, if an individual is qualified and eligible to practice within their jurisdiction.

The most up-to-date program specific professional licensure information is published on Carroll College's professional licensure webpage: <https://www.carroll.edu/academic-affairs/professional-licensure>. Currently, information is available for Accounting, Education, Engineering, Financial Planning, Nursing, and Social Work.

Physician Assistant Licensure

Providing that the Carroll College PA program receives provisional accreditation, students who successfully complete the program will be allowed to sit for the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE). The program would meet the requirements for licensure in all 50 states. The American Academy of Physician Associates has information regarding the state licensure requirements <https://www.aapa.org/advocacy-central/state-advocacy/state-laws-and-regulations/>