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## Accreditation

The College of Education and Health Professions is proud to be accredited by several well-respected accrediting groups.

Accreditation represents a standard of quality that is recognized by external evaluators who review programs at institutions of higher education using rigorous standards of quality. Programs that are accredited have demonstrated that a high standard of quality and integrity that leads to producing graduates who are competent in their fields.

[Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium \(InTASC\)](#)

### **Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)**

Columbus State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate, nexus, baccalaureate, masters, educational specialist, and doctorate degrees. Columbus State University also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Columbus State University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)).

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### **Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC)**

**All education programs in the College of Education and Health Professions are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).**

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission was created by the Georgia General Assembly on July 1, 1991, to assume full responsibility for the preparation, certification, and professional conduct of certified personnel employed in the Georgia public schools. Commission responsibilities have increased since 1991, to include such areas as supporting recruiting functions throughout the TeachGeorgia.org website.

The mission of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission is to build the best prepared, best qualified and most ethical educator workforce in the nation.



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### **Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)**

**All counseling programs in the College of Education and Health professions are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).**

CACREP accredits master's and doctoral degree programs in counseling and its specialties that are offered by colleges and universities in the United States and throughout the world.



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## Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing and the GICGNE master's degree program in nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>). Columbus State University is pursuing initial accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>) for the master's degree program in nursing that will replace the GICGNE consortium. Applying for accreditation does not guarantee that accreditation will be granted.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) is an autonomous accrediting agency, contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing. CCNE serves the public interest by assessing and identifying programs that engage in effective educational practices.



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## COEHP Programs

The College of Education and Health Professions offers educational programs in Art, Music, and Theatre. Columbus State University is an accredited institutional member of the following related organizations:

- [The National Association of Schools of Art and Design \(NASAD\)](#)
- [The National Association of Schools of Music \(NASM\)](#)
- [The National Association of Schools of Theatre \(NAST\)](#)

In addition, COEHP programs are fully accredited by the following professional organizations:

- [Georgia Professional Standards Commission \(PSC\)](#)
- [The Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs \(CACREP\)](#)
- [School of Nursing Accreditation](#)