Accreditations

NDSCS is accredited through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) through the Open Pathway which is focused on quality assurance and institutional improvement. The Open Pathway is unique in that its improvement component, the Quality Initiative, affords institutions the opportunity to pursue improvement projects that meet their current needs and aspirations. The Open Pathway follows a ten-year cycle. Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1411. Phone: 312-263-0456 or 1-800-621-7440. www.hlcommission.org

NDSCS also holds the following accreditations by program or academic emphasis:

- Auto Body Repair and Refinishing Technology PPG Partners in Education™, One PPG Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15272 and I-CAR Professional Development Program – Education Edition (PDP-EE), 5125 Trillium Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60192
- Automotive Technology Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) at the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, Inc. (NATEF), 1503 Edwards Ferry Rd., NE, Suite 401, Leesburg, VA 20176, Phone: 703-669-6650
- Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611-2678, Phone: 312-440-4653, www.ada.org/en/coda
- Diesel Technology Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) NATEF Heavy Truck Certification at the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, Inc. (NATEF), 1503 Edwards Ferry Rd., NE, Suite 401, Leesburg, VA 20176, Phone: 703-669-6650 and Associated Equipment Distributors, Inc., 650 E. Algonquin Rd., Suite 305, Schaumburg, IL 60173, Phone: 630-574-0650
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 9355 - 113th St N, #7709 Seminole, FL 33775, Phone: 727-210-2350, www.caahep.org. To contact CoAEMSP: 8301 Lakeview Parkway Suite 111-312, Rowlett, TX 75088, Phone: 214-703-8445, Fax: 214-703-8992, www.coaemsp.org
- Heath Information The Health Information Management accreditor of NDSCS is the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). The College's accreditation for Associate's degree in Health Information Technology has been reaffirmed through 2028. All inquiries about the program's accreditation status should be directed by mail to: CAHIIM, 200 East Randolph Street, Suite 5100, Chicago, IL, 60601; by phone at 312-235-3255; or by email at info@cahiim.org
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929, ACOTE's telephone number, C/O AOTA, is 301-652-6611 and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org Return to Index 12 North Dakota State College of Science
- Practical Nursing The Practical Nursing program at North Dakota State College of Science located in Wahpeton, ND is accredited by: The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, Phone: 404-975-5000. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Practical Nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.
 - Practical Nursing The Practical Nursing program at North Dakota State College of Science at the Fargo campus located in Fargo, ND is accredited by: The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA, 30326, 404-975-5000. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Practical Nursing program is Continuing Accreditation. Practical Nursing has full approval by the North Dakota Board of Nursing (NDBON), 919 South 7th Street, Suite 504, Bismarck, ND 58504-5881. 701-328-9777, www.ndbon.org
- Pharmacy Technician Jointly accredited by American Society of Health System Pharmacists, 4500 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, Phone: 866-279-0681, www.ashp.org and Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, 190 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60603-3499, Phone: 312-664-3575, Fax: 866-228-2631. info@acpe-accredit.org
- Registered Nursing (ASN and AAS) The Registered Nursing program at North Dakota State College of Science located in Wahpeton, ND is accredited by: The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404-975-5000. The most recent

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