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<p><b>University accreditation</b></p> <p>Is the university accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education?</p>	<p>Capella is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), <a href="http://www.ncahlc.org">www.ncahlc.org</a>.</p> <p>Capella University, 225 South Sixth Street, Ninth Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55402; 1.888.CAPELLA (227.3552) <a href="http://www.capella.edu">www.capella.edu</a></p>	
<p><b>Professional standards</b></p> <p>How is the curriculum aligned with recognized professional standards?</p>	<p>Capella has state-approved specializations in Leadership in Educational Administration (PhD and MS), Reading and Literacy (MS), School Counseling (MS), and School Psychology (MS).</p>	
<p><b>Program offerings</b></p> <p>Does the university offer the program(s) and specialization(s) that best match your goals?</p>	<p>Specializations for P-12 professionals:</p> <p><b>PhD:</b> 7  <b>EdS:</b> 2  <b>MS:</b> 11  <b>Certificates:</b> 1</p>	
<p><b>Faculty credentials</b></p> <p>How deep are faculty members' academic and professional expertise?</p>	<p>Capella seeks out faculty with strong professional experience in the fields they teach.</p>	
<p><b>Transfer credit</b></p> <p>Does the university value your prior academic experience?</p>	<p>At Capella, you can gain maximum credits for your prior education by transferring previous academic course work to your Capella degree program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You may be able to transfer up to 48 credits toward a PhD.</li> <li>You may be able to transfer up to 12 quarter credits toward an MS or MBA.</li> </ul> <p>Learn more about transfer credit at Capella.</p>	
<p><b>Flexibility</b></p> <p>How well is the university geared for working adults with full lives?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online learning format with no daily requirements or scheduled class times<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>10-week quarters followed by 2- to 3-week breaks (12-week quarters for MBA).</li> <li>Monthly start dates.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Employer credibility</b></p> <p>Will employers respect the credential you earn?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 1,000 colleges and universities have employed Capella learners and alumni.</li> <li>• Two Capella learners have been named principal of the year in Georgia and Arizona.</li> <li>• Capella also has educational alliances with more than 20% of U.S. community colleges.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Cost</b></p> <p>What is your financial investment?</p>	<p>Find tuition costs at <a href="http://www.capella.edu">www.capella.edu</a> by selecting a program and specialization.</p> <p>Click here to learn about possible ways to reduce your tuition costs through transfer credits, scholarships, and alliance discounts.</p>	
<p><b>Financing options</b></p> <p>How does the university help you manage the cost of your education?</p>	<p>Capella financial aid specialists have assisted more than 75% of current Capella students in securing financial aid, such as student loans, grants, and/or scholarships, to help fund their education.</p>	
<p><b>Support services</b></p> <p>How far does the university go to support your learning?</p>	<p>Capella offers graduate-level support and academic resources to keep you on track toward your goals before you enroll, during your studies, and even after your graduate.</p> <p>Capella's support services surpass the national average in 16 key areas, according to the Priorities Survey for Online Learners (PSOL), a national survey of more than 68,000 online students at 87 educational institutions.</p> <p>Click here for an overview of Capella's support services.</p>	
<p><b>Clearly defined outcomes</b></p>	<p>When Capella develops a degree program, we start by defining the essential learning outcomes that we want every student in the program to achieve, based on academic standards and employers' insights about what it takes to excel in the field.</p>	

<sup>1</sup>PhD and some MS programs require five-day residential colloquia.

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