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- Baccalaureate of Science in Education, Council for Exceptional Children
- Business baccalaureates and graduate programs, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) - International
- Career and Technology Teacher Education baccalaureate, American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Earth Science baccalaureate, National Science Teacher Association
- Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA)
- Construction Management baccalaureate, American Council for Construction Education
- Dietetics baccalaureate, American Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics
- Educational Leadership; Principal graduate programs, Educational Leadership Constituent Council
- Educational Technology graduate program, Association for Educational Communications and Technology
- Elementary Education baccalaureate, Association for Childhood Education International
- Elementary Education baccalaureate, Early Childhood Education, National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Fashion: Textiles and Clothing in Business baccalaureate, American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
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- Literacy graduate program, International Reading Association
- Mathematics baccalaureate, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
- Middle School-Junior High School baccalaureate, National Middle School Association
- Music baccalaureate and graduate programs, National Association of Schools of Music
- Nursing baccalaureate and graduate programs, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Physical Education baccalaureate and graduate programs, National Association for Sport and Physical Education
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- Teacher Education baccalaureate and graduate programs, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Technology and Occupational Education baccalaureate, Council for Technical Teacher Education
- Theatre baccalaureate and graduate programs, National Association of Schools of Theatre