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- Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) (Construction Management, Industrial Distribution, Information Networking and Telecommunications)
- Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) (Athletic Training)
- Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) (Community Counseling)
- Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) (Interior Design)
- Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) (Social Work)
- International Registry of Counselor Education Programs (IRCEP) (Counselor Education)
- International School Psychology Association (ISPA) (School Psychology)
- National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) (Music)
- National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) (School Psychology)
- National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) (Family Studies)
- Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) (Teacher Education)

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- Nebraska State Board of Nursing (Nursing)
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) (Nursing)