



# Education

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## Learn Here, Go Far

Lifelong learning has always been a top priority within the state of Iowa and Cedar Falls is proud to offer these top-notch educational options for students of all ages.

### Colleges and Universities

Cedar Falls is home to the University of Northern Iowa, one of the state's three Regent universities, with approximately 12,000 students. UNI is nationally known for preparing students for success in a rapidly changing, globally competitive, and culturally diverse world.

Among its many accolades, UNI was named a "Best Graduate School" for education in 2016, and is ranked second in the Best Regional Universities (Midwest) category for public universities in U.S. News & World Report's 2015 America's Best College's guidebook. Also in 2015, Kiplinger's Personal Finance ranked UNI as one of the 25 Best College Values Under \$30,000/Year. UNI has been designated a 2014 Top Military Friendly University by Military Advanced Education Magazine and a 2015 Top Green College by The Princeton Review's Guide to 322 Green Colleges.

UNI offers more than 90 majors and is recognized for its outstanding degree programs in education; accounting; parks, recreation, and leisure services; the social sciences; and the biological and biomedical sciences. Nearly 75 percent of UNI alumni live in Iowa a decade after graduation, which attests to our state being an attractive place to live, learn, and prosper.

UNI is proud to have the state's only major domed stadium, the UNI-Dome, which can accommodate 16,000 people. The Dome has an AstroTurf football surface that can be rolled up when not in use and an all-purpose floor marked as a running track. This outstanding facility is also used for concerts, commencement ceremonies, and community events such as craft shows. Adjoining the UNI-Dome is the McLeod Center where nearly 7,000 fans can watch men's basketball, women's basketball and volleyball, and a variety of concerts.



[Hawkeye Community College](#) is one of Iowa's 15 community colleges and is home to nearly 6,300 students. In addition to its main campus, Hawkeye has six locations within a 35-mile radius. Many students receive their Associates Degree at Hawkeye and transfer to UNI to complete their bachelor's degree. Hawkeye has more than 45 one- and two-year programs that help prepare students for a variety of career fields, such as nursing, advanced manufacturing, dental hygiene, and civil and construction engineering technology. Hawkeye also has an Advanced Industrial Technology and Training Program, conveniently located in the Cedar Falls Industrial & Technology Park.

Other higher-education options include Allen College, which educates nursing and other allied health professionals, and Kaplan University, which provides undergraduate, graduate, and continuing professional education through campus-based and online programs.

### [Cedar Falls School District](#)

The K-12 schools in Cedar Falls provide a solid scholastic foundation that prepares students to take their place in today's global society. The Cedar Falls Community School District has six elementary schools, two junior high schools, one alternative high school, and one high school. In 2013, U.S. News & World Report and Newsweek rated Cedar Falls High School as one of the top high schools in the state and nation.

Just over 5,150 students attend school within the Cedar Falls Community School District. Our student population is diverse, as 20 native languages are spoken by students. Our innovative, student-focused instructors work closely with students to help them realize their academic and personal potential. This high-achievement mentality comes naturally, as 52 percent of district staff members have training at the master's level or beyond.

Cedar Falls Schools were recognized in 2014 with their outstanding graduation rate of over 97% (compared to the statewide average of 90.5%) — putting Cedar Falls 2nd among the 25 largest school districts in the state. The entire Cedar Falls Community School District was recognized as one of three districts in Iowa, and 22 districts nationwide, as a 2014 Model Professional Learning Community at Work™. This honor goes to schools for sustained success in raising student achievement. In addition, Cedar Falls High School was one of five Iowa schools honored in 2014 for breaking education barriers through their successful efforts toward eliminating gaps in achievement among students. Cedar Falls was recognized for having the highest proficiency rates statewide in math and reading among certain subgroups of students.