

Layer Name: Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs

File Name: Postsecondary_Institutions

Layer Type: Point

Status: Complete

Geog. Extent: Islands of Ni'ihau, Kaua'i, O'ahu, Maui, Molokai'i, Lāna'i, and Hawai'i

Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 4 (Meters)

Datum: NAD 83 HARN

Date of Data: 04/03/2017

Date of download or receipt: 12/22/2017

Description: *[Taken from the US Department of Education (ED) Office of Post-secondary Education (OPE) website: <https://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/index.aspx>]*

The U.S. Department of Education does not accredit educational institutions and/or programs. However, the Department provides oversight over the postsecondary accreditation system through its review of all federally-recognized accrediting agencies. The Department holds accrediting agencies accountable by ensuring that they enforce their accreditation standards effectively. Also, as a part of the Department's oversight roles, the Secretary of Education is required by law to publish a list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies that the Secretary determines to be reliable authorities as to the quality of education or training provided by the institutions of higher education and the higher education programs they accredit. The U.S. Secretary of Education also recognizes State agencies for the approval of public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education.

Please note, the Secretary of Education's recognition of accrediting agencies is limited by statute to accreditation activities within the United States. Although many recognized agencies carry out accrediting activities outside the United States, these actions are not within the legal authority of the Department of Education to recognize, are not reviewed by the Department, and the Department does not exercise any oversight over them. (Consequently, institutions and programs outside the United States that are accredited by recognized agencies are not included in this database.)The Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs contains information reported to the U.S. Department of Education directly by recognized accrediting agencies and state approval agencies that have been asked to provide information for each institution and/or program accredited by that agency. This reported information is not audited. The database reflects additional information as it is received from recognized accrediting agencies and state approval agencies. The U.S. Department of Education cannot, therefore, guarantee that the information contained in the database

is accurate, current, or complete. For the most accurate and current information, contact the appropriate agency.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DATABASE FILE:

- This database is provided as a public service without warranty of any kind.
- No technical assistance is available for the use of the file.
- A database file will be created and posted here every three months.
- For current accreditation information about an individual institution or program click "Get data for one accredited institution/campus/site" on the homepage

The database is compiled entirely from publicly available information obtained by the U.S. Department of Education from recognized accrediting agencies and state approval agencies."

Office of Planning staff downloaded the data from the Department of Education (ED) website. Original field names were shortened in order to conform to the Esri geocoder's 10-character limit. In the "Attributes" section below, original field names appear in the Alias column; revised field names appear in the Attribute column. The file was saved as Unicode Text in order to preserve the diacritical marks used in the Hawaiian alphabet.

The file was then geocoded using Streetmap Premium in ArcGIS Desktop. Individual points were moved from street address locations to building locations using a combination of imagery, street map basemaps, and in some cases, Googling the institutions. Also, some geocoded points were moved to the locations indicated by the campus address, if a separate campus address was given. Finally, OP staff projected the data from WGS84 to UTM Zone 4, NAD 83 HARN using Esri's NAD_1983_HARN_To_WGS_1984 transformation.

The resulting point layer was saved as a feature class in a geodatabase. 'ArcToolbox | Data Management Tools | Fields | Alter Field' was used to add the original field names back into the attribute table as Aliases, and to remove fields added by the geocoder.

Abstract: *[taken from the ED OPE website]* "The Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs contains information reported to the U.S. Department of Education directly by recognized accrediting agencies and state approval agencies that have been asked to provide information for each institution and/or program accredited by that agency. This reported information is not audited. The database reflects additional information as it is received from recognized accrediting agencies and state approval agencies. The U.S. Department of Education cannot, therefore, guarantee that the information contained in the database is accurate, current, or complete. For the most accurate and current information, contact the appropriate agency."

Purpose: *[taken from the ED OPE website]* "The accreditation database is brought to you by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Post-secondary Education (OPE). The database is provided as a public service without warranty of any kind. The database does not constitute an endorsement by the U.S. Department of Education of any of the educational institutions or programs."

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Post-secondary Education (OPE).
<https://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/GetDownloadFile.aspx>

Attributes:

Attribute	Alias	Description
Inst_ID	Institution_ID	Database Specific Identification Number for Institution
Inst_Name	Institution_Name	
Inst_Addr	Institution_Address	
Inst_City	Institution_City	
Inst_St	Institution_State	
Inst_Zip	Institution_Zip	
Inst_Ph	Institution_Phone	
Inst_OPEID	Institution_OPEID	Identification number used by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) to identify schools that have Program Participation Agreements (PPA).
Inst_IPEDS	Institution_IPEDS_UnitID	A unique identification number for institutions that participate in the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Survey.
Inst_URL	Institution_Web_Address	
Camp_ID	Campus_ID	Database Specific Identification Number for Campus
Camp_Name	Campus_Name	
Camp_Addr	Campus_Address	
Camp_City	Campus_City	
Camp_St	Campus_State	
Camp_Zip	Campus_Zip	
Camp_IPEDS	Campus_IPEDS_UnitID	A unique identification number for institutions that participate in the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Survey.
Acc_Type	Accreditation_Type	(see Domains below)
Ag_Name	Agency_Name	
Ag_Status	Agency_Status	Indicates whether an agency has lost or resigned recognition.
Prog_Name	Program_Name	Name of Accredited Program
Acc_Status	Accreditation_Status	(see Domains below)
Acc_Dt_Typ	Accreditation_Date_Type	Indicator for actual or estimated initial date of accreditation/pre-accreditation
Periods	Periods	Period of accreditation in form (initial date – end date)
Last_Act	Last_Action	The most recent accreditation action for this accreditation record. Please see the glossary on the site (https://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Glossary.aspx) for individual definitions.
Act_Dt	Action_Date	Date of the most recent accreditation action.

Justif	Justification	Provides the reasoning behind the most recent accreditation action.
Oth_Justif	Other_Justification	Provides for justifications not found in the system or allows an agency to report multiple justifications for the most recent accreditation action.
Justif_URL	Justification_URL	Provides a link to an accrediting agency hosted page which provides additional information about the most recent action and the justification for that action.

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Acc_Type	Definition
Institutional	an accreditation type which normally applies to an entire institution, including freestanding single-purpose institutions. Typically can be used to establish eligibility to participate in Title IV programs.
Specialized	an accreditation type which normally applies to the evaluation of programs, departments, or schools which usually are parts of a total collegiate or other postsecondary institution.
Internship/Residency	an accreditation type which is granted to locations which provide practical training and/or specialized clinical training to advanced students or recent graduates in areas such as medicine, psychology, and dietetics.

Acc_Status	Definition
Pre-Accredited	Public recognition that an accrediting agency grants an institution or program for a limited period which signifies the agency has determined that the institution or program is progressing towards accreditation and is likely to gain accreditation.
Accredited	Public recognition that an institution or program maintains standards requisite for its graduates to gain admission to other reputable institutions of higher learning or to achieve credentials for professional practice.

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