

Selecting the Right University for You

A Checklist for Your Success

Which university can help you reach your professional and personal goals? To help answer that question, we've compiled a checklist of key questions you should be asking of each university you consider, as well as the corresponding benefits of choosing Walden University. When researching potential universities, be sure to explore and contemplate the following:



Questions

1 Is the University **Accredited**?

Regional accreditation is crucial because it

- Indicates that the university has met accepted academic standards
- Shows that its programs are of high quality
- Enables students to be eligible for federal student loans
- Makes it easier to transfer credits to another university

2 Are the Programs **Relevant** to My Career?

Look for a university that offers a wide range of quality programs that can advance your career.

Be sure to

- Review the university's overall mission and specific program curriculum.
- Learn about the faculty's industry expertise and focus of scholarly work.
- Inquire how graduates apply what they learn to their workplace.
- Ask about the employers, organizations, and professional associations that partner with the university.

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Walden Is Accredited

Walden University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association. To learn more, visit www.WaldenU.edu/accreditation or call an enrollment advisor at 1-866-492-5336.

Walden University's Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), a national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Walden's M.S. in Mental Health Counseling program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

Walden Offers Relevant Programs

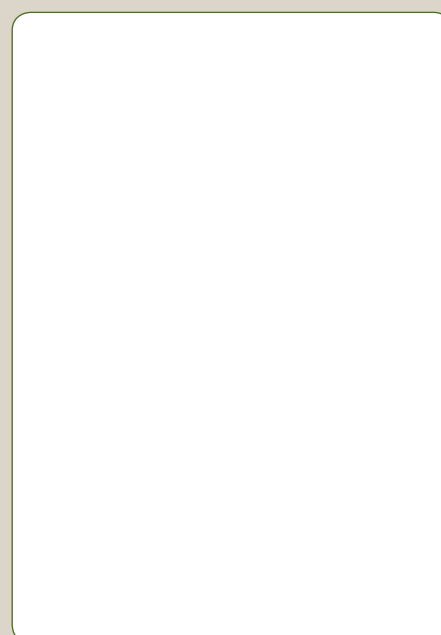
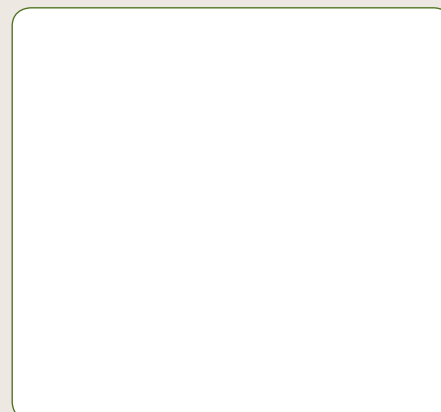
More than 33,000 students are advancing their careers by pursuing bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at Walden. Walden offers more than 140 specializations and concentrations in more than 37 degree programs in the fields of health, nursing, education, psychology, public policy and administration, and management. The university's mission of creating a positive impact on the lives of others fuels the passion of Walden faculty members, graduates, and students and advances the outstanding work they do.

At Walden, you can

- Benefit from our superior, **time-tested approach** to developing relevant and insightful curricula, designed to help you become an effective leader in your organization and your community.
- Interact and exchange ideas with **distinguished faculty members** who are active professionals in their fields.
- Benefit from our affiliations with professional associations.

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3 What Student Services Are Available?

Learning online doesn't mean learning alone. Ask what university resources are available to support your academic goals:

- Academic advisors can help you stay on track throughout your studies.
- Technical support should be available 24/7 to answer questions and resolve issues.
- Writing and research support can help you more effectively communicate your ideas.
- Faculty members should be available to serve as coaches and mentors.

Walden Is Committed to Delivering Student Services

Walden offers a comprehensive array of student services so you can focus on your studies. Our Student Support Team will get you up to speed on learning online, and Walden faculty members can help you apply your professional and personal interests to your studies. Walden also offers a fully digital library; Writing Center; enrollment and academic advising; tutoring; technical, financial, and personal support; and Career Services Center. To learn more, [view our online video *The Walden Experience*](#) or call an enrollment advisor at 1-866-492-5336.

4 What Flexibility Does the University Offer Working Adults?

Returning to school can mean balancing the demands of work, family, and school. Ask how the university meets the needs of working professionals, with such offerings as

- A learning format that lets you study when and where you choose
- The ability to collaborate with faculty members and fellow students online
- Technical and administrative support so you can focus on your program

Walden Offers a Flexible Learning Experience

Topics, readings, and assignments are organized by week so you can contribute to discussions when it's most convenient for you, within a specified time frame. To learn more, visit www.WaldenU.edu/onlinelearning or call an enrollment advisor at 1-866-492-5336.

5 How Strong Is the University's Alumni Network?

Your choice of a university can impact your career long after graduation, especially if you have access to a strong and active alumni network. When discussing university alumni, ask about

- Services provided to alumni, including career development and lifelong learning options
- Opportunities to network with alumni as a student and as a graduate
- The size and extent of the alumni network, including its presence globally

The Walden Alumni Network

More than 99 percent of employers of Walden graduates said they would hire another Walden graduate.* Another benefit to you as a Walden graduate is that you'll be connected to more than 31,000 alumni from all 50 states and from more than 60 countries. Walden offers a variety of alumni services and resources, including online career development, free alumni webinar series, and tuition-reduction opportunities,† should you decide to continue your education. To learn more, visit www.WaldenU.edu/alumni or call an enrollment advisor at 1-866-492-5336.

6 What Funding Options Are Available?

Earning your degree is a significant investment in your future. Determine what specific funding options are available with the university, such as

- Interest-free monthly payment plans
- Fellowships and scholarships
- Group and alumni tuition reductions†

Walden Is an Investment in Your Future

At Walden University, you'll find a full range of funding options, including federal subsidized and unsubsidized student loans, payment plans, family and group tuition reductions,‡ and a range of graduate fellowships and scholarships.† With so many funding options, it's no wonder that more than 65 percent of Walden students receive some form of financial aid. To learn more, visit www.WaldenU.edu/tuition or call an enrollment advisor at 1-866-492-5336.

*Based on Walden's 2007 employer survey respondents.

†Not valid for Tennessee residents.

‡Only one tuition-reduction benefit may be applied to tuition and fees.