

Excelsior College 2015 Media Kit

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About Us (www.excelsior.edu/about-us)

Founded as Regents College in 1971 and chartered as a private, nonprofit institution in 1998, the College was renamed Excelsior College in 2001. Excelsior means “ever upward” in Latin, and it reflects the aspirations of our students and graduates.

Excelsior College is an accredited, recognized leader in removing obstacles to the educational goals of the adult learner. We provide efficient and affordable access to higher education through multiple avenues to degree completion.

Leadership (www.excelsior.edu/presidentscorner)

President John F. Ebersole has led Excelsior since 2006.

Schools & Centers (www.excelsior.edu/schools-and-centers)

School of Business & Technology – Dr. Karl Lawrence, Dean

School of Health Sciences – Dr. Deborah Sopczyk, Dean

School of Liberal Arts – Dr. George Timmons, Dean

School of Nursing – Dr. Mary Lee Pollard, Dean

School of Public Service – Dr. Robert Waters, Dean

Center for Military Education – Susan Dewan, Executive Director

Center for Game and Simulation-Based Learning – Dr. David Seelow, Director

National Cybersecurity Institute – Dr. Jane LeClair, COO

Extended Education (www.excelsior.edu/extended-education)

Center for Professional Development – Jennifer Hummer, Executive Director

Hudson Whitman/Excelsior College Press – Susan Petrie, Executive Director

Excelsior Life – The Excelsior College Online Newsroom (www.excelsior.edu/excelsiorlife)

Excelsior Life, the College’s online newsroom, showcases the people, events, and programs that make Excelsior a vibrant community. Ranging from behind-the-scenes looks at faculty research to the passionate pursuits of staff and achievements of graduates, Excelsior Life is the insider’s source for all things Excelsior, whether across campus or around the world.

Excelsior Life Podcasts (www.excelsior.edu/podcasts)

An array of academic podcasts exploring the world of higher education, distance learning, cybersecurity and more. Shows include *Distance EDU on Demand*, *CampusTalk* and *Today in Cybersecurity*.

Excelsior Commentary–Experts Database & Blog (<http://www.excelsior.edu/experts>)

Excelsior College is home to faculty experts with an extensive array of expertise. Profiles of many of the experts can be found on Excelsior Life. Additional faculty, staff and graduates can be contacted through our Communications office.

Excelsior College Class of 2015 At-a-Glance

Total Graduates	4,826
Female	2,296 (48%)
Male	2,530 (52%)

Degrees by School*

Business & Technology	1,333
Health Sciences	89
Liberal Arts	1,768
Nursing	1,559
Public Service	<u>150</u>
	4,899

Degrees by Level*

Associate	1,730
Bachelor's	2,746
Certificate	24
Master's	<u>399</u>
	4,899

* Differs from total graduates because some have earned more than one degree. See a further breakdown on the reverse side.

- All 50 states are represented plus the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. Graduates also come from 19 other nations.
- 33% of graduates self-report as being members of minority groups (see reverse for breakdown)
- 34% of the graduates are members of the U. S. military.
- 797 of this year's graduates are from New York State; 113 are from the Capital Region.
- Oldest Graduate: a 73 year old woman from Albany, New York who earned a Master of Science in Nursing.
- Youngest Graduate: a 17 year old woman from Brooklyn, New York who earned a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts.
- Average age of Class of 2015 is 37.
- 73 students earned more than one degree during the academic year.

Excelsior College
Class of 2015 - Graduates by Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaska Native	29	0.6%
Asian	165	3.5%
Black or African American	789	16.7%
Hispanic	407	8.6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	19	0.4%
Two or more races	132	2.8%
White	3,179	67.4%
Not Reported	<u>106</u>	
	<u>4,826</u>	<u>100.0%*</u>

* Adjusted percentages

Degrees Awarded by Level & School – Class of 2015**

Associate	Business & Technology	551	
	Liberal Arts	282	
	Nursing		897
Bachelor's	Business & Technology		622
	Health Sciences		85
	Liberal Arts	1,472	
	Nursing		455
	Public Service	112	
Certificate	Business & Technology	7	
	Health Sciences		2
	Nursing		7
	Public Service	8	
Master's	Business & Technology		153
	Health Sciences		2
	Liberal Arts	14	
	Nursing		200
	Public Service	30	

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**Excelsior College® Knowledge Value Index:
\$261 Million for the 2013 – 2014 Academic Year**

*Over 613,000 credits were accepted in transfer from more than
13,000 newly enrolled adult learners, an economic value of \$261 million.*

During the 2013-2014 academic year, 13,000 adult learners with some college but no degree enrolled at Excelsior College, a regionally accredited nonprofit institution. In keeping with its founding philosophy of “what you know is more important than where or how you learned it”®, Excelsior accepted in transfer appropriate college-level credit these individuals had earned from a variety of sources including other colleges and universities, ACE-evaluated programs offered by industry, the professions and the military, and ACE-evaluated college-level examination programs.

Overall, among these newly enrolled Excelsior students during the academic year, the College accepted approximately 614,000 hours of undergraduate credit from faculty approved sources. Based on Excelsior’s undergraduate credit hour cost of \$425, the economic value of the credit it accepted in transfer was approximately \$261 million.

Excelsior’s acceptance of these valid credits toward its degree requirements means these students, their families and benefactors – including federal and state sponsored grant and scholarship programs – did not have to pay for them a second time. Excelsior has turned these credits into “working assets” for its students, removing a potentially significant barrier to degree completion and helping them to achieve their educational goals.

According to a 2011 survey by the Zogby organization, three-fourths of America’s business leaders viewed the acceptance of transfer credit as a solution to help reduce the cost of a college education. About half of adults nationwide in a 2012 Zogby cited the acceptance of transfer credit as a way to reduce the cost of a college education.

History

In 1971, the New York State Board of Regents founded Regents External Degree Program, now known as Excelsior College. The college's initial development was funded by major grants from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation. From 1971 until 1998, Regents College (as it became known in 1986) operated as a program of the Board of Regents (which also served as its board of trustees) and under the authority of The University of the State of New York by which degrees and diplomas were awarded during that period.

In April 1998, the Board of Regents granted the College a charter to operate as a private, non-profit, independent institution and on January 1, 2001, Regents College changed its name to Excelsior College. Today, an independent board of trustees governs Excelsior College and it is comprised of prominent individuals in the fields of education, business and the professions from across the United States.

From 1971 to April 1998, degrees and transcripts were issued under the name of The University of the State of New York. From April 1998 through 2000, degrees and transcripts were issued under the Regents College name. Since 2001, degrees and transcripts have been issued under the Excelsior College name.

Accreditation

Excelsior College (and under its former name, Regents College) has been continuously accredited since 1977 by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 9104, 215-662-5606. Middle States is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

The associate, bachelor's, and master's degree programs in nursing at Excelsior College are accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, telephone: 404-975-5000; email: info@acenursing.org; web: www.acenursing.org. The ACEN is a specialized accrediting agency for nursing recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Excelsior College has received specialized accreditation for its business programs through the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), 11374 Strang Line Rd., Lenexa, KS 66215. The business programs in the following degrees are accredited by the IACBE:

Bachelor of Science in Business with concentrations in:

- Finance
- General Accounting
- General Business
- Global Business
- Management of Human Resources
- Management of Information Systems
- Marketing
- Operations Management
- Risk Management and Insurance
- Master of Business Administration (MBA) with concentrations in:
 - General Track (no concentration)
 - Cybersecurity Management
 - Health Care Management
 - Human Performance Technology
 - Human Resource Management
 - Leadership

- Social Media Management
- Technology Management

The bachelor's degree programs in electrical engineering technology and nuclear engineering technology are accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc., 111 Market Place, Suite 1050, Baltimore, MD 21202, 410-347-7700. ABET is a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

All the College's academic programs are registered (i.e., approved) by the New York State Education Department.

Recognition

The National League for Nursing (NLN) designated the Excelsior College School of Nursing a 2011-2016 Center of Excellence in Nursing Education in recognition of the School's sustained achievements in creating environments that promote student learning and professional development.

The Excelsior College School of Nursing has been designated as a Best School for Men in Nursing by the American Assembly for Men in Nursing (AAMN) five times from 2006 - 2013.

The National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security designated Excelsior as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education, a recognition which extends through 2019.

The College has been consistently recognized as a military friendly college by Military Advanced Education and Military Times.

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program has been accepted into full membership by the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs (AGLSP).

Excelsior College Examinations

Founded on the philosophy that “what you know is more important than where or how you learned it”®, Excelsior College offers a series of college-level proficiency examinations whereby students may demonstrate competence in various subjects. Each year tens of thousands students, not just those of Excelsior College, take UExcel and Excelsior College Examinations to earn credit or for advanced placement purposes at nearly 1,000 colleges and universities.

The American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT) has evaluated and recommended college credit for UExcel® Exams and Excelsior College® Examinations. Excelsior College Examinations in nursing are the only nursing exams evaluated and recommended for credit by ACE CREDIT.