



ACCREDITATION

Penn Foster Career School, College, and High School are nationally accredited. This means that Penn Foster has met the high standards required by the [Distance Education Accrediting Commission \(DEAC\)](#) in Washington, DC. The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is listed by the US Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency. We operate with the highest level of integrity, so our graduates can benefit from an accredited education.



Click [here](#) for more information on why DEAC accreditation is so important to your education.



The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is also a recognized member of the [Council for Higher Education Accreditation \(CHEA\)](#).



Penn Foster Career School is regionally accredited for non-degree granting postsecondary programs, and Penn Foster High School is accredited for grades 9 through adult, by the [Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools](#), 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA. 215-662-5603.



Penn Foster High School is accredited by Cognia. Cognia offers accreditation and certification, assessment, professional learning, and improvement services to institutions and other education providers. As a global nonprofit working in over 80 countries, Cognia serves 36,000 institutions, nearly 25 million students, and five million educators every day. Cognia is the parent organization of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). Parents and interested community members can learn more about the Cognia Accreditation at [Cognia.org](#).



Penn Foster Career School has been accredited as an Authorized Provider by the [International Association for Continuing Education and Training \(IACET\)](#). In obtaining this accreditation, Penn Foster Career School has demonstrated that it complies with the ANSI/IACET Standard which is recognized internationally as a standard of good practice. As a result of their Authorized Provider status, Penn Foster Career School is authorized to offer IACET CEUs for its programs that qualify under the ANSI/IACET Standard.



You can be confident in the credibility of our school. Penn Foster College's Veterinary Technician Associate Degree Program has FULL Accreditation with the [American Veterinary Medical Association \(AVMA\)](#) through their Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA). This accreditation "represents the highest standard of achievement for veterinary medical education in the United States. Institutions that earn accreditation confirm their commitment to quality and continuous improvement through a rigorous and [comprehensive peer review](#)."

STATE AUTHORIZATION



National Council for
State Authorization
Reciprocity Agreements
Approved Institution

Penn Foster College has been approved by Arizona to participate in the [National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements](#). NC-SARA is a voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of postsecondary distance education.

LICENSING

Penn Foster Career School is licensed by the [Pennsylvania State Board of Private Licensed Schools](#).

Penn Foster Career School is not regulated in Texas under Chapter 132 of the Texas Education Code.

Penn Foster Career School is not approved or regulated as a school by the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the Veterinary Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, or Optician programs.

Penn Foster Career School is exempt from authorization under AS 14.48 because the program is online or distance delivered and does not have a physical presence in the state of Alaska.

Penn Foster College is licensed by the [Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education](#) and is authorized to award Associate of Science Degrees, Bachelor of Science Degrees, Undergraduate Certificates, and Career Diplomas.