Ashland University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602; phone 312-263-0456). In addition, individual programs are accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools; Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP); American Chemical Society; National Association of Schools of Music (NASM); The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), 2010 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 466-7496, which covers the B.S.Ed., M.Ed., and Ed.D. programs; the Council on Social Work Education (at the baccalaureate level); and The National League for Nursing. Authorization to grant bachelor, master and doctor degrees comes from the Ohio Board of Regents.

The Ohio Department of Education has granted approval for teacher education licensure in early childhood, middle grades, grades 7-12 content areas, pre K-12 specialist areas, intervention specialist areas and school nurse programs. Ashland University meets the basic national standards for Teacher Education with reciprocal teacher certification with 25 other states. Graduates of Ashland University benefit from Ohio's participation in the Interstate Agreement on Qualifications of Educational Personnel. This agreement provides approval from the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) which facilitates teacher certification throughout the country.

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Departments hold memberships in the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Association of Departments of English; Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education; International Federation of Home Economics (collective memberships); Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; University and College Intensive English Programs (ACCESS); and Midwest Alliance in Nursing (MAIN).

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