Education

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Education in Idaho

Idaho’s State Department of Education was organized in 1891, the first year of Idaho’s statehood. The first State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Joseph Harroun, was assisted by one staff member and a part-time secretary as he met his statutory responsibilities for summarizing reports from county school superintendents, awarding certificates to qualified teachers, preparing lists of acceptable textbooks, preparing courses of study for the schools, and presiding over meetings of the State Board of Education.

In 1911, Governor James H. Hawley proposed a reorganization of the state’s educational system into a form similar to today’s structure - that is, a single State Board of Education responsible for the general supervision of Idaho’s educational institutions and public school system. The board was comprised originally of six members, five appointed by the governor to a 5-year term, and the elected Superintendent of Public Instruction (membership was later increased to seven appointed members). The enabling legislation, passed in 1913, also established a Commissioner of Education to serve as an advisor to the board and to work with both public school administrators and the state’s higher education institutions.

In time, however, it became evident that there was duplication between the Commissioner of Education, appointed by the State Board of Education, and the elected Superintendent of Public Instruction, who served as a member of the board. Thus, in 1933, the Idaho Legislature eliminated the Commissioner of Education and named the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as the executive secretary of the State Board of Education, with the superintendent’s staff located in the State Department of Education.

The 1947 Idaho Legislature set the framework for today’s system of educational governance in Idaho. Among the 30 educational measures enacted during the session was the official establishment of a State Department of Education with responsibility in a variety of areas: the school lunch program, school transportation, teacher certification, curriculum development, and other public school concerns. The department’s eight staff members handled the work.

Today the Idaho State Department of Education is organized into programs. The programs within the State Department of Education work closely together to ensure the needs of all Idaho students are being met. Here is an example of some of the programs:

- **Child Nutrition** monitors the National School Lunch Program, Breakfast, USDA Foods, Summer Food, Child and Adult Food, After School and At Risk Programs.
- **Content and Curriculum** includes the Content Areas and Instructional Services.
- **Elementary and Secondary Education** includes all Elementary and Secondary Education Act program funding and assistance to schools.
- **School Support and Advanced Opportunities** includes Safe and Drug Free Schools Program, School Health, Advanced Opportunities, GEAR UP, Suicide Prevention, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Driver Education and Indian Education.
- **Public School Finance** distributes the public school state appropriation.
- **School Choice** includes Charter School, Alternative School and Home School support.

Source: State Department of Education
Idaho’s Endowment Trusts

When Idaho became a state in 1890, the Admission’s Act granted the new state about 3 million acres of federal lands for public school support (sections 16 and 36 of every township) and another 650 thousand acres for support of eight other endowment beneficiaries. The State Constitution placed the management of these lands into the hands of the five-member State Board of Land Commissioners composed of the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Controller and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Constitution gave the State Treasurer the responsibility for management of the financial assets generated by the endowment lands.

In 1905, the Legislature created the Department of Lands to support the Land Board. Over the years the board sold and exchanged properties so that about 2.1 million acres of public school endowment lands remain and about 350,000 acres of the other eight beneficiaries land remain. In addition to land sales and mineral revenue, the Land Board chose to deposit timber sale revenue into the permanent endowment. It chose to place lease revenues into the income funds for annual distribution along with the earnings from the permanent funds.

In 1969, the Legislature created an Endowment Fund Investment Board (EFIB) to manage the financial assets.

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* Includes 46,080 acres granted Feb. 18, 1881 to University of Idaho

- Public school endowment lands comprise 85% of the total endowment lands.
- Sixty-seven percent of original or exchanged endowment lands remain.

Universities

Boise State University
President: Dr. Robert Kustra
Boise, ID 83725  (208) 426-1000  www.boisestate.edu
Degrees:  9 doctorate, 79 master’s, 99 undergraduate, 18 graduate certificate

Boise State University

Boise State University is a public, metropolitan research university offering an array of undergraduate and graduate degrees and experiences that foster student success, lifelong learning, community engagement, innovation and creativity. Research and creative activity advance new knowledge and benefit students, the community, state and nation. With its exceptional faculty, staff and student body, and its location in the heart of a thriving metropolitan area, the university is an engine that drives the Idaho economy, providing significant return on public investment.

Boise State’s 22,678 students represent Idaho, the nation and the world. Students can choose from academic programs in seven colleges — Arts and Sciences, Business and Economics, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Social Sciences and Public Affairs, and Graduate Studies. In addition, classroom learning can be enhanced by interning with the State Legislature, government agencies, or one of the many private businesses or industries in the area. Students also have the opportunity to study abroad in more than 50 countries.

Faculty members are dedicated to excellence in teaching, research and creative activity. Undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to work alongside and study under some of the West’s most respected scientists, artists, researchers and educators across disciplines. This hands-on experience both enhances and expands students’ education and prepares them for future careers in arts, humanities, health care, science, technology and more.

Boise State scientists are engaged in world-class studies both on campus and around the globe in areas such as
geosciences; sensors; materials science; energy, health and public policy; and creative writing. Emerging research strengths include resource economics; ecological biology; computer science; STEM education (science, technology, engineering and math); and biomolecular sciences studies aimed at identifying, preventing, eradicating and treating diseases such as cancer, Alzheimer's and Parkinson’s.

The campus boasts several state-of-the-art facilities, including the Micron Business and Economics Building, the Environmental Research Building, the Interactive Learning Center and the Norco Building that houses the School of Nursing and University Health Services. Campus life offers adventure and activity as more than 200 student organizations and a beautiful Student Recreation Center provide opportunities for both individual development and fun.

The university’s main entertainment venues include the Special Events Center, Bronco Stadium, Taco Bell Arena and the Morrison Center for the Performing Arts. More than one million visitors come to campus annually for Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning speakers, Bronco football, cultural festivals, the Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Celebration and other signature events.

**Idaho State University**
President: Arthur C. Vailas
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Degrees: Vocational Certificates, Associate, Baccalaureate, Master's Educational Specialist Certificate, Doctoral

Idaho State University has served the citizens of Idaho since 1901, when the institution was first established as the Academy of Idaho. Renamed the Idaho Technical Institute in 1915 and reorganized as the Southern Branch of the University of Idaho in 1927, it was established as Idaho State College in 1947. By action of the 37th Idaho Legislature, the institution became Idaho State University on July 1, 1963.

On January 18, 2011 the prestigious Carnegie Foundation designated Idaho
State University as a Research High University, a classification enjoyed by less than 100 of the nation’s more than 4,400 universities.

Today, ISU enrolls nearly 14,500 students each semester in more than 200 top-flight certificate and degree programs in the colleges of Arts & Letters, Business, Education, Science & Engineering, Technology, the Division of Health Sciences and the Graduate School. Credits awarded by ISU are accepted at all recognized colleges and universities in the United States.

Idaho State University is the state’s designated leader for education in the health professions and trains healthcare professionals in fields ranging from dental hygiene and dietetics to nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistants and radiology, as well as offering residencies in dentistry and pharmacy, as well as for physicians specializing in family practice. The Pocatello Family Medicine clinic operates in conjunction with Health West, and offers resident physicians and other health care students professional opportunities for clinical experience.

ISU enrolls more than 2,000 students each semester in 46 master’s and 13 doctoral programs, including doctor of pharmacy, doctor of physical therapy, doctor of audiology, doctor of philosophy, doctor of education and doctor of arts degrees. ISU pioneered the doctor of arts degree, which emphasizes excellence in college teaching in interdisciplinary programs in English, biology, mathematics and political science. In addition, a doctoral degree in nuclear science and engineering and an interdisciplinary master's degree in hazardous waste management are offered in conjunction with the University of Idaho and the Idaho National Laboratory.

ISU offers educational programs through a variety of innovative delivery methods and options. The Idaho State University/University of Idaho Center for Higher Education at Idaho Falls offers many complete associate, baccalaureate and graduate degree programs. Both daytime and evening courses are offered. The University also offers academic programs at outreach centers at Twin Falls, Meridian and Coeur d’Alene and delivers regular courses, continuing education classes and special programs for high school students to outlying communities via state-of-the-art two-way audio-video technology.

Idaho State University’s presence in the Treasure Valley began in the early 1970s with clinical pharmacy rotations at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Boise and the Nampa State School.

Since then more than 20 graduate and undergraduate degrees have been added with most fields of study in the health professions and sciences.

As programs have grown, so too has ISU’s physical space—moving from leased facilities in Boise to the Idaho State University Meridian Health Science Center in August 2009. The ISU-Meridian Health Science Center, which spans four acres, houses nine distance-learning classrooms, the L.S. Skaggs Pharmacy Complex; counseling and speech and language clinics; and human patient simulation and clinical/medical science laboratories. The Delta Dental of Idaho Dental Residency Clinic opened in 2011, provides advanced training for dentists and treatment for underserved patients. ISU Meridian provides clinics in counseling, dentistry and speech and language.

Unique to ISU-Meridian is its partnership with Joint School District No. 2 whose administrative offices and Renaissance Magnet High School are adjacent to the University. Renaissance students interested in careers in medical sciences and research have the opportunity to use ISU laboratories and resources.

ISU-Meridian serves as the higher education anchor of THE CORE an 1,800-acre business enterprise corridor with public and private partners committed to building the economy through innovations in health, research and technology.

In addition to its outstanding academic and applied technology classroom and laboratory facilities, ISU is also home to
The University of Idaho was created in 1889 by Idaho’s territorial legislature as the soon-to-be state’s premier land-grant research university. In 2014, UI celebrated its 125th anniversary, a legacy that includes more than 115,000 awarded degrees.

UI’s 1,585-acre main residential campus is located in Moscow, Idaho. Its more than 10,000 students are drawn to UI’s reputation for academic excellence, exceptional student living and learning environment and outstanding creative and research opportunities. UI is committed to building a student-centered, engaged
learning environment; being a leader in globally competitive research and learning; and staying connected with the community through Extension and other outreach facilities across the state of Idaho. The University of Idaho has a nearly $1 billion impact on the state of Idaho and returns $9 for every $1 the state invests.

University of Idaho students have access to more than 130 areas of undergraduate study in nine colleges: Agricultural and Life Sciences; Business and Economics; Education; Engineering: Letters, Arts and Social Sciences; Natural Resources; Science; Law; and Graduate Studies. UI is also a leader in the Washington-Idaho regional program in veterinary medicine and the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho (WWAMI) Regional Medical Education Program. The university offers 126 graduate degrees — 88 master’s and 32 doctorate, as well as specialist and certificate programs. The university has the only American Bar Association-accredited law program in the state. The university offers a wide range of financial support for its students, awarding more than $25 million in scholarships annually.

The Moscow campus is home to the Vandal athletic teams and the Kibbie-ASUI Activity Center. The campus also houses two arboreta and a botanical garden, with a combined 80 acres of gardens, ponds, trees and plants from across the globe. The Student Recreation Center includes the tallest freestanding climbing wall of any U.S. college (55 feet), and a well-maintained fitness area with a wide offering of classes.

The University of Idaho Library is the largest in the state of Idaho and has served for more than 100 years as an official regional depository of U.S. federal government publications. It includes Special Collections that are invaluable for researchers, including databases of historic photographs, state documents, university historical documents, rare books, digital collections and the newly digitized International Jazz Collections, the premiere jazz archives in the Pacific Northwest.

UI also has centers in Boise, Coeur d’Alene and Idaho Falls, which serve more than 1,000 students, as well as robust online course offerings and a dual-credit program for Idaho’s high school students. In addition, the University of Idaho system includes more than 70 research facilities and centers, including Extension offices in 42 counties, on three American Indian reservations and 11 regional research and extension centers.

The University of Idaho is a leader in research in a number of categories and is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a “high research activity” institution. UI received nearly $96 million in research funding in fiscal year 2014, and conducts more than 70 percent of the funded research and grants the most doctoral degrees statewide. Undergraduate and graduate students participate in research projects alongside the university’s world-class staff and faculty researchers.

In 2016, the university is scheduled to open the Integrated Research and Innovation Center, a multimillion-dollar research facility that offers laboratory, office and meeting space for faculty, staff and student researchers from across university disciplines. It will also include state-of-the-art visualization laboratory, as well as space for core research facilities, equipment, video conferencing and other specialized needs.

The University of Idaho is a member of the Association of Public Land-Grant Universities and is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Additional approval or accreditation for specific programs has been granted by a wide range of national organizations.
The College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls was established in 1965 by voters in Twin Falls and Jerome Counties. Over the years, the campus has grown to more than 20 buildings on a beautifully landscaped 215-acre campus. In 2010, CSI added a new 72,000 square foot Health Science and Human Services building on its 120-acre expansion just north of the main campus. This building houses 15 high-demand health science programs, including Nursing, Radiologic Technology, and a four-year Dental Hygiene program. It became Idaho’s first LEED-certified college building. CSI’s latest LEED construction project, the 41,000 square foot Applied Technology and Innovation Center (ATIC), will house Wind Energy, Manufacturing Technology, Environmental Technology, Drafting, and Heating and Air Conditioning programs. It is scheduled to be finished in the spring of 2014.

More than 9,000 students now enroll in CSI’s spring and fall semesters. Approximately 1,000 students enroll in the flexible four- to six-week summer semester programs. CSI offers 135 academic and technical degree and certificate programs for first and second-year students as well as for those who need shorter-term training for new careers or career enhancement.

CSI has dual credit agreements with 70 high schools from all over the state of Idaho which allow high school juniors and seniors to earn college and high school credits concurrently. Each year, approximately 2,500 high school students earn some 13,000 CSI credits before they graduate from high school, which not only saves them and their families money, but also gives them a beneficial head start in college.

Two hundred-fifty students live in
dorms on campus. Another 100 live in the nearby, campus-owned North View Apartments. The new 40-unit, CSI-owned Eagle View Student Apartments, which will be completed for fall 2013, will house 80 more students within walking distance of the campus. The privately owned Campus Park apartment complex across the street from CSI accommodates another 500 students within easy walking distance to classes.

Tuition and fees remain among the lowest in Idaho. Students pay $115/credit. (At this writing, the CSI Board of Trustees has not voted on tuition/fees for the 2015/2016 school year.)

The student-elected Senate and Executive Cabinet play an active role in all decisions affecting student life and activities each year. A Program Board of students, faculty, and staff provides many entertainment and enrichment events throughout the year, including music, magic, and comedy.

The CSI Honors and Phi Theta Kappa program are attractive to students who want to enhance their college resumes with high-achievement classes and leadership opportunities. Idaho’s New Century Scholar, an academic honor awarded to one community college student from each state, has been a CSI student from 2006 - 2012.

Southern Idaho students outside of Twin Falls are able to take classes at one of CSI's four off-campus centers in Idaho Falls, Burley, Hailey, and Gooding. Many of these classes have instructors right in their classrooms while others are delivered in real time via interactive, microwave transmission from the Twin Falls campus. More than 140 classes and 13 degree programs are offered online and that number is growing. CSI also offers its students the ability to earn bachelor's and master's degrees on campus without leaving Twin Falls, thanks to its partnerships with the University of Idaho, Idaho State University, and Boise State University. Twenty-two such programs are currently available with more under consideration.

College of Western Idaho
President: Dr. Berton Glandon
Nampa ID 83687 (208) 562-3000 www.cwidaho.cc
Degrees: Associate and Certificate
As a forward-thinking community college, the College of Western Idaho (CWI) partners with public and private entities throughout the community to adequately prepare a skilled workforce to achieve a higher level of degree and skills necessary to position Idaho as a leader in quality of life and strong economic stability. CWI's mission is to offer affordable, open-access to comprehensive and quality teaching and learning opportunities. The College offers a full range of academic and professional-technical courses leading to Associate of Arts, Science, or Applied Science degrees, professional-technical degrees, continuing education credits, and specialty skill certificates.

Created by a super-majority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007, CWI is not only the newest Idaho community college, but has quickly become the largest with dedication focused on serving Idaho's largest population hub in western Idaho. Since its first offering of classes in January 2009, the enrollment at CWI has increased over 250 percent. Today, CWI serves more than 10,000 credit students and an additional 10,000 non-credit training participants. Students can choose from classes offered in Boise or Nampa, or online; which are offered through day, evening, and weekend hours to accommodate those with more challenging schedules. CWI has articulation agreements with both public and private colleges and universities, allowing students to transfer associate degree credits when ready to pursue a bachelor's degree. CWI also offers basic academic classes to help prepare for a GED, dual credit for high school students, and customized career training for working professionals.

The CWI student body has embraced the entrepreneurial spirit of the new college through implementation of an active student government and a variety of social and academic clubs that provide additional enrichment opportunities and experiences. These student organizations are already contributing thousands of community service hours and earning national recognition for their exceptional skills. Three student clubs, SkillsUSA, Business Professional of America, and Speech and Debate, are competing and winning national honors – including securing recognition as the No. 1 community college in the nation for Speech and Debate an amazing four out of five years.

CWI consists of nearly 1,000 employees, most of whom possess a master's degree or several years' experience within the applicable discipline of their role. The success of CWI students and programs is supported by the phenomenal faculty and staff who share the passion and dedication of the College's mission and take great lengths to ensure each student has the opportunity for success and is prepared for the next phase in their lives. This exceptional group also works closely with members of the business community to ensure Idaho's workforce needs are met with highly-educated and productive graduates. With more than 50 credit and hundreds of non-credit programs to choose from, and credit classes at just $136 per credit, CWI truly is a valuable higher educational resource for Idaho.
Eastern Idaho Technical College

President: Steven K. Albiston
Idaho Falls, ID 83404  (208) 524-3000  www.eitc.edu

Eastern Idaho Technical College (EITC) in Idaho Falls offers educational programs in professional-technical fields, short-term customized training, continuing education and community services to meet the needs of students, business and industry, and the communities in its service delivery area (Lemhi, Custer, Butte, Fremont, Madison, Teton, Jefferson, Clark, and Bonneville counties). Ninety-eight percent of the student body are Idaho residents. During fiscal year 2014, the College enrolled 1,196 pre-employment credit students, and more than 12,000 students in a combination of short-term training, adult basic education, and community education courses. The College establishes and maintains collaborative partnerships with area school districts, universities, business and industry, government agencies, and other regional entities, to promote economic development and coordinate delivery of services. Also offered are joint high school and EITC programs, through Tech Prep and the Eastern Idaho Professional-Technical High School. EITC, created in 1969, is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.
Lewis-Clark State College, established in 1893, has a proud heritage and continuing tradition of service to the state and the nation through its unique, three-fold mission of academic programs, professional-technical programs, and community college/community support programs.

Lewis-Clark State College is a regional undergraduate institution offering baccalaureate degrees in education, nursing, business, social work, criminal justice, as well as in the liberal arts and sciences. The college has a wide variety of professional-technical programs leading to certificates, associate’s degrees and bachelor’s degrees in applied technology. The college also offers several programs for individuals with other educational goals, including a large GED program.

Lewis-Clark State College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. LCSC has the following specialized accreditations:

- Nursing – Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the Idaho State Board of Nursing
- Teacher Education – Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation
- Radiographic Science – Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
- Social Work – National Council on Social Work Education
- Business – International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education
- Medical Assisting – Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
- Automotive Mechanics Technology – National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation
- Collision Repair – National Automotive Education Foundation

The college is a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, University Continuing Education Association, and American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.
North Idaho College
President: Joe Dunlap
Coeur d’Alene, ID 83814  (208) 769-3303  www.nic.edu
Degrees: Associate's degrees; associate of applied science degrees, certificates

Founded in 1933, North Idaho College is a comprehensive community college located on the beautiful shores of Lake Coeur d’Alene. NIC offers degrees and certificates in a wide spectrum of academic transfer, professional-technical, and general education programs.

The college serves a five-county region with outreach centers in Bonners Ferry, Kellogg, and Sandpoint, and has an extensive array of Internet and interactive video conferencing courses. NIC also plays a key role in the region’s economic development by preparing competent, trained employees for area businesses, industries, and governmental agencies.

Boise Bible College

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Boise Bible College began in 1945 as a ministry of the Boise First Church of Christ. The college is accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE located in Orlando, Florida), is recognized by the Idaho State Department of Education and is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. The college has consistently followed its primary mission and purpose: the intentional development of Christian leaders with a Biblical worldview who will serve the local and global church. Most of the student body comes from the Pacific Northwest and the Intermountain West, but the college increasingly draws students from all over the U.S. and abroad.

BBC is located on a 16-acre campus at the northwest edge of Boise, just south of the Boise River and only minutes from numerous opportunities for recreation, amusement, shopping and employment. The BBC campus is not only in a great location, it is continually being developed to accommodate a growing student body. In recent years several major additions to the facilities have been finished including:
• New modern classrooms,
• A large meeting room for chapel, special events, and banquets,
• A residence hall with many conveniences
• A student center including a coffee bar and gathering areas

BBC has consistently been a non-denominational college, predominately associated with independent congregations identifying themselves with the Christian Church and Churches of Christ. Boise Bible College values Christian character, servant leadership, and excellence in an academic atmosphere and a caring community. At BBC, we focus on learning, loving and living. Our students are pushed academically and find direction in God’s Word. They are given many opportunities to practice the leadership skills they are taught in the classroom. Our desire is that they go into the world putting their faith into practice as they serve as leaders in all types of occupations.
Brigham Young University–Idaho

President: Dr. Clark G. Gilbert
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Degrees: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science

Brigham Young University-Idaho is a private, four-year university affiliated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Guided by that affiliation, BYU-Idaho seeks to create a wholesome learning environment in which students can strengthen their commitment to their faith and receive a quality education that prepares them for leadership in the home, the community, and the workplace.

A comprehensive liberal arts, professional, and scientific curriculum is offered. BYU-Idaho is a two-tiered institution, providing students with a choice of 25 associate degrees and 103 bachelor’s degrees. Associate degrees offer students specialization in a major field of study along with a carefully selected curriculum of general education. Specialized bachelor’s degrees focus on a specific discipline, while integrated bachelor’s degrees allow students to incorporate other related fields of study into their chosen major.

BYU-Idaho operates year round on a three-track, three-semester system: winter, spring, and fall. Facilities are better utilized and many more students are served by their admission to a track composed of two of the three semesters. In 2014 BYU-Idaho served about 34,500 students in its associate and bachelor’s degree programs.

BYU-Idaho’s academic offerings are spread across seven colleges: Agriculture and Life Sciences, Business and Communication, Education and Human Development, Language and Letters, Performing and Visual Arts, Physical Sciences and Engineering, and Foundations and Interdisciplinary Studies. Faculty members in these various departments are focused primarily on the teaching and development of students. Instructors also engage in a variety of scholarly and research activities to support their teaching.

BYU-Idaho extends its educational offerings beyond the classroom by providing more than 300 courses online, with new classes continually under development.
The university offers six associate degrees and 11 bachelor’s degrees entirely online. Online courses and degrees provide the same academic rigor of the classroom, but with greater flexibility in scheduling that allows students to complete their degrees more quickly and graduate sooner.

Internships are a required component for most majors at BYU-Idaho because of the unparalleled leadership and experiential learning opportunities they provide. The university-wide internship program is one of the largest providers of interns in the nation, sending out some 2,800 students annually. Internships are integrated into degree programs, with interns receiving academic credit for their work. Because of the three-track system, interns from BYU-Idaho find semester-long placements year round.

Students complement their academic experience with leadership and mentoring opportunities available through the university’s Student Activities Program. This student-run program offers an array of year-round activities in six core areas: outdoor, service, talent, fitness, sports, and social. Thousands of students are involved in the Activities Program each semester.

All BYU-Idaho students agree to live by an honor code that reflects Latter-day Saint beliefs and teachings. This honor code emphasizes being honest, living a chaste life, abstaining from alcohol and tobacco, using clean language, and following other values encompassed in the doctrines of the Church. The code includes additional guidelines on dress and grooming.

BYU-Idaho students come from all 50 states and nearly 80 countries. Married students comprise approximately 25 percent of the student body. Nearly 50 percent of the students have served as Latter-day Saint missionaries, bringing a unique level of maturity, cultural diversity, and leadership ability to the campus.

BYU-Idaho is the oldest continuously-operating institution of higher education in Idaho. The university was founded in 1888 as Bannock Stake Academy with 59 students. In 1902 it was named Ricks Academy in honor of Thomas E. Ricks, a Church leader who founded Rexburg and headed the academy’s first Board of Education. In 1923 it became known as Ricks College, which grew to become the largest privately-owned junior college in the United States.

In June 2000 leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced Ricks College would transition from a two-year college to a four-year university. Academic programs were evaluated and restructured, and the school officially became Brigham Young University-Idaho in August 2001. The university is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.
The College of Idaho
President: Dr. Charlotte Borst
Caldwell, ID 83605  (208) 459-5011  www.collegeofidaho.edu
Degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Education

The College of Idaho, a nationally-ranked private liberal arts college, offers academic excellence and a close-knit, 1,100-student campus in Caldwell. The College offers 26 majors, 55 minors and 16 cooperative and pre-professional programs through its distinctive PEAK Curriculum, which empowers students to earn a major and three minors in four years. Through PEAK (Professional, Ethical, Articulate and Knowledgeable), students gain competencies across the four knowledge peaks—fine arts and humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and a professional field—providing breadth and depth of knowledge as well as the versatility to succeed in a constantly changing world.

Founded in 1891, The College of Idaho has a 124-year-old legacy of educating Idaho’s most accomplished graduates. Our alumni include seven Rhodes Scholars, three Marshall Scholars, 11 Truman and Goldwater Scholars, three state governors, four NFL players, Pulitzer Prize and Academy Award winners, and countless leaders and innovators in business, medicine, law, education, public service and other fields.

Small class sizes, outstanding professors and close student-faculty interaction are the cornerstones of learning at the C of I. Our professors are dedicated to their students’ success—one of the many reasons four faculty members have been honored as Carnegie Foundation Idaho Professors of the Year since 2006. Thanks to its commitment to affordable academic excellence, the CofI ranks No. 1 in Idaho for graduation rate, freshman retention rate, alumni giving percentage and academic quality of incoming students, according to U.S. News & World Report.

Located on a beautiful, residential campus, the C of I offers a wide range of activities to students and the community, including 19 varsity athletics teams, vibrant performing arts programs in music, theatre and art, opportunities for student leadership and research, and more than 50 student clubs and organizations. Since 2011, C of I student athletes have captured 22 NAIA national championships. The College also has a vibrant and diverse student body, with nearly 100 international students representing more than 40 countries and one-third of the enrollment identifying as first-generation college students.
Northwest Nazarene University

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Degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Education Specialist, and graduate programs in business, counseling, education, nursing, religion and social work.

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Through close academic relationships with faculty; experiential, service and leadership opportunities; and a supportive faith community, Northwest Nazarene University delivers a transformative education. The NNU community fosters close relationships between students, faculty and staff. Because NNU views every student as a child of God, people are valued, and individual talents and personalities are respected.

Founded in 1913, the University now serves over 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, more than 6,000 continuing education students and 2,300 high school students through the concurrent credit program. NNU is a Christian comprehensive university, offering over 60 areas of study and 19 master’s degrees in seven different disciplines and two doctoral degrees. In addition to its 88-acre campus located in Nampa, Idaho, the University also offers programs online as well as in Boise, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, and in cooperation with programs in 10 countries. The University employs 107 full-time faculty to maintain a low student-to-faculty ratio of 14:1.

Along with its educational offerings, NNU offers seminars, concerts and lectures to the community, often free of charge. NNU’s Brandt Center is a beautiful, 1500-seat auditorium that regularly hosts the Boise Philharmonic and other concerts and events. Northwest Nazarene University affords educational access to all students serious about intellectual inquiry, offering a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs through a breadth of delivery methods. NNU offers a number of strong academic programs, including business, education, nursing and psychology. In fact, all programs at NNU embody the legacy of academic rigor and accomplishment that has made the University synonymous with high-caliber learning. What’s more NNU students have
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Degrees granted through the Idaho Campus or On-Line modalities: Master’s Degrees in Business Administration (concentrations: Accounting, Human Resource Management, Marketing, Energy Management, Global Management, Health Care Management, Project Management and Technology Management), Master of Management, Master of Public Administration, Bachelors in Business in Accounting, Management, over 13 Concentrations in Business (Associate Degrees in Business with five Concentrations), Bachelors in Criminal Justice (over 5 concentrations offered on campus and online), Associate Degrees in Criminal Justice. Additionally, the University of Phoenix Idaho Campus offers Bachelor Degrees in Communication, Human Services, Healthcare, Psychology and Information Technology (with on-line and on-campus format options).

University of Phoenix has been educating working adults for over 36 years and is the largest private accredited university in North America. The University focuses on providing small interactive classes, highly personalized teaching and
comprehensive academic accountability systems with programs in Idaho offered through a blended delivery of on-line and in-person instruction as well as purely on-line methods which provides students exceptional flexibility in course transmission. The curriculum for each University of Phoenix program is designed with significant input from local industry, business and education communities, and taught by many local highly qualified professionals currently active full time in their fields. Today more than 310,000 busy professionals are achieving their goals by earning their college degree at the University of Phoenix. The University has been accredited by the Higher Learning Commission since 1978 and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Currently over 2,400 Idaho residents attend the University of Phoenix working on completing their Associates, Bachelors and Graduate degree programs. Students may enroll at the local campus for all on-campus and on-line programs whether they are pursuing their Associates, Bachelors or Graduate level degrees.

The Idaho Campus has partnered with community colleges throughout our geographical region to build articulation agreements which assists our students in a seamless transition to continue on their educational path. Our local partnerships from many professional organizations offer support in leveraging their tuition assistance available to them, while also building awareness of our course offerings. The University also offers Prior Learning Assessment where students can translate their validated work experience directly into college credit. As an institution designed for working adults, the University of Phoenix offers many resources including a wide range of career services tools from research, planning, alumni resources, career advising, and networking opportunities to help every student translate their educational experience directly into personal, career, and lifelong learning successes.

*Kathryn Albertson Park*  
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## Community College Enrollment, Tuition, and Fees

### Fall Full-Time Enrollment

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### Fall Headcount (full & part time) Academic and Prof.-Technical

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### Annual Student Tuition & Fees*

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* Full-time enrollment is calculated at 12 credits per semester for all three institutions. Tuition and fees for district-resident students is calculated as 12 credits.

Source: *Idaho Fiscal Facts 2014: A Legislator’s Handbook of Facts, Figures, & Trends*