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Which online education program is the best fit for you? *U.S. News* surveyed 635 institutions (369 responded) and compiled a list of graduate-level programs in business, education, engineering, library science, nursing, and public health. This table shows the largest programs (measured by enrollment), along with key attributes of the learning experience. More information on these and other online education programs is available at *www.usnews.com/online*.

EDUCATION

School (state)	Year launched	Number of students (fall 2009)	Technical help? (daily hours)	Limit on class size? (max. students)	Typical per-credit-hour charge (in dollars)*	Web address
Walden University (MN)	1987	20,617	Yes (24)	Yes (33)	425	www.waldenu.edu
University of Phoenix (AZ)	1989	16,629	Yes (24)	Yes (20)	11,640**	www.phoenix.edu
Nova Southeastern University (FL)	1983	7,282	Yes (24)	Yes (18)	595	www.nova.edu/cwis/disted/index.html
Capella University (MN)	1993	5,992	Yes	Yes (25)	13,455**	www.capella.edu/schools_programs/profession.aspx
Sam Houston State University (TX)	2002	2,708	Yes (24)	No	1,062/1,062****	distance.shsu.edu

NURSING

School (state)	Year launched	Number of students (fall 2009)	Technical help? (daily hours)	Limit on class size? (max. students)	Typical per-credit-hour charge (in dollars)*	Web address
University of Phoenix	1989	5,878	Yes (24)	Yes (20)	10,800**	www.phoenix.edu/
Walden University (MN)	2004	4,571	Yes (24)	Yes (28)	435	www.waldenu.edu/
University of South Alabama	1999	1,036	Yes (24)	Yes (25)	308/308	www.usouthal.edu
SUNY–Stony Brook	1995	984	Yes (8)	No	207/536	www.nursing.stonybrook.edu
University of Alabama–Birmingham	2002	905	Yes (16)	Yes (30)	276/276	www.uab.edu/son

PUBLIC HEALTH

School (state)	Year launched	Number of students (fall 2009)	Technical help? (daily hours)	Limit on class size? (max. students)	Typical per-credit-hour charge (in dollars)*	Web address
Walden University (MN)	2001	3,853	Yes (24)	Yes (26)	440	www.waldenu.edu
Johns Hopkins University (MD)	1999	480	No	No	815	www.jhsph.edu/academics/
American Military University (WV)	1993	428	No	Yes (20)	300	www.amu.apus.edu/public-health/
University of St. Francis (IL)	1999	343	Yes (8)	Yes (18)	589	www.stfrancis.edu/admissions/online-students/
Capella University	2007	254	Yes	Yes (25)	423	www.capella.edu/schools_programs/degrees.aspx

BUSINESS

School (state)	Year launched	Number of students (fall 2009)	Technical help? (daily hours)	Limit on class size? (max. students)	Typical per-credit-hour charge (in dollars)*	Web address
University of Phoenix (AZ)	1989	26,296	Yes (24)	Yes (20)	14,688**	www.uopxonline.com/
University of Maryland–University College	1996	11,326	Yes (24)	Yes (30)	428/659	www.umuc.edu/programs/graduate.shtml
Walden University (MN)	1981	5,636	Yes (24)	Yes (25)	745	www.waldenu.edu
DeVry University–Downers Grove (IL)	1997	4,609	Yes (14)	Yes (30)	2,200****	www.keller.edu
Capella University (MN)	1993	4,065	Yes	Yes (23)	13,455**	www.capella.edu/schools_programs/profession.aspx
Nova Southeastern University (FL)	1983	3,100	Yes (24)	Yes (18)	675	www.nova.edu/cwis/disted/index.html

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