

# Selecting the Right University for You

When researching potential universities, it's important that you choose an institution that can help you meet your personal and professional goals. But how do you know which university is right for you? Consider these frequently asked questions:



## Is the **university accredited?**

**Regional accreditation** is extremely important because it demonstrates that a university has met accepted academic standards.

Walden University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association. Our Richard W. Riley College of Education and Leadership is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Many of Walden's degree programs have specialized or professional accreditation.

## What are the **advantages of earning my degree online?**

Walden offers an engaging online learning model that is designed to fit your busy schedule, which means you can participate in classes on a weekly basis whenever it's convenient for you. And with Walden's **MobileLearn**<sup>®</sup>, you can download course content right to your mobile device.

## Who are the **university's faculty?**

A university's faculty reflects the mission and values of that university.

Walden seeks out faculty members who are scholars in their fields. Chosen for their research, their reputations, and their dedication to teaching, **our faculty** members represent Walden's dedication to providing a positive learning experience for all of our students.

## How are the programs **relevant to my career?**

As a working professional, career advancement may be a factor in your decision to further your education. So it's important that the university you choose be just as career-focused.

Walden offers more than 75 degree programs that are designed to help you make a contribution to your field. We are **constantly evaluating** our programs and student experience to ensure that our **relevant curricula** help you focus on your professional future.

## What **student services** are available?

Support services can make a big difference in your educational experience, so you should consider what a university can offer you as a student. Whether you pursue your studies at an online or a campus-based university, it is important to feel connected to student support.

Walden offers **comprehensive support services** to all of our students, from the enrollment advisors who help with the admission process to the academic advisors who help with program planning. Our support services also include 24/7 tech support, disability services, the Career Services Center, the Writing Center, and undergraduate tutoring.

## How **strong** is the **university's alumni network**?

Long after graduation, you will depend on your university's alumni network for resources and support.

Walden's more than 61,000 graduates form an extensive global network. Through our alumni portal, [www.myWaldenAlumni.com](http://www.myWaldenAlumni.com), our graduates can connect, stay current with Walden events, and access the Career Services Center and the Walden University Library, which has electronic books and full-text journals. Walden also offers alumni tuition-reduction benefits should they choose to return for another degree.



## What **funding options** are **available**?

Earning your degree is a significant financial investment, and you may need to consider ways your university can help you invest in yourself.

At Walden, **we offer access to financial aid** that includes scholarships and low-interest federal loans, as well as payment plans that allow you to stretch your tuition payments from month to month. Walden's **partnerships with professional organizations** also may be beneficial. You may be eligible to **transfer credit** from other universities or earn credit for your professional experience, saving you time and money when earning your degree.

Walden's financial aid advisors are available to help you determine your options and eligibility. Walden also offers financial aid webinars and other resources.

## What is the **university's mission** and does it match my own?

You can tell a lot about a university by its mission. Some schools focus their programs on specific issues or concerns that might not match your own ideology.

**Walden University's mission** is to provide a diverse community of career professionals with the opportunity to transform themselves as scholar-practitioners so that they can effect positive social change. We offer our faculty members, alumni, and students the chance to use the knowledge and skills they gain through Walden to **promote positive change** in communities all around the world. Through our Social Change Conference, annual Global Day of Service, and various other projects and initiatives, we are proud to support a community dedicated to giving back for the greater good.